The Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 8:00 p.m.

ACTION REPORT

President Curtis called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

¹**INVOCATION:** Delivered by Pastor Vince Massa [7th District].

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Curtis.

2ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk Cottrell. There were 38 members present and 2 members absent or excused (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Grunberger, Jacobson, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Pavia, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, David Watkins, and Weinberg were present; The following reps were absent or excused: Reps. Stella, and Jean-Louis.

VOTING MACHINE STATUS: Confirmed by President Curtis

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: To be included in Minutes.

³COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. The deadline for the Steering Committee Agenda is Wednesday, April 3rd at 5:00 p.m.
- 2. The Steering Committee meeting will be on Monday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m.
- 3. The BOR Special Budget Meeting will be on Thursday, May 2nd at 8:00 p.m.
- 4. The next regular Board meeting will be on Monday, May 6th at 8:00 p.m.
- 5. Representative Saftic is celebrating a birthday this month.
- 6. The invocation for the March Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the 8th District (Reps. Figueroa and Sherwood). Representatives are responsible for notifying the Board office with the name of the person doing the invocation.
- 7. If you need assistance with Zoom during the meeting, please call: to speak with IT. Please do not call other members of the Board or the Board office. If you are having problems speaking or hearing with your computer, you can always access the meeting through a telephone by dialing the phone number on the Agenda 1-646-558-8656, and using the Webinar ID on the agenda: 814 7054 1826. Please call or text IT at

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- text the Clerk at 475-489-5435 to let us know you are coming on, with the phone number you are using, and we will make sure you are able to speak during the meeting.
- 8. If you do not respond during a roll call vote, your name will be called 2 more times after the conclusion of the vote. If you do not respond, you will be assumed to have left the meeting and your name will not be called on the next roll call vote.
- 9. If you decide to leave the meeting, you must text the Clerk when you leave. If you need to leave the meeting for a short period, text the Clerk when you leave and return. Members who do not text the Clerk when they leave the meeting will be presumed to be present for all consent items.

⁴HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION; Congratulating Sacred Heart Church, APPROVED BY the Italian National Parish on the 100th Anniversary of the Dedication and First Mass Celebrated in the

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Church

02/27/24 - Submitted by President Curtis

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. **RESOLUTION**; In Memory of Anthony "Tony" APPROVED BY **UNANIMOUS**

Spadaccini.

03/18/24 - Submitted by Rep. Sandford

VOICE VOTE

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

⁵PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Meeting: Monday, March 11, 2024

Attendance Minutes & Video 7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

A motion to waive the Steering Committee report was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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⁶APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

Attendance & Votes
Minutes & Video

Denis W. Patterson, Chair Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair

Meeting: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

6:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Patterson reported that the Appointments Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Shaw and Committee Member Reps. Figueroa, Grunberger, Kuczynski, Pavia, Summerville, and Walston. Rep. Cottrell was excused. Rep. Weinberg was present.

1. A31.105	Parks and Recreation Commission Melanie Hollas (D) Reappointment Stamford, CT Term Expires: 12/1/2025 03/06/24 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/19/24 - Approved by Committee 8-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
2. A31.106	Parks and Recreation Commission Paul Newman (D) Reappointment Stamford, CT Term Expires: 12/1/2025 03/06/24 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/19/24 - Approved by Committee 8-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
3. A31.107	Parks and Recreation Commission Angela Adetola (U) Reappointment Stamford, CT Term Expires: 12/1/2026 03/06/24 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/19/24 - Approved by Committee 8-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
4. A31.108	Parks and Recreation Commission Michael Tedder (R) Reappointment Stamford, CT Term Expires: 12/1/2024 03/06/24 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/19/24 - Approved by Committee 8-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
5. A31.109	Parks and Recreation Commission Benjamin Pomerantz (D) Repl. Katz (D) Ex. 12/1/24 Stamford, CT Term Expires: 12/1/2024 03/06/24 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/19/24 - Approved by Committee 8-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (Rep. Sherwood abstained)

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6. A31.114 Citation Officer

Christopher Weed Monroe, CT 06468

Term Expires: 12/1/2027

03/06/24 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/19/24 - Approved by Committee 8-0-0

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT **AGENDA**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 6, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

⁷FISCAL COMMITTEE:

Attendance & Votes **Minutes**

Sean Boeger, Co-Chair Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair

Employee

Meeting: Monday, March 25, 2024

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by

webinar

Co-Chair Boeger reported that the Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance in person were Co-Chairs Boeger and Miller and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Goldberg, Graham, and Shaw. In attendance remotely were Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Morson, Pierre-Louis, and Tomas. Also present were Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer, and Assistant Chief Robles, Stamford Fire Department.

1. F31.339 \$4,358.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRATION (Grants Budget); CT Supporting Arts Grant to Stamford Arts & Culture Commission for General Operating Support AGENDA to Help CT's Arts Organizations; Funds to be used for Hiring of Marketing Consultant; Promote Events of Arts & Culture Grant Recipients; and Print Advertising Materials; Funding Period 10/1/23 -9/30/24 (100% Grant Funded). 003/01/24 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/14/24 - Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 03/25/24 - Approved by Committee 8-0-0

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT

2. F31.337

GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into and Sign Agreements with the CT Office of the Arts Under CT Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) for CT Supporting Arts Grant. 02/26/24 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons

03/25/24 - Approved by Committee 8-0-0

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT **AGENDA**

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3. <u>F31.340</u> \$76,500.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRATION (Grants Budget); Region 1 Emergency Management Performance Grant; Funding will be used for Equipment, Training, and Administrative Support to Meet the Needs of the Local Region, Including Equity, Climate Resilience and Readiness, that will Improve Preparedness and Safety in Response to Hazards and Emergencies; Funding Period 10/1/23 – 9/30/25 (100% Grant Funded (FEMA)).

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

03/14/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 03/25/24 – Approved by Committee 10-0-1

003/01/24 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons

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4. F31.338 GRANTS RESOLUTION; State of Connecticut

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Certified Resolution of The Legislative

Body of the City of Stamford.

02/29/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/25/24 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 4, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

Phil Berns, Chair Sean Boeger, Vice Chair Meeting: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 7:00 p.m. – By Webinar CANCELLED

Chair Berns reported that the Legislative and Rules Committee meeting was cancelled and there was no report.

***PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

<u>Attendance</u> & <u>Votes</u> <u>Minutes</u> & <u>Video</u> Anabel Figueroa, Chair Mary Fedeli, Vice Chair

Meeting: Monday, March 18, 2024

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Figueroa reported that the Personnel Committee met at the above date and time. In attendance were Chair Figueroa, Vice Chair Fedeli, and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Berns, Goldberg, Patterson and Pavia. Absent or excused were Reps. Jean-Louis and Mays. Also present were Reps. Camporeale, Summerville, and Weinberg; Paula Russell Nisbett, HR Director; Lou DeRubeis, Director of Public Safety, Health, and Welfare; and Michael Toma, Law Department.

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1. P31.053	APPROVAL; Employment Agreement between City of Stamford and Robert Morris Sr. as Chief of the Fire Department. 02/27/24 – Submitted by Paula Russell Nisbett 03/14/24 – To be Considered by Board of Finance 03/18/24 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
2. <u>P31.054</u>	ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u> ; Designating the position of Fire Marshal as Unclassified 3/11/2024 – Submitted by Mike Toma 03/18/24 – Approved by Committee 5-0-2	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 and 2, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

9LAND USE/URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Attendance & Votes
Minutes & Video

Nina Sherwood, Co-Chair Carmine Tomas, Co-Chair

Meeting: Monday, March 25, 2024

5:30 p.m. – By Webinar

Co-Chair Tomas reported that the Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee. In attendance were Co-Chairs Sherwood and Tomas, and Committee Member Reps. Adams, de la Cruz, Grunberger, Kuczynski, Matheny, Mays and Summerville. Absent or excused was Rep. Campbell. Also present: Rep. Walston.

1. <u>LU31.035</u>	APPROVAL; 1st Amendment to Agreement between City of Stamford and Info Quick Solutions, Inc. ("IQS") for Integrated Land Records and Vital Statistics Recording System (under RFP No. 859). 02/27/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/14/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-1-0 03/25/24 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
2. LU31.036	REVIEW; the Interpretation of Zoning Regulations that Allow a Two Family House at 50 Bonner Street to be Converted into a Rooming House with 8 Bedrooms and 6 Bathrooms in One Unit and 5 Bedrooms and 5 Bathrooms in the Other Unit in an R6 Zone 03/11/24 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz 03/25/24 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 8-0-0	RECOMMITTED TO STEERING

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 1, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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¹⁰OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

Attendance Minutes & Video Virgil de la Cruz, Chair Carmine Tomas, Vice Chair

Meeting: Monday, March 18, 2024

6:30 p.m. - by Webinar

1. O31.040

REVIEW; Opportunities for the Board of Representatives (BOR) to Participate in the Drafting of Project Descriptions and Scopes of Work for Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Projects Anticipated to Require BOR Approval to Ensure Consistency with BOR Expectations and to Improve the Efficiency of Processing Awards.

11/22/23 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz and Ley 02/26/24 – Report Made & Recommitted to Steering

by Committee 8-0-1 03/18/24 - Report Made RECOMMITTED TO STEERING BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

11PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE:

Attendance & Votes Minutes & Video

Jeffrey Stella, Chair Eric Morson, Vice Chair

Meeting: Thursday, March 28, 2024

6:30 p.m. - By Webinar

Vice Chair Morson reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Stella, Vice Chair Morson and Committee Member Reps. Berns Campbell, Camporeale, Graham, Pavia, and Pollack. Rep. Roqueta was absent. Also present were Reps. Adams, de la Cruz, Matheny, Summerville, and Weinberg; Mike Toma, Law Dept.; Director Jody Bishop-Pullan and Ebrima Jobe, Health Dept.; Chief Rex Morris, Fire Dept.; Chief Tim Shaw, Police Dept.; Director Lou DeRubeis, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Dept.; and members of the public.

1. PS31.043

ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption; Amending Chapter 146, Section 13 of the Code of Ordinances Concerning the Setting of a Fine that may be Imposed by the Health Department for Violation of Chapter 146 of the Code of Ordinances.

06/13/23 - Submitted by Jody Bishop-Pullan

07/10/23 - Moved to Pending

02/29/24 – Approved by Committee 5-0-1 03/28/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

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2. PS31.044

ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption; Amending Chapter 146, Section 34 of the Code of Ordinances Concerning the Setting of a Fine for the Late Submission of a Renewal Application for a Multi-Family Dwelling Operating License. APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE OF 34-2-2

06/13/23 – Submitted by Jody Bishop-Pullan

07/10/23 - Moved to Pending

02/29/24 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0

03/28/24 - Approved by Committee 8-0-0

A motion to recommit was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 8-29-1. (Reps. Adams, Tomas, Graham, Figueroa, Kuczynski, de la Cruz, Dakari Watkins, and Berns in favor; Reps. Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Strain, Summerville, Walston, David Watkins, and Weinberg opposed; Rep. Moore abstaining).

A motion to approve was made, seconded and approved by a vote 32-2-2. (Reps. Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Strain, Summerville, Tomas Walston, Dakari Watkins, David Watkins, and Weinberg in favor; Reps. Adams and Graham opposed; Reps. Moore and Kuczynski abstaining).

3. PS31.051

REVIEW; City Citation Officers; How City ordinances are Enforced under the City's Citation Process, and its Difficulties.

02/07/24 – Submitted by Rep. Stella and de la Cruz

02/29/24 - Held by Committee

03/28/24 - Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

4. <u>PS31.020</u>

REVIEW; Of a "duty to report law" Requiring Property Managers, Building Superintendents, Security Personnel, Doormen, Etc. to Notify 911 of any Emergencies.

04/06/22 - Submitted by Reps. Curtis, Stella, and

Pavia

04/20/22 - Report Made & Held by Committee 6-0-

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05/18/22 – No Action Taken

06/22/22 - Report Made & Held in Committee 7-0-0

07/11/22 - Moved to Pending

03/01/23 - Held by Committee 6-0-1

03/13/23 – Moved to Pending

07/10/23 – Moved to Pending

11/29/23 - Held by Committee

01/25/24 - Held by Committee

02/29/24 - Held by Committee

03/28/24 - Held by Committee

STEERING

RECOMMITTED TO

HELD

5. PS31.049 REVIEW; Park Police Staffing and Park

Enforcement for 2024

12/06/23 - Submitted by Rep. Stella

01/25/24 - Held by Committee

02/12/24 - Held by Steering Committee

03/28/24 - Held by Committee

As a Secondary Committee: Parks & Recreation

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 1, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

9. PS31.002 REVIEW; Administration Plans to pursue Air Quality HELD

Monitoring as Proposed in Resolution

4081.(Previously PS30.092)

12/08/21 - Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz and

Berns

12/13/21 - Moved to Pending

03/01/23 - Report Made

03/06/23 - Recommitted to Steering at Board

Meeting by Unanimous Voice Vote

03/13/23 - Moved to Pending

04/20/22 - Held by Committee 6-0-0

05/18/22 - No Action Taken

06/13/22 - Moved to Pending

05/18/23 - Report Made

06/05/23 - Recommitted to Steering by Full Board

06/12/23 - Moved to Pending

08/24/28 - No Action Taken

09/21/23 - Report Made and Recommitted to

Steering, 6-0-1

10/26/23- Report Made and Recommitted to

Steering 5-0-0

11/13/23 – Moved to Pending

03/28/24 - Held by Committee 5-0-0

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Attendance & Votes Minutes & Video

Jennifer Matheny, Chair Daniel R. Sandford, Vice Chair Meeting: Thursday, March 21, 2024 6:30 p.m. – By Webinar - CANCELLED

HELD

12 EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Attendance & Votes Minutes & Video

Megan Cottrell, Chair Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair

Meeting: Thursday, March 28, 2024 7:00 p.m. - By Webinar

1. E31.029

APPROVAL: Agreement between City of Stamford and Dimeo-Bismark, a Joint Venture, for Construction Manager At-Risk Services at the New Westhill High School Construction Project (Under RFP No. 2024.0300) [Cost: Pre-Construction Fee -\$669.506.95: Construction Phase Fee - 1.95% of Cost of Work, based on Construction Budget of

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT **AGENDA**

\$257,696,058].

03/05/24 - Submitted by Matt Quinones 03/14/24 - Approved by Board of Finance, as

amended, 5-1-0 03/28/2024 -

2. E31.030

APPROVAL: Agreement between City of Stamford and BVH Integrated Services, Inc. for

Commissioning Agent Services (Under RFP No. 2024.00194) [Cost: \$409,195 plus \$60,000

allowance].

03/05/24 - Submitted by Matt Quinones

03/14/24 - Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 and 2, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

¹³HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ **SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

Attendance & Votes Minutes & Video

Mavina Moore, Co-Chair Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair

Meeting: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 6:30 p.m. - By Webinar

1. HCD31.051

REJECTION; Allocation of \$750,000 to Pacific House for the Development of 39 units of Affordable FAILED BY A VOTE Housing at 41-45 Stillwater Ave. 02/15/24 - Submitted by Ralph Blessing 03/26/24 - Rejection failed 0-5-0

REJECTION OF 1-36-0

A motion to reject this item was made, seconded, and failed by a vote of 1-36-0. (Rep. Kuczynski in favor; Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Strain, Summerville, Tomas Walston, Dakari Watkins, David Watkins, and Weinberg opposed)

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2. HCD31.035 REVIEW; Homeowner/Small Landlord

Rehabilitation Program.

02/13/23 - Submitted by Reps. Baxter and

Campbell

03/28/23 –Held by Committee 04/25/23 –Held by Committee

05/23/23 - Held by Committee 6-0-0

07/10/23 - Moved to Pending

01/23/24 – Held by Committee 4-0-0 02/12/24 – Held by Steering Committee 03/26/24 – Held by Committee 4-0-1

14TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

David Watkins, Chair Terry Adams, Vice Chair

Attendance & Votes
Minutes & Video

Meeting: Wednesday, March 27, 2024

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

1. T31.028 ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption;

Ordinance Authorizing the Use of Automated Traffic

Enforcement Safety Devices.

02/06/24 - Submitted by Frank Petise

02/28/24 - Approved by Committee, as amended,

6-0-0

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (Reps. Boeger, Sherwood, Roqueta, Tomas, Patterson, Figueroa, Summerville, and Walston abstained)

HELD

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 1, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE: Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair

Jonathan Jacobson, Vice Chair

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OUTSIDE COUNSEL COMMITTEE: Jeff Curtis, Chair

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HIGH RIDGE LITIGATION PROPOSED RESOLUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE: Jeff Curtis, Chair

MINUTES

1. APPROVAL; March 4, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

President Curtis adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

This meeting is on video.