

The Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will be held on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held remotely and can be accessed by computer, tablet or smartphone at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81470541826> or at www.zoom.com – Webinar ID: 814 7054 1826 or by telephone at 1-646-558-8656 Webinar ID: 814 7054 1826

AGENDA

INVOCATION: To be delivered by Rep. Mays [19th District].

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: To be led by President Curtis.

ROLL CALL: To be conducted by Clerk Cottrell.

VOTING MACHINE STATUS:

MOMENTS OF SILENCE:

COMMUNICATIONS:

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE:

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Meeting: Monday, July 10, 2023
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

Denis W. Patterson, Chair
Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

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Sean Boeger, Co-Chair

Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair

Meeting: Monday, July 24, 2023

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

The following items are on the Consent Agenda: Item Nos. 1 through 4 and 6 through 11.

1. [F31.228](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);
\$68,755.00 EPA Air Quality; 31 Month Air Quality Monitoring
Grant from the EPA; Program will focus on NO₂,
Particulate Matter and Ozone (Source of Funds:
100% grant funded).
05/30/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
06/08/23 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
06/12/23 – Held at Steering
07/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0

2. [F31.239](#) RESOLUTION; Regarding the Capital Budget for
FY23/24 Appropriation and Bond Authorization for
the Davenport School Bathroom Renovation Project
Financing and for School Construction Grant (Source
of Funds: FY24 Capital Budget).
07/03/23 – Submitted by Anita Carpenter
07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0

3. [F31.240](#) RESOLUTION; Regarding the Capital Budget for FY
23/24 Appropriation and Bond Authorization for the
Newfield School Roof Renovation Project Financing
and for School Construction Grant (Source of Funds:
FY24 Capital Budget).
07/03/23 – Submitted by Anita Carpenter
07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0

4. [F31.244](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);
\$179,517.00 Employee Benefits; Nurses Wage Payout FY23/24
for Current Year Wage Settlements (Source of
Funds: Contingency).
06/29/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0

5. [F31.246](#)
\$510,394.00
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);
Emergency Communications Center Reorganization;
Creation of 5 Civilian Dispatch Supervisor Positions
(Source of Funds: Contingency).
07/06/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/24/23 – Recommitted to Fiscal Committee 9-0-0
6. [F31.231](#)
\$25,000.00
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
CP0122; Park Amenities Upgrade; Private Donation
to Remove the Bleachers at Cubeta Stadium and the
Power Wash and Paint the Stadium Seating (Source
of Funds: Private Donation (to be approved by Parks
& Recreation Committee)).
05/30/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
05/23/23 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
06/08/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
06/12/23 – Held at Steering
07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0
7. [F31.241](#)
\$210,750.00
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
Resiliency and Climate Adaptation Implementation;
Identify Actionable Next Steps and Potential Funding
Mechanisms; Includes West Side, Waterside and
Downtown Neighborhoods; GIS-based Tree
Inventories will be Included (Source of Funds: 100%
State Grant).
07/06/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
06/27/23 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
07/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0
8. [F31.242](#)
\$598,125.00
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
Toilsome Brook Flood Resilience Plan; Overlaps with
Engineering Bureau's Citywide Drainage
Assessment; Focuses on Chronically Flood Prone
Area (Source of Funds: 100% State Grant).
07/06/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
06/27/23 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
07/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0

9. [F31.243](#)
\$481,125.00
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Cummings Pond Area Flood & Ecological Resilience Plan; Drainage Structures Attached to Stormwater Outfall that Empties into Cummings Pond are out of Proportion to Capacity; Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analysis as basis to Develop Concept Level Plans; Prioritizing Nature-Based Solutions (Source of Funds: 100% State Grant).
07/06/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
06/27/23 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
07/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0
10. [F31.218](#)
MOTION TO AMEND SOMETHING PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED; Appropriation of Prior Year General Fund Balance (FY21-22) - Approved by Board on 06/05/23; Amending Allocation to City/Capital Non-Recurring from \$2,000,000 to \$2,025,000 to be consistent with allocation approved by Board of Finance.
07/06/23 – Submitted by OPM
07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0
11. [F31.238](#)
APPROVAL; Agreement between the City of Stamford and Tax Management Associates Inc. for Property Tax Audits under RFP No. 890.
06/28/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0
12. [F31.236](#)
REVIEW: Methodology for Establishing Valuation of Commercial Properties for Real Estate Tax Purposes and Comparison of Actual Sale Amounts Versus Appraised Value Amounts for the Last 10 Years.
06/07/23 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz, Sherwood, Patterson, Bewkes, Stella, Watkins, Tomas, and Figueroa
06/26/23 – Held by Committee 9-0-0
07/24/23 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0
13. [F31.245](#)
REVIEW: Audit Status Review
07/06/06 – Submitted by Reps. Boeger, Miller, Watkins, and Tomas.
07/24/23 – Report Made

**LEGISLATIVE & RULES
COMMITTEE:**

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Phil Berns, Chair
Sean Boeger, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, July 25, 2023
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

The following item is on the Consent Agenda: Item No. 1.

1. [LR31.054](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Concerning a Tax Abatement Agreement among the City of Stamford and Oak Park 1 Limited Partnership and the Housing Authority of the City of Stamford for 61 Below-Market Units Located at Ursula Place, Stamford, CT.
06/27/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/27/23 – Approved by Committee 5-0-1

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

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Anabel Figueroa, Chair
Mary Fedeli, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, July 17, 2023
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

The following item is on the Consent Agenda: Item No. 1.

1. P31.041 APPROVAL; Employment Contract with Amy LiVolsi as Deputy Corporation Counsel.
06/12/23 – Submitted by Al Cava
07/17/23 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0
2. P31.042 REJECTION; Tentative Agreement Between the City of Stamford and the City of Stamford Municipal Nurses Association, July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026.
06/22/23 – Submitted by Al Cava
07/13/23 – To be Considered by Board of Finance
07/17/23 – FAILED in Committee 0-7-0

**LAND USE/URBAN
REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

Bradley Bewkes, Chair
Nina Sherwood, Vice Chair

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

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Virgil de la Cruz, Chair
Carmine Tomas, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, July 31, 2023
6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

1. [O31.029](#) APPROVAL; Agreement between the City of Stamford and Rauhaus Freedenfeld & Associates LLP for Architectural/Engineering Design Services for New Animal Control Center under RFP No. 885. [Contract Cost: \$320,000 plus expenses] 06/29/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/13/23 – FAILED in Board of Finance

2. [O31.001](#) REVIEW; Administration plans to Develop Short and Long Term Plan to Mitigate the Impact of Severe Storm and Rain Events as expressed in [Resolution 4113](#).
12/08/21 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz and Berns
12/20/21 – Held by Committee 9-0-0
01/31/22 – Held by Committee
03/03/22 – Held by Committee 5-0-0
03/11/22 – Moved to Pending
04/27/22 – Held by Committee 7-0-0
06/20/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 9-0-0
07/11/22 – Moved to Pending
07/31/23 – REPORT MADE

**PUBLIC SAFETY &
HEALTH COMMITTEE:**

Jeffrey Stella, Chair
Eric Morson, Vice Chair - CANCELLED
~~Meeting: Thursday, July 20, 2023~~
~~6:30 p.m. — by Webinar~~

1. PS31.029 REVIEW; Legal Role and Authority of City Constables.
09/07/22 – Submitted by Rep. Stella
09/12/22 – Moved to Pending
01/09/23 – Moved to Pending

2. PS31.045 REVIEW; Stamford Emergency Communications Center (ECC) -Civilianizing ECC Supervisors.
07/10/23 – Submitted by Lou DeRubeis

3. PS31.033 REVIEW; Specific Incident of Unanswered Calls to 911 from Rockrimmon Road on 11/11/22 and Possible Relation to Cell Phone Coverage "Dead Zones" in North Stamford and/or Routing of Calls through Various Call Centers.
11/14/22 – Submitted by Reps. Nabel, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Morson, Goldberg, Grunberger Curtis, Stella, and Figueroa
11/30/22 – Report Made
12/05/22 – Held by Full Board
12/12/22 – Moved to Pending

As a Secondary Committee: Operations

4. [PS31.002](#) REVIEW; Administration Plans to pursue Air Quality 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

**PARKS & RECREATION
COMMITTEE:**

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Jennifer Matheny, Chair
Daniel R. Sandford, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, July 19, 2023
7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

The following items are on the Consent Agenda: Item Nos. 1 and 2.

1. [PR31.025](#) APPROVAL; Agreement between the City of Stamford and BSC Group, Inc. for a Citywide Parks Invasive Species Plan under RFP No. 899. [Total Contract Cost \$139,100]
06/29/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/13/23 – To be Considered by Board of Finance
07/19/23 – Approved by Committee 4-0-0

2. [PR31.026](#) RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Acceptance of a Gift From Terra Green LLC for Refurbishments/Enhancements to the Seating Located at Cubeta Stadium
07/06/23 – Submitted by Matt Quinones
07/19/23 – Approved by Committee 4-0-0

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Megan Cottrell, Chair
Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Mavina Moore, Co-Chair
Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: David Watkins, Chair
Terry Adams, Vice Chair
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Meeting: Wednesday, July 26, 2023
7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

The following item is on the Consent Agenda: Item No. 1.

1. [T31.021](#) APPROVAL; Agreement between City of Stamford and Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. for Roundabout Design & Inspection Services for Shippan Avenue, Harbor Drive & Magee Avenue under RFP No. 867 [total cost \$308,000]
05/12/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
06/08/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/26/23 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0
2. T31.022 REVIEW; Activities of the Traffic and Transportation Department.
06/06/23 – Submitted by Rep. Watkins
07/26/23 – Report Made

STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE: Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair
Jonathan Jacobson, Vice Chair

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE:

Jeff Curtis, Co-Chair

Bradley Bewkes, Co-Chair

Meeting: Monday, July 10, 2023

8:00 p.m. – by Webinar

- and -

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

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1. [CR31.009](#) RESOLUTION; Concerning Recommendations for Changes to the Draft Report of the 19th Charter Revision Commission [7/10/23, 7/18/23]
06/07/23 – Submitted by Reps. Curtis and Bewkes
07/10/23 – Recommendations approved by Committee, 9-0-0
07/18/23 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 8-0-0
07/20/23 – Approved by Full Board
2. [CR31.012](#) 2nd PUBLIC HEARING; Draft Report of the 19th Charter Revision Commission [7/18/23].
07/03/23 – Submitted by Rep. Bewkes
07/18/23 – Public Hearing Held

OUTSIDE COUNSEL COMMITTEE:

Jeff Curtis, Chair

HIGH RIDGE LITIGATION PROPOSED RESOLUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Jeff Curtis, Chair

Bradley Bewkes, Vice Chair

Meeting: Thursday, July 13, 2023

6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

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Possibly in Executive Session:

1. [HR31.001](#) REVIEW AND RESPONSE; Proposed Resolution Offers.
04/04/23 – Submitted by President Curtis
05/02/23 – Recommitted to Steering
06/08/23 – Recommitted to Steering
07/13/23 – Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0

MINUTES

1. [APPROVAL](#); July 5, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes.
2. [APPROVAL](#); July 5, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
3. [APPROVAL](#); July 20, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes.