

The Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will be held on Monday, December 4, 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. Chanta Graham [3rd 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:

RESOLUTIONS:

1. [S31.005](#) RESOLUTION; Approving the 2024 Board of Representatives Calendar.
11/07/23 – Submitted by President Curtis

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE:

Meeting: Monday, November 13, 2023
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

Denis W. Patterson, Chair
Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair
Meeting: ~~Tuesday, November 21, 2023~~
6:30 p.m. — ~~By Webinar~~ - **CANCELLED**

1. A31.093

Zoning Board

Bianca Shinn (D) Repl. Vacancy
Stamford, CT
Term Expires: 12/1/2025
10/4/2023 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
10/17/23 – Held by Committee 5-3-1

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

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

Meeting: Monday, November 27, 2023
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by
webinar

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The following items are on the Consent Agenda: Item Nos. 1 through 12, and Item Nos. 18 and 19.

1 [F31.291](#)
\$127,009.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);
Stamford Police Department; Expansion of
Community Response Initiative; The Police
Department is a Sub-Grantee of the Recovery
Network of Programs Prime Award From the
SAMHSA. Funds Will Be Utilized to Place a Police
Officer in the Behavioral Health Unit Salary and
Fringe for One Year. (Source of Funds: 100% Grant
Funded – Federal SAMHSA).
10/30/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/09/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/27/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-2

2. [F31.292](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into and Sign Agreements with the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and/or the Recovery Network of Programs, Inc. for an Enhanced Community Response Initiative Grant Subaward.
10/30/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/27/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-2

3. [F31.289](#) \$88,330.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Stamford Police Department; Community Violence Intervention & Prevention; This Project will Enhance and Expand Crime Prevention Efforts Geared Toward High Risk Youth and Young Adults; Grant Funds Will Be Utilized to Have Police Officers Participate in the Juvenile Review Board, Conduct Anti-Violence Training, and a Youth Mentoring Program; Funds will also be Utilized to Contract with Domus to Enhance Their Project New Hope Program and to Liberation Programs to Conduct Empathy Training. (Source of Funds: 100% Grant Funded – State DPH).
10/30/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/09/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/27/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-2

4. [F31.290](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into and Sign an Agreement with the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center for the Community Violence Intervention & Prevention Services.
10/30/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/27/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-2

5. [F31.293](#) \$1,259,662.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); CP4000007; Davenport Ridge LTFP DM/AR; Request to Increase the Grant Appropriation to Support Davenport School Bathroom Renovation Project and School Construction (Source of Funds: State Grant).
10/30/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/08/23 – Approved by Planning Board
11/09/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/27/23 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0

6. [F31.294](#) RESOLUTION; Regarding the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Appropriation and Bond Authorization for the Davenport School Bathroom Renovation Project and for School Construction Grant.
10/30/23 - Submitted by Anita Carpenter
11/27/23 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0
7. [F31.296](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for the Bartlett Arboretum Pavilion Construction Project (DEEP Award: \$175,000).
10/20/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/27/23 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0
8. [F31.297](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management for Funding Assistance Regarding the Neglected Cemetery Grant Program for Municipalities
10/31/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/27/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-1
9. [F31.298](#) RESOLUTION; Authorizing an Appropriation of \$7,147,847 for the Newfield Elementary School Fresh Air Project and Authorizing \$2,859,139 General Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation; and Resolution For School Construction Grant
11/04/23 - Submitted by Anita Carpenter
11/27/23 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0
10. [F31.299](#) RESOLUTION; Authorizing an Appropriation of \$4,174,260 for the Rippowam Middle School and Apples Pre-K HVAC Mechanical Improvement Project and Authorizing \$1,669,704 General Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation; and Resolution For School Construction Grant
11/02/23 - Submitted by Anita Carpenter
11/27/23 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0

11. [F31.300](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into and Sign Agreements with the State of Connecticut for the West Side Pedestrian Safety and Connectivity Project (DECD Award ~~\$1,092,200~~ \$1,092,200).
11/08/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/27/23 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0
12. [F31.301](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into and Sign Agreements with the State of Connecticut for the Latham Park Area Infrastructure Improvements Project (DECD Award \$2,700,000; City Match \$525,000).
11/08/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/27/23 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0
13. [F31.284](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);
\$7,371,066.00 Fire Wage Retro Payout; Request to Appropriate Funds to Fund Fire Retro Wage Increase Obligations for FY18/19 – FY22/23 per a Recent Contract Settlement (Source of Funds: Fund Balance).
10/30/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/09/23 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee
14. [F31.288](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);
\$4,461,103.00 Fire Wage Increase FY23/24; Request to Appropriate Funds per the Increased Obligations for FY23/24 per a Recent Contract Settlement (Source of Funds: Contingency).
10/30/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/09/23 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee
15. [F31.285](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);
\$540,606.00 MAA Wage Increase FY23/24; Request to Appropriate Funds per the Increased Obligations for FY23/24 per a Recent Contract Settlement (Source of Funds: Contingency).
10/30/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/09/23 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/15/23 – FAILED by Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee

16. [F31.286](#)
\$1,047,321.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);
Police Wage Retro Payout; Request to Appropriate
Funds to Fund Police Retro Wage Increase
Obligations for FY22/23 per a Recent Contract
Settlement (Source of Funds: Fund Balance).
10/30/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/09/23 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/15/23 – FAILED by Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee
17. [F31.287](#)
\$2,203,914.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);
Police Wage Increase FY23/24; Request to
Appropriate Funds per the Increased Obligations for
FY23/24 per a Recent Contract Settlement (Source
of Funds: Contingency).
10/30/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/09/23 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/15/23 – FAILED by Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee
18. [F31.281](#)
\$3,642,938.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
CP5241; Storm Water Pump Stations; Emergency
Power Generators to Power Pumps at Cummings
and Wampanaw Pump Stations Should the Utility
Electrical Supply Fail During a Storm; Replacement
and Upgrade of Pumps and Electrical Equipment at
Cummings, Wampanaw and Dyke Lane Pump
Stations. (Source of Funds: Federal Grant:
\$2,732,203.50; City Bonds: \$910,734.50).
10/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
10/10/23 – Held by [Planning Board](#)
10/11/23 – Held by Board of Finance 5-0-0
10/17/23 – Approved by Planning Board
10/23/23 – Held by Committee
11/09/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/27/23 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0
19. [F31.277](#)
RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by Adding an Appropriation of
\$3,642,938 for the Storm Water Pump Stations and
Authorizing \$910,734.50 General Obligation Bonds
of the City to Meet Said Appropriation.
10/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
10/11/23 – Held by Board of Finance 5-0-0
10/23/23 – Held by Committee
11/09/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/27/23 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0

20. [F31.295](#) REVIEW; FY 2023-24 First Quarter Fiscal Projection.
11/07/23 – Submitted by Elda Sinani
11/27/23 – Report Made
21. [F31.267](#) REVIEW; Legal Fees Related to Charter Revision Commission.
08/14/23 - Submitted by Reps. Goldberg and Miller
09/27/23 – Recommended to Steering by Committee
8-0-0
10/23/23 – Held by Committee
11/27/23 – Report Made

LEGISLATIVE & RULES

COMMITTEE:

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Phil Berns, Chair

Sean Boeger, Vice Chair

Meeting: Tuesday, November 28, 2023

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

1. [LR31.060](#) REVIEW; Potential Ordinance to Stop Loud and Excessive Exhaust Pollution (SLEEP).
09/27/23 – Submitted by Rep. Jacobson
10/24/23 – Held by Committee
11/28/23 – Held by Committee 7-0-0
2. [LR31.061](#) REVIEW; Prohibition of City Employees serving on Boards or Commissions or in Elected Positions other than as a Requirement of their Employment.
11/02/23 – Submitted by Rep. Goldberg
11/28/23 – Report Made
3. LR31.062 REVIEW; Prohibition of Members of Elective Boards serving on City Boards or Commissions or in Other Elective Positions other than as a Requirement of their Membership on an Elective Board.
11/02/23 – Submitted by Rep. Goldberg
11/28/23 – Report Made
4. LR31.063 REVIEW; Requiring all City Employees, Elected Officials, or Appointed Officials participating in a Meeting by Means of Electronic Equipment to Have Their Video On.
11/02/23 – Submitted by Rep. Goldberg
11/28/23 – Report Made

5. LR31.064 REVIEW; Possible Requirement that City Post
Transcripts of all Public Meetings.
11/09/23 – Submitted by Tom Cassone and Carmen
Hughes
**11/28/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee
6-0-0**
6. [LR31.040](#) APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of
Representatives Rules of Procedure re: Use of Virtual
Meeting Licenses by Representatives.
11/29/22 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell
12/12/22 – Moved to Pending
03/29/23 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0
04/25/23 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
05/23/23 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
06/26/23 – Held by Committee 8-0-0
07/10/23 – Held at Steering
08/14/23 – Held at Steering
09/28/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 7-
0-0
10/24/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 7-
0-0
**11/28/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee
7-0-0**
7. LR31.052 APPROVAL; Amending the Rules of the Board to
Establish New Guidelines in Regard to How Members
of the Board of Representatives Shall Resign.
04/27/23 – Submitted by Rep. Stella
05/23/23 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
06/26/23 – Held by Committee 8-0-0
07/10/23 – Held at Steering
08/14/23 – Held at Steering
09/11/23 – Held at Steering
**11/28/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee
6-0-0**
8. [LR31.053](#) APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of
Representatives Rules of Procedure to Delete Board
Section V. Rules of Procedure, Subsection C.
Motions.
06/07/23 – Submitted by Rep. Boeger
06/26/23 – Held by Committee 3-2-2
07/10/23 – Held at Steering
08/14/23 – Held at Steering
09/28/23 – Approved by Committee 4-3-0
10/02/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board
11/28/23 – Approved by Committee 4-3-0

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

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Anabel Figueroa, Chair

Mary Fedeli, Vice Chair

Meeting: Monday, November 20, 2023

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

The following items are on the Consent Agenda: Item No. 1 and Item Nos. 3 through 5.

1. P31.044 APPROVAL; Employment Contract with Dr. Paula S. Russell Nisbett as Director of Human Resources.
10/10/23 – Submitted by Al Cava
11/20/23 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0

2. P31.047 REJECTION; Tentative Agreement between the City of Stamford and the Stamford Municipal Supervisory Employees' Union Council #4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, (MAA) for the Period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.
10/10/23 – Submitted by Al Cava
11/09/23 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/15/23 – To be Considered by Board of Finance
11/20/23 – REJECTION FAILED by Committee 1-4-2

3. P31.048 APPROVAL; Agreement between City of Stamford and Robert Morris, Sr. as Assistant Fire Chief for Volunteer Service Firefighters.
10/30/23 – Submitted by Al Cava
11/20/23 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0

4. P31.049 APPROVAL; Agreement with Jesse C. Cassinelli as Clerk of the Works II.
11/09/23 – Submitted by Al Cava
11/20/23 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0

5. P31.050 APPROVAL; Agreement with Benjamin Velishka as Clerk of the Works II.
11/09/23 – Submitted by Al Cava
11/20/23 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0

LAND USE/URBAN

REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Bradley Bewkes, Chair

Nina Sherwood, Vice Chair

~~Meeting: Wednesday, November 22, 2023~~

~~6:30 p.m. — By Webinar~~ **CANCELLED**

1. LU31.033 REVIEW; Update on Upcoming Projects Planned by the Mill River Collaborative.
10/05/23– Submitted by Rep. Adams
10/18/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee
10-0-0

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)

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Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

Carmine Tomas, Vice Chair

Meeting: Monday, November 20, 2023

6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

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

1. [O31.039](#) APPROVAL; Contract between the City and McCann Systems for an Audio-Visual System Installed & Commissioned in the Government Center, 4th Floor, Legislative Chambers.
10/26/23 – Submitted by Matt Quinones
11/09/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/20/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0
2. [O31.018](#) REVIEW; West Main Street Bridge.
08/03/22 – Submitted by Director Quinones
08/15/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 7-0-0
09/12/22 – Moved to Pending
12/29/22 –Held by Committee 9-0-0
01/09/23 – Moved to Pending
10/16/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering by Committee 5-0-0
11/20/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 9-0-0

**PUBLIC SAFETY &
HEALTH COMMITTEE:**
[Attendance & Votes](#)
[Minutes](#) & [Video \(Pt 1 & Pt 2\)](#)

Jeffrey Stella, Chair
Eric Morson, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, November 29, 2023
6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

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

1. [PS31.047](#) ORDINANCE for final adoption; Amending [Chapter 242 of the Code of Ordinances](#) Adding § 242-5 Prohibiting the Possession of Firearms and Explosives in Government Buildings and Polling Places.
09/05/23 – Submitted by Lou DeRubeis
09/21/23 – Approved by Committee, as Amended, 5-0-1
10/26/23- Public Hearing Held and Approved by Committee, as Amended, 4-0-1
11/08/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board
11/29/23 – Approved by Committee 6-0-1

2. [PS31.034](#) REVIEW; Difficulties of Enforcement of City Ordinances under Civil Citation process and possible solutions, including Cross-Training of Civil Citation Officers.
12/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Stella and de la Cruz
02/13/23 – Moved to Pending
11/29/23 – Held by Committee

3. PS31.020 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 6-0-0
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

4. 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
08/14/23 – Moved to Pending
11/29/23 – Held by Committee

**PARKS & RECREATION
COMMITTEE:**

[Attendance](#)
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Jennifer Matheny, Chair
Daniel R. Sanford, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, November 30, 2023
7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

1. [PR31.028](#) REVIEW; Proposed Scalzi Park Bocce Court Reconstruction Plan, along with Associated Costs.
10/04/23 – Submitted by Reps. Matheny and Tomas
11/30/23 – Report Made
2. PR31.027 REVIEW; Arrangements with the Town of Greenwich for Shared Parks, Covering Maintenance, Pesticide Use, Invasive Species Removal, Capital Improvements, Use Permit Requirements, Insurance, Ordinances, and Law Enforcement.
08/09/23 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz
08/14/23 – Moved to Pending
11/30/23 – Report Made

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Megan Cottrell, Chair
Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair

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

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

~~Meeting: Tuesday, November 28, 2023
6:30 p.m. — by Webinar~~ - **CANCELLED**

1. 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

2. HCD31.044 REVIEW; Stamford’s Contingency Plans for
Emergency Housing due to Possible Arrival of
Migrants.
10/05/23 – Submitted by Rep. Stella
10/10/23 – Moved to Pending

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

**David Watkins, Chair
Terry Adams, Vice Chair**

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Meeting: Wednesday, November 29, 2023
7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

1. [T31.025](#) REVIEW; Potential Ordinance Regarding
Automated Speeding Cameras Near School Zones.
10/05/23 – Submitted by Reps. Adams, Cottrell, de
la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger,
Jacobson, Ley, Mays, Miller, Morson, Pavia, Pierre-
Louis, Pollack, Sandford, Shaw, Shinn, Stella,
Dakary Watkins, David Watkins, and Weinberg.
**11/29/23 – Recommitted to Steering by
Committee 6-0-0**

STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE: Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair
Jonathan Jacobson, Vice Chair
Meeting: ~~Wednesday, November 22, 2023~~
~~7:00 p.m. — by Webinar~~ - **CANCELLED**

1. SC31.014 REVIEW; Proposals for Bringing Autonomous Vehicle Industry to Stamford .
11/09/23 – Submitted by Rep. Adams.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OUTSIDE COUNSEL COMMITTEE: Jeff Curtis, Chair

**HIGH RIDGE LITIGATION PROPOSED
RESOLUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE: Jeff Curtis, Chair**
Bradley Bewkes, Vice Chair

MINUTES

1. [APPROVAL](#); November 8, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
2. [APPROVAL](#); November 15, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

*Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in this meeting, should contact the City's ADA Coordinator as soon as possible:
Carmen Hughes, Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, (203) 977-7993,
Email: CHughes1@StamfordCT.gov.*