



## ***Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee - Board of Representatives***

Gloria DePina, Chair

Lila Wallace, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, October 19, 2020  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Place:** This meeting was held remotely

The Housing/Community Development/Social Service Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair DePina, Vice Chair Wallace and Committee Member Reps. Michelson, Moore, Palomba and Roqueta. Excused was Rep. Pratt. Also present were President Quinones; Rep. Sherwood; Ellen Bromley, Social Services Director; Ralph Blessing and Emily Gordon, Land Use Bureau; Michael Toma, Law Department; and several members of the public.

Chair DePina called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

| <b>Item No.</b>              | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Committee Action</b> |
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| 1. <a href="#">HCD30.016</a> | <p>ORDINANCE <u>for public hearing and final adoption</u>; Providing for the Creation of an Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the City of Stamford.]</p> <p>01/05/19 – Submitted by Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief</p> <p>01/30/19 –Held in Committee 8-0-0</p> <p>02/11/19 – Moved to Pending</p> <p>09/16/19 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0</p> <p>10/21/19 – Public Hearing Held and Approved by Committee, as amended 3-0-1</p> <p>11/06/19 – Held by Full Board 31-0-0</p> <p>11/18/19 – Held by Committee, as amended, 4-2-0</p> <p>12/09/19 – Held at Steering</p> <p>08/17/20 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 5-0-0</p> <p>09/08/20 – Held by Full Board</p> <p>09/21/20 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 4-0-1</p> <p><b>10/05/20 – Approved as Amended by Full Board and Returned to Committee for Public Hearing</b></p> | <b>Approved 6-0-0</b>   |

Chair DePina opened the public hearing.

Richard Freedman spoke as the Chair of the Board of Finance as well as a developer of affordable housing who has received Fee-in-Lieu funds in favor of this ordinance. He noted that he would appoint a designee to serve in his place on the Board if the ordinance were to pass.

Denise Williams, the CEO of Inspirica spoke in support of the ordinance.

A [letter](#) from Melissa Kaplan-Macey of the Regional Plan Association in support of the ordinance was read into the record.

There being no further speakers, Chair DePina closed the public hearing.

Mr. Blessing stated the current version of this ordinance has both flexibility and an effective governance structure and provides the necessary oversight and transparency. It is important to now get this approved before the current emergency moratoria lapse, which may result in a crisis.

Rep. Sherwood questioned whether the composition of the Board should be changed to remove the Chair of the Zoning Board.

A motion to approve the ordinance for final adoption was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. DePina, Wallace, Michelson, Moore, Palomba and Roqueta in favor).

Chair DePina adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gloria DePina, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).