

Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee – Board of Representatives

Nina Sherwood, Co- Chair

Carmine Tomas, Co-Chair

Special Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Date: Thursday, July 31, 2025

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: This meeting was held in the Democratic Caucus Room, Legislative Chambers,

888 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT, 4th Floor and remotely.

The Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above.

In attendance were Co-Chair Sherwood and Committee member Reps. Adams, Campbell, Camporeale, de la Cruz, Kuczynski, Matheny, and Summerville. Absent/excused were Reps. Grunberger, Mays and Co-Chair Tomas.

Ex-officio Reps. Berns, Boeger, Fedeli, Figueroa, Graham, Patterson, Stella, Strain, Walston and Williams were also present. City Clerk Lyda Ruijter, Lauren Meyer, Mayor's Office, and members of the public were also present.

Co-Chair Sherwood called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.:

Item No. Description Invitee(s) or Designees

1. <u>LU31.055</u> REVIEW; 2035 Comprehensive Plan

06/07/25 – Submitted by Rep. Tomas 06/18/25 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0 07/31/25 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0 RECOMMITED TO STEERING 7-0-0

Co-Chair Sherwood read Item 1 into the record and stated this meeting is not a public hearing and that a public hearing on this item would be held at the next regular meeting of the Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee meeting on Wednesday, August 20th. The time for the August meeting is yet to be determined but would be announced in the meeting notice and via standard public hearing legal notices. She then opened the floor to get public input on the 2035 Comprehensive Plan via taking questions or comments from anyone present who wanted to speak.

The invited presenters, the Land Use Bureau and the consultant company, Sisaki, who created the draft 2035 Comprehensive Plan (alternatively referred to as the Master Plan) were not present. Co-Chair Sherwood stated that a full report based on all the testimony, comments and questions from the public present (both in-person and remotely) at tonight's meeting would be made available to the administration. Co-Chair Sherwood shared that in a conversation with Director Quinones, on the Mayor's cabinet, he stated the cabinet members would be listening to the Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee meeting, are interested in the public's comments and are serious about incorporating them into the Master Plan.

The speakers were each given three (3) minutes to speak, and some, when called on for their turn, instead declined to speak or ceded their time to another speaker who had already used their time.

Members of the Board of Representatives, both Land Use committee members and ex-officio members, also spoke and left <u>written testimony</u> alongside members of the public attending the meeting remotely. Over fourty (40) members of the public spoke in all.

A motion to recommit Item 1 to Steering was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Co-Chair Sherwood, Reps. Adams, Camporeale, de la Cruz, Kuczynski, Matheny, and Summerville in favor).

2. LU31.043

REVIEW; Widening of Garden Street between Henry Street and Dock Street.

08/12/24 - Submitted by Rep. Adams

08/21/24 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

09/18/24 - Held by Committee

10/24/24 – Recommitted to Steering 11-0-0

11/20/24 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

12/09/24 - Held at Steering

01/22/25 - Recommitted to Steering 10-0-0

02/27/25 - Recommitted to Steering 10-0-0

03/19/25 - Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0

04/23/25 - Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

07/31/25 - Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0

The invited presenters were not available to attend the Land Use committee meeting. A motion to recommit Item 2 to Steering was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Co-Chair Sherwood, Reps. Adams, Camporeale, de la Cruz, Kuczynski, Matheny, and Summerville in favor).

Co-Chair Sherwood adjourned the meeting at 11:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nina Sherwood, Co-Chair **RECOMMITED TO**

STEERING 7-0-0