



## **Legislative & Rules Committee – Board of Representatives**

Phil Berns, Chair

Sean Boeger, Vice-Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Vice-Chair Boeger and Committee Member Reps. Cottrell, Fedeli, Miller, Pierre-Louis, and Sherwood. Chair Berns and Reps. Jacobson and Matheny were excused. Also in attendance were Reps. Adams, Figueroa, Goldberg, Mays, Morson, Pollack, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, and Weinberg; and members of the public.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">LR31.068</a>	ORDINANCE <u>for public hearing and final adoption</u> ; Compensation for Acting Mayor under C3-10-4. 01/03/24 – Submitted by Rep. Stella 01/29/24 – Approved by Committee 7-2-0	<b>Recommit to steering 6-0-0</b>

Vice Chair Boeger opened the Public Hearing at 7:01pm. Kieran Edmondson spoke on this item. There being no other members of the public wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

Clerk Cottrell researched records from 2014 to 2023 to calculate the average number of days that an Acting Mayor served the City of Stamford in order to determine a salary budget. The results were that an Acting Mayor serves an average of thirty days a year and would be paid the per diem salary of the Mayor. The salary is calculated by dividing the pay of the Mayor by fifty-two weeks and then dividing it by five (working days).

Rep. Fedeli agreed that the Acting Mayor should be compensated but not starting at 48 hours. Rep. Weinberg agreed with Rep. Fedeli and added that a structure should be in place so that the Board does not have to reinvent the wheel each time. Rep. Weinberg also stated that he doesn't feel weekends should be included in the compensation to which Clerk Cottrell pointed out that being on call for emergencies on weekends deserves compensation and suggested a flat rate of \$250 a day. Rep. Stella agreed that half is reasonable with Vice-Chair Boeger adding that a higher rate per diem should apply to emergency situations and a stand-by rate should be established. Rep. Weinberg agreed with having stand-by compensation but suggested using a formula to calculate the pay and not a flat rate to which Rep. Miller disagreed.

A motion to recommit Item No. 1 to steering was made, seconded approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Vice-Chair Boeger, Cottrell, Fedeli, Miller, Pierre-Louis and Sherwood in favor).

2. [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  
01/23/24 – Held by Committee 9-0-0 **TO BE HELD**
3. [LR31.072](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Regulating the Sale of Dogs and Cats in Pet Stores  
02/07/24 – Submitted by Reps. Sherwood, Camporeale, Figueroa, Summerville, Tomas, Gilbride, Fedeli and Strain **TO BE HELD**
4. [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  
01/08/24 – Held at Steering **Recommit to steering 6-0-0**

A motion to recommit Item No. 4 to steering was made, seconded approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Vice-Chair Boeger, Cottrell, Fedeli, Miller, Pierre-Louis and Sherwood in favor).

5. [LR31.069](#) RESOLUTION; Waiving the Requirements of [Section 21-3.B of the Code of Ordinances](#) in Order to Name the Legislative Chamber as the John R. Zelinsky Jr. Legislative Chamber at the Stamford Government Center.  
02/06/24 – Submitted by Reps. Stella and Sherwood **Motion to approve 6-0-0**

Rep. Sherwood stated that provisions have been waived before for similar types of situations. Clerk Cottrell, Reps. Figueroa, Stella, Adams, and Vice-Chair agreed.

A motion to approve Item No. 5 was made, seconded approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Vice-Chair Boeger, Cottrell, Fedeli, Miller, Pierre-Louis and Sherwood in favor).

6. [LR31.070](#) RESOLUTION; Naming the Legislative Chamber as the John R. Zelinsky Jr. Legislative Chamber at the Stamford Government Center. **Motion to approve 3-0-3**  
02/06/24 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Sherwood, Figueroa, and Pollack

Rep. Morson suggested honoring Rep. Zelinsky in his district or naming the Democratic Caucus Room for him and naming the Legislative Chamber for Rep. Summerville instead. Rep. Sherwood agreed to honoring Rep. Zelinsky in his district as well as the Legislative Chamber. Rep. Stella echoed Rep. Sherwood's sentiments. Rep. Fedeli agreed with honoring Rep. Zelinsky in his district and that the Legislative Chambers should not be named for anyone. Rep. Strain offered naming a part of Washington Blvd after Rep. Zelinsky. Rep. Summerville agreed that Rep. Zelinsky should be honored and will support the Board's decision.

A motion to approve Item No. 6 was made, seconded approved by a vote of 3-0-3 (Vice-Chair Boeger, Cottrell and Sherwood in favor; Reps. Fedeli, Miller and Pierre-Louis abstaining).

7. LR31.071 REVIEW; Naming the Board Office area officially the "Annie Summerville Board Office."  
02/06/24 – Submitted by Reps. Cottrell, Sherwood, and Figueroa

Clerk Cottrell encouraged naming the Board Office for Rep. Summerville as a way of honoring her while she is still on the Board of Representatives, to which Reps. Figueroa, Adam and Fedeli agreed. Rep. Pierre-Louis suggested naming the Legislative Chamber for both Reps. Summerville and Zelinsky with Reps. Cottrell, Morson, and Miller in agreement. Rep. Sherwood disagreed noting that both representatives should be honored separately, with Reps. Summerville and Stella in agreement.

Vice-Chair Boeger offered to leave Item No. 5 as a review item and have the Steering Committee bring it back as a resolution item for next month.

Vice-Chair Boeger adjourned the meeting at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sean Boeger, Vice-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).