



Operations, Parks and Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives

Daniel R. Sandford, Chair

John Pelliccia, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, February 19, 2026
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Operations, Parks and Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Sandford, Vice Chair Pelliccia and Committee Member Reps. Bradford, Didelot, Finkel, Gardner, Salas, and Zachary. Also in attendance were Reps. Adams, Camporeale, Hughes, Johnson, and McKeown; Matthew Quiñones, Director of Operations; Luke Bittenwieser, Senior Transportation Planner and Dana Lee, Assistant Corporation Counsel. Absent or excused was Rep. Beckham.

Chair Sandford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
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A motion to suspend the rules and take up Item 2 out of order was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Chair Sandford, Vice Chair Pelliccia and Reps. Bradford, Didelot, Finkel, Gardner, and Zachary in favor).

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| 1. OPR32.002 | RESOLUTION; concerning building permit fees on Commercial Projects exceeding \$1,000,000.00 (orig. O32.001)
12/03/2025 – Submitted by Reps. Boudreau, Goldberg and Hughes
12/08/2025 – Moved to Pending Agenda
01/22/2026 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 | APPROVED
8-0-0 |
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- Majority of permits were small-value projects; only about eleven permits exceeded \$5M–\$10M.
 - Based on this distribution, reducing the fee rate from \$35 per \$1,000 back to \$25.26 per \$1,000 was recommended.

A motion to approve Item 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair Sandford, Vice Chair Pelliccia and Reps. Bradford, Didelot, Finkel, Gardner, Salas, and Zachary in favor).

2. [OPR32.003](#) **ORDINANCE**; Amending Chapter 214 of the Code of Ordinances, Concerning Excavation Permits, Enforcement, Administrative Fees, and Cost Recovery. 02/04/2026 – Submitted by Director Matt Quiñones

**APPROVED
8-0-0**

Director Quiñones and Attorney Lee gave a brief summation of proposed changes to the excavation ordinances:

- Ordinance 214-29 shifts authority for permit decisions and enforcement from the City Engineer to the Director of Operations to reflect current practice and centralize enforcement.
 - Removes existing fine language because the current formula (tied to permit fees) may violate the statutory \$250 municipal fine cap.
 - Replaces the formula with a specific fine amount compliant with state law.
 - Expands enforcement tools by clarifying the City’s ability to impose administrative fees and cost-recovery fees.
 - Establishes cost recovery for City labor.
- Ordinance 214-30 updates reference from a permit issued by the City Engineer to one issued by the Director of Operations, contingent on passage of 214-29.
- Ordinance 214-31 updates enforcement authority to the Director of Operations for consistency with 214-29 and should only be amended if 214-29 is adopted; otherwise, changes are unnecessary.

A motion to approve Item 2 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair Sandford, Vice Chair Pelliccia and Reps. Bradford, Didelot, Finkel, Gardner, Salas, and Zachary in favor).

More specifically:

A motion to approve Ordinance 214-29, 214-30, and 214-31 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair Sandford, Vice Chair Pelliccia and Reps. Bradford, Didelot, Finkel, Gardner, Salas, and Zachary in favor).

Chair Sandford adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel R. Sandford, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).