



State & Commerce Committee - Board of Representatives

Brien Buckman, Chair

Committee Report

Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2015
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The State & Commerce Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Buckman and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Quinones and Watkins. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Heaphy, Pratt and Summerville. Also present was Thomas Madden, Director of Economic Development.

Chair Buckman called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
11. SC29.015	REVIEW; Enterprise Zone Board Project Report as Required Under Chapter 117 of the Stamford Code of Ordinances. 07/08/14 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman 08/27/14 – Held in Committee 09/08/14 – Held at Steering 11/25/14 – Held in Committee	REPORT MADE & HELD IN COMMITTEE

Mr. Madden stated that his office is still completing the report by doing site checks to ensure that the information in the report is accurate and also to ensure that the benefits are correct. He passed around an updated top 10 employer list: Stamford Hospital Systems, UBS Securities; Stamford City Government, Stamford Public Schools; RBS, Starwood Hotels; Deloitte, Gartner, General Re Insurance and Nestle Waters. He expects this to change in the next year because 2 companies anticipate expanding. The Economic Development Commission has not met since 2013 and there have been no reports approved since 2009. He would like to include the data from the last 4 years and also include the data as to what the State has reimbursed to the City. The Enterprise Zone also has not met in several years. His goal is to get both of these active again.

The Committee discussed the possibility of combining the Enterprise Zone and the Economic Development Commission. Many members of the business community do not know that the Enterprise Zone exists or the Enterprise Zone and Entertainment Zone

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incentives that are available. A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Buckman, Fedeli, Quinones and Watkins in favor.)

- ²2. SC29.016 REVIEW; Annual Report of the Economic **REPORT MADE**
Development Commission as Required by Chapter
Six, Article Nine of the Stamford Code of
Ordinances.
07/08/14 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman
08/27/14 – Held in Committee
09/08/14 – Held at Steering
11/25/14 – Held in Committee

Mr. Madden stated that again, his office is trying to update this information. They are trying to break down the industrial clusters within the City. This report has always been combined with the Enterprise Zone report. They are putting together a site selection package for Stamford. All the information will be online. He has started to map out the approval process so that entities coming into Stamford can follow the process and the process can be streamlined.

3. SC29.021 REVIEW; Progress on City and Board of Education **HELD IN**
Technology Project Implementation. **COMMITTEE**
01/06/15 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Buckman, Fedeli, Quinones and Watkins in favor.)

Chair Buckman adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brien Buckman, Chair

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