

State & Commerce Committee - Board of Representatives

Brien Buckman, Chair

Committee Report

Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2015

Time: 6:30 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 Rep. Pratt. Absent or excused were Reps. Fedeli, Heaphy, Quinones, Summerville and Wallace. Also present was Thomas Madden, Director of Economic Development.

Chair Buckman called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. <u>SC29.015</u>	REVIEW; Annual Enterprise Zone Board Project Report as Required Under Chapter 117 of the Stamford Code of Ordinances and Annual Report of the Economic 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 01/28/15 – Report Made & Held in Committee 02/25/15 – No action taken 07/13/15 – Held at Steering	Report Made

Mr. Madden stated that the report is a draft because the EDC has not been able to meet with a quorum in 3 years. The Administration is seeking volunteers for this Commission. He explained that the purpose of the Enterprise Zone is to give tax abatement incentives for certain types of redevelopment within the zone and to encourage jobs within the area. The City receives a subsidy from the State for the abatement. This program works well for Stamford. Mr. Madden reviewed the recent applicants and the number of jobs each brought in. (See attached sheet.) His priority over the next year is to review the current participants to confirm they are meeting their obligations. If not, the benefit will be taken away.

As a Secondary Committee:

1. <u>LR29.053</u> APPROVAL; Agreement with Sustainable Strategies

DC LLC for Federal Lobbying Services. 07/06/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

2. T29.041 ORDINANCE for publication; Adoption of CGS

§§14-300 & 14-300d into Code of Ordinances.

08/05/15 - Submitted by Rep. Adams

Chair Buckman adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Brien Buckman, Chair

This meeting is on video.