

*The Regular Meeting of the 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on **Monday, December 7, 2015**, at 8:00 p.m., in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Stamford, Connecticut.*

# MINUTES

President Skigen called the meeting to order at 8:26 p.m.

**<sup>1</sup>INVOCATION:** Delivered by Rep. Coppola:

“Yesterday, Dec. 7, 1941 - a date which will live in infamy - the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan”. Those were the immortal opening words of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s address to a joint session of Congress on December 8, 1941 Today, December 7, 2015 marks the 74th Anniversary of that horrific attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

As we gather to represent the people of Stamford, we dedicate this evening’s invocation prayer to the memory of the 2335 brave American service personnel who were killed that morning and all those who have made the supreme sacrifice in the service of this grateful nation. In these very frightening times, let us pray that our God will bless and protect our city and its people, our state and nation and keep all our service men and women safe with his mercy. Amen

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Led by President Skigen.

**<sup>2</sup>ROLL CALL:** Conducted by Clerk of the Board Summerville. There were 32 members present and 6 members absent or excused (Reps. Adams, Buckman, Caterbone, DePina, Moore and Wallace). There were 2 vacancies. [See Vote Record 1813](#). Rep. McGarry left the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

**VOTING MACHINE STATUS:** Confirmed by Clerk of the Board Summerville.

**MOMENTS OF SILENCE:** For the late: Jeanne Franklin and Stamford Firefighter Richard Saunders by the 29th Board of Representatives ; Harry Radcliffe and Michael Sherman by President Skigen ; Paul Daddona by Rep. Fountain ; Rita J. Jepsen, Lawrence Nemchek, William T. Murphy, Jr., and Marie L. Martin by Rep. Giordano ; and NYPD Officer Randolph

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Holder, Joseph T. Nosal, Lorraine Palumbo, David Canary, and Geraldine Claytor by Rep. Zelinsky.

Private Christopher Castaneda, 19, Fripp Island, South Carolina.

### **<sup>3</sup>COMMUNICATIONS:**

President Skigen announced:

1. The deadline for the Steering Agenda is Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.
2. The Steering Committee meeting is on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. There will be no pre-Steering meeting with the Mayor.
3. Next month's Regular Board Meeting will be on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.
4. The Board office will close at noon on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and will be closed on December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. David Kooris has resigned from the Board of Representatives.
6. Representative Mitchell is celebrating a birthday this month.
7. Members who have information requests from City employees regarding items on the Board's agenda should go through Committee chairs to request the information or, at a minimum, copy the Chair of the Committee on the request.
8. Under the Charter, the President exercises the power of the Mayor in the event of Mayor's absence, and, if the President is absent, the Board of Representatives designates a member to exercise the power of the Mayor. Under the Rules of the Board, in the event of the President's absence, the Majority Leader acts as Temporary Chair of a meeting of the Board or the Steering Committee. We discovered late last week that both the Mayor and President Skigen will be out of town from December 23<sup>rd</sup> through December 30<sup>th</sup>. I ask the Board's approval of the designation of the Majority Leader to exercise power of the Mayor during that period.

A motion to approve the designation of Majority Leader to exercise the power of the Mayor during the period December 23<sup>rd</sup> through December 30<sup>th</sup>, during the absence of the Mayor and President, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

9. Rep. Di Costanzo announced that the page of the Board, Laura Di Costanzo, will be participating in the fifth "Twas the Night Before Christmas" at Rippowam Middle School on Saturday, December 12, 2015 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
10. President Skigen announced that there are still tickets available for the Stamford All-School Musical.

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#### **<sup>4</sup>FILLING OF VACANCIES:**

Rep. McMullen raised a point of order. Rep. McMullen read the following Statement into the record:

Last week the Mayor Martin swore in several of our members along with several members of other City boards. I would like to know under what authority the Mayor administered that oath.

I would like to provide a little background.

On November 6, 2012 the residents of Stamford repealed section C3-10-8 of the City's code as part of the Charter revision taking away the Mayor's power to administer oaths.

I raised this same issue December 2, 2013 when I was sworn in by the Town Clerk. Later that day, before the members of the Board of Representatives was sworn, I was told the deficiency had been cured by David Martin being confirmed as one of the Democrats' Justice of the Peace.

I shared this experience with a friend of mine. Last week he called me in response to a Letter to the Editor submitted by Martin Levine. I pulled the list of Stamford's Justices of the Peace yesterday. It was most recently revised November 2, 2015 and David Martin is no longer listed. I called the Town Clerk's office today and was told David Martin resign his JOP position last year.

On June 6, 2014, last year, our state legislators pass Public Act 14-146 modifying state statute section 1-24 changing "First Selectman" to "chief elected official". That would seemingly take care of the problem.

However state statute also allows municipalities, like Stamford, to proscribe the duties of officers that are not defined by the state. The Office of Mayor is not defined in Connecticut state statutes. The office of Mayor is defined in Stamford's Charter where the citizens of Stamford chose, voted at the polls, to take away the Mayor's power to administer oaths.

To avoid future challenges to the votes taken tonight or in the future. I would like to respectfully submit the recommendation to the President that he swear those new members in using whatever authority he has used in the past to swear in newly appointed members.

Rep. Day, as Parliamentarian, disagreed with Rep. McMullen's interpretation. He responded that CGS §1-24 (7), which permits the Chief Elected Official of a municipality to administer oaths, and was adopted on June 6, 2014, subsequent to the referendum, would control, permitting the Mayor to administer oaths, because a State statute would take precedence over the Charter.

President Skigen ruled that it is not necessary to swear the newly elected members again. He is not sure that the act of swearing in is more than a ministerial act once people have been elected.

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Rep. Mitchell nominated Lindsey Miller to fill the vacancy in the 7<sup>th</sup> District; said nomination was seconded. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. A motion to approve Lindsey Miller to fill the vacancy in the 7<sup>th</sup> District was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Rep. Mitchell nominated Denis Patterson to fill the vacancy in the 6<sup>th</sup> District; said nomination was seconded. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. A motion to approve Denis Patterson to fill the vacancy in the 6<sup>th</sup> District was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

President Skigen offered to swear in anyone who had been sworn in the week before and was concerned about the validity of the swearing in. All eligible members declined.

President Skigen administered the oath of office to Mr. Miller and Mr. Patterson.

#### **<sup>5</sup>RESOLUTIONS:**

1. [RESOLUTION; Approving the 2016 Board of Representatives Calendar](#) **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve the resolution approving the 2016 Board of Representatives Calendar was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### **<sup>6</sup>HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:**

1. [Congratulating the Mill River Park Collaborative](#), its Executive Director, Milton Puryear, and OLIN Landscape Design on the receipt of the Design Honor Award from the American Society of Landscape Architects, in recognition of excellence in the design of Mill River Park. 11/04/15 – Submitted by Rep. Day, DeLuca and DePina **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE** (Reps. Coleman, Liebson and Zelinsky abstaining)

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. [Congratulating the Ferguson Library](#) on the 75th Anniversary of its Bookmobile. 11/09/15 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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3. [Congratulating Deacon William Callion](#) on the Occasion of his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
12/03/15 – Submitted by Rep. Summerville
- APPROVED BY  
UNANIMOUS  
VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

**STEERING COMMITTEE:** Meeting: Monday, November 9, 2015  
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)  
[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)  
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

A motion to waive the Steering Committee report was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**<sup>7</sup>APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:** Annie Summerville, Co-Chair  
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)  
[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)  
Anabel Figueroa, Co-Chair  
Carl Franzetti, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Tuesday, November 24, 2015  
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Co-Chair Figueroa reported that the Appointments Committee met as indicated above. Present were Co-Chairs Figueroa and Summerville, Committee Member Reps. Briscoe, Caterbone, Cerasoli, de la Cruz, Franzetti, McGarry and Savage. Also present were Marty Levine and Eva Maldonado.

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| 1. A29.117 | <b>Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate</b><br>Matthew S. Tripolitsiotis (R) Repl. Vacant/Sgritta<br>Stamford, CT 06903<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2017<br>11/05/15-Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>11/24/15 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0 | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> (Rep.<br>Kolenberg<br>abstaining) |
| 2. A29.118 | <b>Environmental Protection Board - Alternate</b><br>Brad K. Spaulding (R) Reappointment<br>Stamford, CT 06905<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2017<br>11/05/15-Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>11/24/15 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0         | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b>                                   |

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| 3. A29.119 | <p><b>Planning Board</b><br/>         Theresa Dell (R)                      Reappointment<br/>         Stamford, CT 06903<br/>         Term Expires: 12/1/2017<br/>         11/05/15-Submitted by Mayor Martin<br/>         11/24/15 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0</p>                | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>         CONSENT<br/>         AGENDA</b> (<i>Reps.<br/>         Liebson and<br/>         Zelinsky<br/>         abstaining</i>)</p> |
| 4. A29.120 | <p><b>Planning Board</b><br/>         Jay Tepper (D)                      Reappointment<br/>         Stamford, CT 06902<br/>         Term Expires: 12/1/2017<br/>         11/05/15-Submitted by Mayor Martin<br/>         11/24/15 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0</p>                  | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>         CONSENT<br/>         AGENDA</b> (<i>Reps.<br/>         Liebson and<br/>         Zelinsky<br/>         abstaining</i>)</p> |
| 5. A29.121 | <p><b>Personnel Commission</b><br/>         Marc Teichman (R)                      Reappointment<br/>         Stamford, CT 06903<br/>         Term Expires: 12/1/2017<br/>         11/05/15-Submitted by Mayor Martin<br/>         11/24/15 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0</p>         | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>         CONSENT<br/>         AGENDA</b></p>   |
| 6. A29.122 | <p><b>Anti-Blight Committee<br/>         (Health Commission Rep)</b><br/>         Ms. Patricia Parry (R)<br/>         Stamford, CT 06902<br/>         Term Expires: 12/1/2017<br/>         11/09/15-Submitted by Mayor Martin<br/>         11/24/15 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0</p> | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>         CONSENT<br/>         AGENDA</b></p>   |
| 7. A29.123 | <p><b>Anti-Blight Committee<br/>         (Police Commission Rep)</b><br/>         Robert Figueroa (D)<br/>         Stamford, CT 06902<br/>         Term Expires: 12/1/2017<br/>         11/09/15-Submitted by Mayor Martin<br/>         11/24/15 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0</p>    | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>         CONSENT<br/>         AGENDA</b> (<i>Rep.<br/>         Figueroa<br/>         abstaining</i>)</p>                           |
| 8. A29.124 | <p><b>Anti-Blight Committee<br/>         (Fire Commission Rep)</b><br/>         Frank Melzer (D)<br/>         Stamford, CT 06905<br/>         Term Expires: 12/1/2017<br/>         11/09/15-Submitted by Mayor Martin<br/>         11/24/15 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0</p>         | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>         CONSENT<br/>         AGENDA</b></p>   |

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| 9. A29.125  | <b>Anti-Blight Committee<br/>(Zoning Board Rep)</b><br>Rosanne McManus (R)<br>Stamford, CT 06905<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2017<br>11/09/15-Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>11/24/15 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0 | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b>                            |
| 10. A29.126 | <b>Anti-Blight Committee<br/>(Board of Reps Rep)</b><br>Kieran Ryan (R)<br>Stamford, CT 06902<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2017<br>11/09/15-Submitted by Mayor. Martin<br>11/24/15 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0   | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA (Rep.<br/>Ryan abstaining)</b> |

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 10, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

<sup>8</sup> <b>FISCAL COMMITTEE:</b> <a href="#">Minutes &amp; Video</a> <a href="#">Attendance &amp; Votes</a>	<b>Frank Cerasoli, Vice Chair</b> Meeting: Monday, November 23, 2015 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room
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Vice Chair Cerasoli reported that the Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Fountain, Vice Chair Cerasoli and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli and Silver. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo, Figueroa and Mitchell. Also present were Karen Cammarota, Grants Administrator, Milton Puryear, Mill River Collaborative; Mike Handler, Director of Administration; and Lee Berta, Assistant Director, OPM.

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| 1. <a href="#">F29.355</a><br>\$459,190.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Appropriate Unexpended BOE Fund Balance FY13-14 to fund FY15-16 Long Term OPEB Obligations.<br>09/28/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>10/08/15 – Withdrawn from Board of Finance<br>10/13/15 – Held at Steering<br>11/10/15 – Withdrawn by Administration | <b>WITHDRAWN</b> |
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| 2. <a href="#">F29.358</a><br>\$67,693.00  | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Leased Facilities - Reimbursement of Yerwood Operating Costs per Fire & Health Inspections to make Building Safe for Boys & Girls Club.<br>11/02/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>11/12/15 – To be considered by Board of Finance<br>11/23/15 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 3. <a href="#">F29.360</a><br>\$150,000.00 | APPROVAL; Use of Funds from Non-Recurring Capital Account for Installation of Blue Light Emergency Poles previously included in Capital Budget.<br>11/09/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>11/23/15 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0   | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 4. F29.357                                 | REVIEW; Use and Reporting of Reserve for Contingency Fund.<br>10/02/15 – Submitted by Rep. Fedeli<br>10/26/15 – Held in Committee<br>11/23/15 – Held in Committee   | <b>HELD</b>                               |
| 5. F29.359                                 | REVIEW Status of Outstanding Funds Awarded to the City Through Grants and the Timeline and Process Associated with Receiving Them.<br>11/03/15 – Submitted by Rep. Quinones<br>11/23/15 – Report Made   | <b>REPORT MADE</b>                        |

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2 and 3, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote

## **<sup>9</sup>LEGISLATIVE & RULES**

### **COMMITTEE:**

[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)

[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)

[\(public hearing sign-in sheet\)](#)

**Eileen Heaphy, Chair**

**Elise Coleman, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Monday, November 16, 2015

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Heaphy reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Heaphy, Vice Chair Coleman and Committee Member Reps. Day, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Silver and Zelinsky. Also present were Reps. de la Cruz, McMullen and Quinones; Sue Greene, Tax Department; Michael Pollard, Chief of Staff; Chris Dellaselva and Mike Toma, Law Department; Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health and Welfare; Michael Cacace; Chris Nizolek and approximately 15 members of the public.

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1. [LR29.041](#) **ORDINANCE** for public hearing and final adoption; Amending Chapter 214, Article V, Outdoor Dining and Sidewalk Cafes.  
02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay  
02/17/15 – Approved by Committee, as amended  
03/23/15 – Approved by Committee, as amended  
04/29/15 – Public Hearing Held; Failed in Committee, as amended  
05/06/15 – Returned to Committee by full Board  
05/19/15 – Held in Committee  
06/15/15 – Held in Committee  
07/21/15 – Held in Committee  
08/31/15 – Held in Committee  
09/21/15 – Held in Committee  
10/29/15 – Approved by Committee for publication, as amended  
11/16/15 – Approved by Committee for final adoption 8-0-0

**APPROVED BY  
MACHINE VOTE  
20-12-2**

*Secondary Committee: Cost Savings & Revenue Enhancement*

Rep. Quinones read the following statement into the record:

Thank you Mr. President.

First I would like to thank the committee for all their work on this item - I aware it dates back to February.

I understand and can support some of the proposed changes to this ordinance that relate to public safety and the accessibility of outdoor dining facilities for all ages and abilities.

However, beyond addressing those two issues which I believe can be accomplished without a fee increase, I'm struggling to understand the true intent of these proposed changes.

Is this proposed ordinance change:

- 1- An attempt to generate additional revenue in order to save tax payers money, or
- 2- An attempt to combat increased costs in the City's permitting process?

If this is an attempt to save tax payer's money I struggle to agree. Stamford residents enjoy outdoor dining and will be negatively affected as dining facilities will either increase their prices to combat the fees or remove their outdoor seating option if they deem it burdensome. In any event Stamford outdoor seating patrons will be negatively affected. In addition I'm not confident that whatever revenue produced by the fee increase and the establishment of a new fee will ever impact the amount of taxes the Stamford taxpayer will pay. Will this revenue minimize any proposed expenditure or just simply be a drop in the bucket?

Alternatively, if this is an attempt to combat increased costs in the City's permitting process I also cannot agree. I have a difficult time believing that we're creating a more

efficient process by adding an additional requirement for outdoor seating permits, by mandating that the establishment receive approval from the zoning enforcement officer, the Director of Health Inspectors, in addition to the existing required approval of the Police Chief and Fire Chief or designee. One can argue that the health department already visits restaurants or that cashiering and permitting already issues permits but we can't argue that this does require additional work for two departments who already have a substantial work load. Without a cost benefit analysis I struggle to have confidence that this initiative will lead to any tangible financial rewards.

In addition we're establishing a fee for restaurant owners who have outdoor seating on private property. I have spoken with multiple restaurant owners in my district and the city at large and all oppose. Worse than the financial impact of these proposed changes is the message this board will send to the restaurant and business community - a message that Stamford is a city that creates unnecessary burdens and fees that raise costs for businesses and consumers.

I don't believe a \$250 and \$2/per square foot fee per restaurant is worth the burden, or increased red tape that this ordinance will establish for the city, restaurant owners and its patrons. I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing these proposed changes and send a clear message to future small business investors that we're a city that generates efficiencies and not purposeless fees and red tape. Thank you.

Rep. McMullen made a motion to amend the ordinance to strike Sections 214-46.A(1) and 214-46.A(2), which motion was seconded. Rep. Quinones made a friendly amendment to the motion, which was accepted by Rep. McMullen, to delete all references to "privately owned" in Section 214-46.A. The motion to amend failed by a vote of 10-21-2 (Reps. Cerasoli, Coppola, Hoch, Kolenberg, Mahoney, McGarry, McMullen, Quinones, Ryan and Watkins in favor; Reps. Coleman, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Franzetti, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Liebson, McNeil, Miller, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Silver, Skigen and Zelinsky opposed; Reps. Figueroa and Summerville abstaining). [See Vote Record 1814.](#)

A motion to approve the ordinance for final adoption was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 20-12-2 (Reps. Coleman, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Liebson, McNeil, Miller, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Silver, Skigen, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Cerasoli, Coppola, Figueroa, Franzetti, Hoch, Kolenberg, Mahoney, McGarry, McMullen, Quinones, Ryan and Summerville opposed; Reps. Day and Savage abstaining). [See Vote Record 1815.](#)

2. [LR29.059](#)      [ORDINANCE](#) for public hearing and final adoption; amendment of Chapter 220, Article IV of the Code, Senior Citizens Tax Abatement, to make Pilot Program permanent.      **APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE 33-1-0**
- 07/16/15 – Submitted by Rep. Fountain  
08/31/15 – Held in Committee  
09/21/15 – Held in Committee  
10/29/15 – Approved by Committee for publication, as amended  
11/16/15 – Approved by Committee for final adoption 8-0-0

Rep. McMullen made a motion to amend the ordinance to remove the highest income categories from the benefit charts for single and married applicants in Section 220-9.1, which motion was seconded and failed by a vote of 9-23-2 (Reps. Cerasoli, Mahoney, McGarry, McMullen, Okun, Ryan, Silver, Summerville and Watkins in favor; Reps. Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Hoch, Liebson, McNeil, Miller, Mitchell, Nabel, Patterson, Quinones, Savage, Skigen and Zelinsky opposed; Reps. Kolenberg and Pratt abstaining). [See Vote Record 1816.](#)

A motion to approve the ordinance for final adoption was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 33-1-0 (Reps. Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Hoch, Kolenberg, Liebson, Mahoney, McMullen, McNeil, Miller, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. McGarry opposed). [See Vote Record 1817.](#)

3. [LR29.060](#)      [RESOLUTION](#); Approving Real Estate Sales Agreement Between the City of Stamford and The Innis Arden Golf Club (0 Fairfield Avenue).      **APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE 28-2-3**  
07/17/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
08/11/15 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
08/13/15 – Approved by Board of Finance  
08/31/15 – Held in Committee (public hearing held)  
09/21/15 – Held in Committee  
10/29/15 – Held in Committee  
**11/16/15 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0**

A motion to approve the resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 28-2-3 (Reps. Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Hoch, Liebson, McNeil, Miller, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Kolenberg and Mahoney opposed; Reps. Franzetti, McMullen and Ryan abstaining). [See Vote Record 1819.](#)

4. [LR29.052](#)      ORDINANCE, [for publication](#); Amending Chapter 111. Public Safety and Animal Welfare.      **APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE 29-1-3**  
06/02/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin and Rep. Heaphy  
06/15/15 – Held in Committee  
07/21/15 – Held in Committee  
08/31/15 – Held in Committee  
09/21/15 – Held in Committee  
10/29/15 – Held in Committee  
**11/16/15 – Approved by Committee, as amended, for publication 7-0-0**

*Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health*

Rep. McMullen made a motion to delete Section 111-12 from the proposed ordinance. This motion did not receive a second. A motion to approve this ordinance for publication was made,

seconded and approved by a vote of 29-1-3. (Reps. Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Hoch, Kolenberg, Liebson, Mahoney, McNeil, Miller, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed; Reps. Coppola, Figueroa and Franzetti abstaining). [See Vote Record 1820.](#)

**<sup>10</sup>PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**     **Susan Nabel, Chair**  
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)                     **Mary Fedeli, Vice Chair**  
[Attendance](#)                                 Meeting: Wednesday, December 2, 2015  
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Nabel reported that the Personnel Committee met at the above date and time. In attendance were Chair Nabel, Vice Chair Fedeli and Committee Member Reps. DePina, Figueroa, McMullen, McNeil, Okun and Savage. Also present were Rep. Ryan and Clemon Williams, Director of Human Resources.

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| 1. P29.064 | APPROVAL; Employment Contract for Anne T. Fountain, Director of Health and Social Services<br>11/06/15 – Submitted by Clemon Williams<br>12/03/15 – Withdrawn by Administration | <b>WITHDRAWN</b>   |
| 2. P29.063 | REVIEW; Status of Ethics Training, Records Maintenance and Ethics Handbook as Required by Code §19-18.<br>11/05/15 – Submitted by Rep. McMullen<br>12/03/15 – Report Made       | <b>REPORT MADE</b> |

*Secondary Committee: Legislative & Rules*

**<sup>11</sup>LAND USE/URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**     **Harry Day, Chair**  
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)                                 Meeting: Tuesday, December 1, 2015  
[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)                                 7:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair Day reported that the Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Day and Committee Member Reps., McNeil, Okun, Ryan and Summerville. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. McGarry. Also present were Reverend Tommie Jackson, Peter Sciarretta, Mayra M. Rios, Denis Patterson, and Rachel Goldberg, URC; Tom Cassone, City of Stamford Attorney; Rick Redness, Redniss and Mead; Clara Sanchez, ESRT; Robin Stein, Special Assistant to the Mayor; Joshua Benson, Samford Transportation Bureau; and Thomas Madden, Economic Development Director.

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| 1. <a href="#">LU29.057</a> | <p>APPROVAL and Public Hearing; RBS Americas Property Corp. &amp; City of Stamford Amendment to Mill River Corridor Project Plan.<br/>         10/08/15 – Submitted by Reps. Day, Kooris, Summerville and Skigen<br/>         10/27/15 – Approved by Committee for public hearing<br/>         12/01/15 – Approved by URC<br/>         12/01/15 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0</p>   | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>         CONSENT<br/>         AGENDA</b></p>                                   |
| 2. <a href="#">LU29.060</a> | <p><b>RESOLUTION</b> and Public Hearing; Approving Director of Administration's final report and directing acquisition by eminent domain of rights of way for Phase II of Atlantic Street @ Henry Street Intersection Improvements.<br/>         11/09/15 – Submitted by Josh Benson and Kathryn Emmett, Esq.<br/>         12/01/15 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0</p>   | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>         CONSENT<br/>         AGENDA</b> (<i>Rep. Quinones abstaining</i>)</p> |
| 3. LU29.056                 | <p>RESOLUTION; Renaming or conferring the honorary naming of Richmond Hill Avenue to Dr. Joyce Yerwood Road in conformance with Section 21 of the Code of Ordinances.<br/>         09/30/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin and Reps. DePina and Mitchell<br/>         10/27/15 – Held in Committee<br/>         12/01/15 – Held in Committee</p>   | <p><b>HELD</b></p>   |
| 4. <a href="#">LU29.039</a> | <p>REVIEW; Current and Future Purpose and Role of the Urban Redevelopment Commission.<br/>         04/08/15 – Submitted by Reps. Day, Kooris, Silver, Skigen, Buckman and Zelinsky<br/>         04/28/15 – Report Made &amp; Held in Committee<br/>         05/26/15 – Report Made &amp; Held in Committee<br/>         06/30/15 – Held in Committee<br/>         07/13/15 – Placed on Pending Agenda<br/>         09/01/15 – Report Made &amp; Held in Committee<br/>         09/29/15 – Held in Committee<br/>         10/27/15 – Held in Committee<br/>         12/01/15 – Held in Committee</p> | <p><b>HELD</b></p>   |

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 and 2, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**<sup>12</sup>OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Joseph Coppola, Jr., Chair**  
**Minutes & Video**  
**Attendance & Votes**  
**John R. Zelinsky, Vice Chair**  
Meeting: Tuesday, November 24, 2015  
7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair Coppola reported that The Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Coppola, Vice Chair Zelinsky and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Coleman, Liebson, Mahoney and McMullen. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. Giraldo. Also present were Rep. Ryan; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Thomas Turk, Highway Supervisor and Thomas Madden, Director of Economic Development.

1. O29.049      REVIEW; Condition, Maintenance, and Future Plans      **REPORT MADE**  
for City-Owned Industrial Facilities on Magee Ave.  
09/11/15 – Submitted by Reps. Ryan and DeLuca  
09/23/15 – Held in Committee  
10/28/15 – Held in Committee  
11/24/15 – Report made
  
2. O29.045      REVIEW; City's snow removal and dumping policies,      **REPORT MADE**  
regulations and fees, including Resolution 3454.  
07/08/15 – Submitted by Reps. Reeder, Ryan and  
Zelinsky  
07/13/15 – Placed on Pending Agenda  
10/28/15 – Held in Committee  
11/24/15 – Report made
  
3. O29.052      REVIEW; Notice sent out to South End residents that      **REPORT MADE**  
there will no longer be a second weekly garbage  
collection on Fridays (in efforts to increase  
recycling).  
11/05/15 – Submitted by Rep. Adams  
11/24/15 – Report made
  
4. [O29.053](#)      ORDINANCE for publication; Amendment of §§ 214-      **NO ACTION**  
29.D and 214-29.E of the Code of Ordinances,      **TAKEN**  
Regarding Fees for Standard Utility Opening and  
Fines for Violation of the Ordinance.  
11/05/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
11/24/15 – Changed to Ordinance for publication and  
approved by Committee, 6-0-1

President Skigen ruled that Item No. 4 was not properly before the Board because the item had been on the Agenda as a review item and was changed to an ordinance at the committee meeting. The proper process would be to change this item to an ordinance at Steering or to take the ordinance up as a new item under a suspension of the rules. The item will be placed

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on the Steering Agenda as an ordinance for publication.

**PUBLIC SAFETY &  
HEALTH COMMITTEE:**

**Gloria G. DePina, Chair  
Matthew Quinones, Vice Chair**

Vice-Chair Quinones reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee did not meet this month and there was no report.

**PARKS & RECREATION  
COMMITTEE:**

**Jim Caterbone, Co-Chair  
Marion McGarry, Co-Chair**

Rep. Pratt reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee did not meet this month and there was no report.

**<sup>13</sup>EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

**Mary Savage, Chair**

[Minutes](#) & [Video Attendance](#)

Meeting: Wednesday, November 18, 2015  
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Savage reported that the Education Committee met as indicated above. Present were Chair Savage and Committee Member Reps. Cerasoli, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Kolenberg, Nabel and Quinones. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Buckman and Wallace. Also present were Rep. Zelinsky, Shahanara Shahjahan, UCONN Stamford Student Government President and Jackie Heftman, Board of Education.

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| 1. <a href="#">E29.031</a> | REVIEW; The implementation of the Common Schedule at UCONN Stamford and its effects on the student body.<br>10/06/15 – Submitted by Rep. Kolenberg<br>10/20/15 – Report Made & Held in Committee<br>11/18/15 – Report Made | <b>REPORT MADE</b> |
| 2. E29.032                 | REVIEW; Enrollment Plan, Facilities Plan, And Curriculum Of The Stamford Charter School For Excellence.<br>10/07/15 – Submitted by Rep. Nabel<br>10/20/15 – Held in Committee<br>11/18/15 – Held                           | <b>HELD</b>        |

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3. E29.033      REVIEW; Stamford Board of Education      **REPORT MADE**  
Superintendent Search.  
11/4/15 – Submitted by Rep. Savage  
11/18/15 – Report Made

**<sup>14</sup>HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/**

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:**      **Elaine Mitchell, Chair**  
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)      **Lila Wallace, Vice Chair**  
[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)      Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2015  
6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Mitchell reported that The Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met at the above time and place. In attendance were Chair Mitchell and Committee Member Reps. Giordano, Moore and McNeil. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Mahoney, Wallace and Watkins. Also present was Erik Larson.

1. HCD29.035      REVIEW; CDBG Process.      **REPORT MADE**  
04/08/15 – Submitted by Rep. Mitchell  
04/21/15 – Report Made & Held in Committee  
05/11/15 – Held at Steering  
07/13/15 – Held at Steering  
09/16/15 – Held at Steering  
10/20/15 – Report Made & Held  
11/17/15 – Motion to change priorities approved 4-0-0
2. [HCD29.037](#)      APPROVAL; Year 42 CDBG Citizen Participation      **NO BOARD**  
and Budget Schedule.      **ACTION**  
11/05/15 – Submitted by Erik Larson      **NECESSARY**  
11/17/15 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 4-0-0

**<sup>15</sup>TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:**      **Robert “Gabe” DeLuca, Chair**  
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)      **Terry Adams, Vice Chair**  
[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)      Meeting: Thursday, November 19, 2015  
7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair DeLuca reported that the Transportation Committee met at the above time and place. In attendance were Chair DeLuca, Vice Chair Adams and Committee Member Reps. Franzetti, Giordano, Moore and Pratt. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo,

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Kolenberg and Kooris. Also present were Burt Rosenberg, Law Department; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations; Josh Benson, Transportation Bureau Chief and John Ruotolo, DSSD

1. [T29.041](#) **ORDINANCE** for public hearing and final adoption;  
Adoption of CGS §§14-300 & 14-300d into Code of Ordinances.  
08/05/15 – Submitted by Rep. Adams  
08/20/15 – Held in Committee  
09/24/15 – Held in Committee  
10/19/15 – Approved by Committee for publication, as amended  
11/19/15 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0

**APPROVED ON  
CONSENT  
AGENDA** (Rep. Skigen abstaining)

*Secondary Committee: State and Commerce*

2. [T29.037](#) **RESOLUTION** and Approval of Public Hearing;  
Establishing Fees for City Owned Garages.  
06/05/15 – Submitted by Rep. DeLuca  
07/29/15 – No Action Taken  
08/10/15 – Held in Steering  
09/24/15 – Held in Committee  
10/19/15 – Held in Committee  
11/19/15 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 6-0-0

**RETURNED TO  
COMMITTEE BY  
MACHINE VOTE  
17-16-0**

A motion to return Item No. 2 to Committee was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 17-16-0 (Reps. Coleman, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Giraldo, Heaphy, Liebson, Mahoney, McNeil, Miller, Mitchell, Nabel, Patterson, Ryan, Savage, Summerville, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Cerasoli, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Franzetti, Giordano, Hoch, Kolenberg, McMullen, Okun, Pratt, Quinones, Silver and Skigen opposed). [See Vote Record 1821.](#)

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 1, was made seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**<sup>16</sup>STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE:**

[Minutes](#) & [Video Attendance](#)

**Brien Buckman, Chair**

Meeting: Monday, November 30, 2015  
6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room  
- and –  
Wednesday, December 9, 2015  
6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Pratt reported that the State & Commerce Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Buckman and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Heaphy and Quinones. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Summerville and Watkins. Also present were Rep. Ryan; Jack Chnowski and Mike Pensiero, IT; and Michael Fernandez and Tamu Lucero, Stamford Public Schools.

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1. SC29.029 REVIEW; Municipal Broadband Initiatives and CTgig. **HELD**  
 10/07/15 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman  
 10/28/15 – Held in Committee  
 11/30/19 – Held in Committee until 12/9/15
  
2. SC29.031 REVIEW; City and Board of Education Technology **REPORT MADE**  
 Initiatives and Projects in Stamford.  
 11/03/15 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman  
 11/30/19 – Report Made
  
3. SC29.032 REVIEW and Public Hearing; 2016 State Legislative **HELD**  
 Initiatives.  
 11/03/15 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman  
 11/30/19 –Public Hearing Held  
 11/30/19 –Held in Committee until 12/9/15

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **STAMFORD WATER QUALITY**

**Susan Nabel, Chair  
Gail Okun, Vice Chair**

Chair Nabel reported that the Stamford Water Quality Special Committee did not meet this month and there was no report.

### **COST SAVINGS & REVENUE ENHANCEMENT**

**Frank Cerasoli, Co-Chair  
Keith Silver, Co-Chair**

Co-Chair Cerasoli reported that the Cost Savings & Revenue Enhancement Special Committee did not meet this month and there was no report.

### **PERFORMANCE METRICS**

**Monica Di Costanzo, Chair**

Chair Di Costanzo reported that the Performance Metrics Special Committee did not meet this month and there was no report.

## MINUTES

1. [November 4, 2015 Regular Board Meeting](#)

**APPROVED BY  
UNANIMOUS  
VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2015 Regular Board Meeting was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. [December 1, 2015 Special Board Meeting](#)

**APPROVED BY  
VOICE VOTE**  
*(Rep. McMullen  
opposed; Reps.  
Patterson and  
Silver abstaining)*

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2015 Special Board Meeting was made, seconded and approved by voice vote. Rep. McMullen was opposed and Reps. Patterson and Silver abstained.

## ADJOURNMENT

President Skigen adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#).