The Regular Meeting of the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on **Monday, March 7, 2022**, at 8:00 p.m., and was held remotely.

### **MINUTES**

President Curtis called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Delivered by Rev. Tommie Jackson [2<sup>nd</sup> District].

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Curtis.

¹ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk Cottrell. There were 36 members present and 4 members absent or excused. (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Summerville, Tomas, and Watkins present; Rep. Jean-Louis was absent; Reps. Pollack, Pratt and Stella were excused). Rep. Stella joined the meeting at 8:30 p.m., left the meeting at 9: p.m., and rejoined at 12:20 a.m.; Rep. Berns left the meeting at 10:48 p.m. and rejoined the meeting at 12:08 a.m.; Rep. Roqueta left the meeting at 11:04 p.m.; and Rep. Sandford left the meeting at 11:25 p.m.; Rep. Moore left the meeting at 11:36 p.m.

**VOTING MACHINE STATUS:** Not applicable; meeting held remotely.

**2MOMENTS OF SILENCE:** For the late Frank LiVolsi and Paul Chery, from the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives; and Francis 'Frank' Zezima, from Rep. Fedeli. The 31st Board of Representatives also acknowledged the plight of the Ukrainian people during this time of struggle with the Russian invasion.

### <sup>3</sup>COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Cottrell announced that:

- 1. The deadline for the Steering Committee Agenda Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
- 2. The Steering Committee meeting will be on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- 3. Next month's Regular Board Meeting will be on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.
- 4. The Mayor's Budget presentation will be on this Wednesday, March 9th at 7 p.m.
- 5. Representatives Campbell and Gilbride are celebrating birthdays this month

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Video Time Stamp 00:03:18

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Video Time Stamp 00:08:38

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Video Time Stamp 00:09:14

- 6. The invocation for the March Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the 3<sup>rd</sup> District (Reps. Adams and Coleman). Representatives are responsible for notifying the Board office with the name of the person doing the invocation.
- 7. If you need assistance with Zoom during the meeting, please call: to speak with IT. Please do not call other members of the Board or the Board office. If you are having problems speaking or hearing with your computer, you can always access the meeting through a telephone by dialing the phone number on the Agenda 1-646-558-8656, and using the Webinar ID on the agenda: 814 7054 1826. Please call or text IT at or text the Clerk at 475-489-5435 to let us know you are coming on, with the phone number you are using, and we will make sure you are able to speak during the meeting.
- 8. If you do not respond during a roll call vote, your name will be called 2 more times after the conclusion of the vote. If you do not respond, you will be assumed to have left the meeting and your name will not be called on the next roll call vote.
- 9. If you decide to leave the meeting, you must text the Clerk when you leave. If you need to leave the meeting for a short period, text the Clerk when you leave and return. Members who do not text the Clerk when they leave the meeting will be presumed to be present for all consent items.

### 4HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

1.	RESOLUTION; Commending Riley Jones for his Advocacy around ADA Compliance. 01/24/22 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
2.	RESOLUTION; Congratulating the Stamford BSA Troop 11 on its 1921-2021 Centennial. 02/01/22 – Submitted by Rep. Nabel	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
3.	RESOLUTION; Congratulating Ramona Gomez on Celebrating her 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday. 02/07/22 – Submitted by Rep. Figueroa	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
4.	RESOLUTION; Recognizing Phil Giordano's 26 Years of Service to the City of Stamford on the Board of Representatives. 02/08/22 – Submitted by the 31st Board of Representatives	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
5.	RESOLUTION; In Memory of Frank W. LiVolsi, Jr. 03/02/22 – Submitted by Rep. Sandford	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion to approve Item Nos. 1 through 5 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Video Time Stamp 00:12:31

### <sup>5</sup>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

Kieran Matthew Edmondson spoke about the current climate emergency. Jason Munshi-South spoke about regulating gas-powered leaf blowers. Peter Quigley spoke about Zoning Board appointees. Susan Halpern spoke about renovation of school facilities. Reischea Canidate-Kapasouris thanked the Board for the resolution naming a corner after Mr. Roosevelt Mitchell.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE:

Attendance Minutes & Video Meeting: Monday, February 14, 2022

7:00 p.m. - By Webinar

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

<sup>6</sup>APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

<u>Attendance</u> & <u>Votes</u> <u>Minutes</u> & <u>Video</u>

1. A31.017

Annie Summerville, Chair Denis Patterson, Vice Chair

Meeting: Wednesday, March 2, 2022

**NO ACTION** 

6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Summerville reported that the Appointments Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Summerville, Vice-Chair Patterson and Committee Member Reps. Bewkes, Figueroa, Grunberger, and Pavia. Excused were Reps. Cottrell and Stella. Also present was Rep. Coleman.

	Kaitlyn Cook (U) 02/09/22 – Submitted b 03/02/22 – No Action 1	, ,	<b>TAKEN</b> s
2. A31.018	Patriotic & Special Ev Thomas Donohoe (R) 02/09/22 – Submitted b 02/25/22 – WITHDRAW	Repl. y Mayor Simmon	

Patriotic & Special Events Commission

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Video Time Stamp 00:37:35

3. A31.019 Personnel Commission

Jaclyn Williams (D) Repl. Nanos Term Expires: 12/01/2023

02/09/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/02/22 – Approved by Committee 3-1-3

APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 30-3-3

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded and approved by a roll call vote of 30-3-3 (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Florio, Gilbride, Goldberg, Jacobson, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Summerville, Tomas, and Watkins in favor; Reps. Figueroa, Grunberger and Pavia opposed; Reps. Coleman, Nabel and Sherwood abstaining).

### <sup>7</sup>FISCAL COMMITTEE:

<u>Attendance</u> & <u>Votes</u> <u>Minutes</u> & <u>Video</u> Monica Di Costanzo, Co-Chair Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair

Meeting: Monday, February 28, 2022 7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Co-Chair Miller reported that the Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Di Costanzo and Miller and Committee Member Reps. Boeger, Figueroa, Florio, Morson, Nabel, Pierre-Louis, and Tomas. Excused was Rep. Fedeli. Absent was Rep. Coleman. Also present were Reps. Baxter, Cottrell, Goldberg, Sherwood, and Summerville. Also present were Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; Kevin McCarthy, Director of Facilities, Operating, SPS; Dan Colleluori, Director of Recycling and Sanitation; Frank Petise, Acting Transportation Bureau Chief; Lee Berta, OPM; Sandra Dennies, Director of Administration; Cindy Grafstein, Special Assistant to the Mayor; Alice Knapp, Executive Director, Ferguson Library; and Doug Dalena, Corporation Counsel.

1. <u>F31.003</u> \$350,000.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Director of Law; Unanticipated Expenses Incurred After the FY 21/22 Budget was Adopted (Source of funds: Contingency).

12/01/21 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

11/10/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0

12/27/21 - Held by Committee 11-0-0

02/07/22 - Held by Full Board

2/28/22 - Approved by Committee 6-2-1

FAILED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 21-11-4 (2/3 vote required)

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 21-11-4 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Coleman, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Florio, Gilbride, Goldberg, Jacobson, Ley, Mays, Miller, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Sandford, Shaw, Summerville, and Watkins in favor; Reps. Bewkes, Boeger, Figueroa, Grunberger, Matheny, Moore, Pavia, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, and Tomas opposed; Reps. Baxter, Campbell, Cottrell, and Pierre-Louis abstaining)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Video Time Stamp 00:59:27

**APPROVED ON** 2. F31.020 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); COVID-19 FEMA; To Cover Expenses Submitted THE CONSENT \$2,785,756.00 and Approved by FEMA and Expenses through AGENDA December 2021. (100% Grant Funded) 02/09/22 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons 02/10/22 - Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 2/28/22 - Approved by Committee 9-0-0 APPROVED ON 3. F31.021 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget): \$60,000.00 USDA Composting Grant; To Implement a Pilot THE CONSENT Food Waste Reduction Program in Partnership **AGENDA** with the Bartlett Arboretum; including Purchase of a Composting Machine, Printed Informational Material and Contracting with Vendor to Collect and Dispose of Waste Beyond 500 lbs. per day (Source of Funds: 75% Grant Funded) 02/09/22 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons 02/10/22 - Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 2/28/22 - Approved by Committee 9-0-0 4. F31.022 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **APPROVED ON** \$100,000.00 Ferguson Library Roof Repair; Repair of Roof at THE CONSENT Weed Branch of Ferguson Library (Source of AGENDA Funds: 100% State Bond Grant Funded; any extra costs to be assumed by Library) 01/25/22 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons 02/10/22 - Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 2/28/22 - Approved by Committee 9-0-0 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); APPROVED ON 5. F31.024 \$550,000.00 Justice & Mental Health Grant; Funds to be Utilized THE CONSENT to Enhance the Mental Health Collaboration AGENDA (Reps. Boeger and between the Police Department and the Recovery Network of Program, Inc.; including hiring an Coleman abstaining) additional MSW to embed in the PD, conducting a systems-wide needs assessment; assigning a Project Manager to manage the program; and an outreach campaign (Source of Funds: 100% Grant Funded: local match of \$241,667 budgeted) 02/09/22 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons 02/10/22 - Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 2/28/22 - Approved by Committee 8-0-1

6. <u>F31.027</u> \$150,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); C5B218; BOE District Wide Renovation Assessment; Prepare education specifications, concept planning, layout, and cost estimating for "New Construction" related to Northern School to be utilized to submit applications to the State for grant fund reimbursements.  01/25/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 02/08/22 – Approved by Planning Board 02/10/22 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 2/28/22 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0 Committee: Education	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (Rep. Pavia abstaining)
7. <u>F31.019</u> \$14,700.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); CP1463; BOE – 229 North Street; Eversource Energy Efficiency Incentive Received for the Anchor Program Project at 229 North Street (Source of Funds: Eversource Incentive). 01/26/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 02/08/22 – Approved by Planning Board 02/10/22 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 2/28/22 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (Rep. Pavia abstaining)
8. <u>F31.029</u> \$106,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); C56174; Citywide Signals; Traffic Signal Improvements in the Vicinity of 1315 Washington Blvd. (source of funds: \$100,000 private contribution per Zoning Appl. 217-03-04) and Traffic Signal Safety Upgrades at Intersection of West Main St. and Stillwater Ave. (source of funds: \$6,000 private contribution per Zoning Requirements for 57 Stillwater Avenue). 01/25/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 02/08/22 – Approved by Planning Board 02/10/22 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0 2/28/22 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
9. <u>F31.030</u> \$2,735,268.78	APPROVAL; Reappropriation of OTHRA Reserve Balance from Capital Projects Fund 10 to Capital Nonrecurring Fund 12 to Capital Projects Fund 10. 01/06/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 02/10/22 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-1 2/28/22 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
10. <u>F31.026</u>	REVIEW; FY2021-22 Second Quarter Projections. 02/09/22 – Submitted by Lee Berta 2/28/22 – Held by Committee 9-0-0	HELD

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2 through 9, was made,

seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

# \*LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

<u>Attendance</u> & <u>Votes</u> <u>Minutes</u> & <u>Video</u> Phil Berns, Co-Chair Susan Nabel, Co-Chair

Meeting: Tuesday, March 1, 2022

7:00 p.m. - By Webinar

Co-Chair Nabel reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chair Nabel and Committee Member Reps. Boeger, Cottrell, Florio, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller, and Sherwood. Excused was Co-Chair Berns. Also present were Reps. de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Morson, Sandford, Stella, Summerville, and Tomas; Michael Toma and Dana Lee, Law Department; and Greg Stackpole Assessor's Office.

1. LR31.014 ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption; Amendment to Code of Ordinances §220-8, Senior Citizens Tax Abatement.

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

01/05/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 01/18/22 – Referred by Board of Finance 01/25/21 – Approved by Committee 8-0-1 03/01/22 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

2. LR31.018 APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of **HELD** 

Representatives Rules of Procedure to Amend Section II.B.1 to Establish a Postage Mailing Allowance to Facilitate Representatives' Broader Communication with Constituents.

02/09/22 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz, Morson and Sherwood

03/01/22 – Held by Committee, as amended, 8-0-0

3. <u>LR31.006</u> APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure to Amend

Section II.B.1 to Remove Reference to Postage Allowance.

12/08/21 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood 12/28/21 – Held by Committee 6-3-0 01/25/22 – Held by Committee 9-0-0 03/01/22 – Held by Committee 8-0-0

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4. <u>LR31.008</u>	APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure to Amend Section IV.E.3.iii. to Permit a Member of the Public to Speak on a Topic which was the Subject of a Prior Public Hearing if they did not Speak at the Public Hearing.  12/08/21 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood  12/28/21 – Held by Committee 8-1-0  01/25/22 – Held by Committee 9-0-0  03/01/22 – Held by Committee 8-0-0	HELD
5. <u>LR31.017</u>	APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure Section IV.E.3: Time for Public Comment. 02/09/22 – Submitted by Reps. Boeger, Tomas, Matheny, and Sherwood 03/01/22 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 8-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
6. <u>LR31.010</u>	APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure to Amend Section III.B: Steering Committee to Require Members who wish to Add Their Names as Sponsor of an Item to do so Within 48 Hours of the Item Being Placed on the Steering Agenda.  12/08/21 – Submitted by Reps. Miller and Nabel 12/28/21 – Held by Committee 9-0-0 01/25/22 – Held by Committee 9-0-0 03/01/22 – FAILED in Committee 4-4-0	NO ACTION TAKEN
7. <u>LR31.013</u>	APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure to Permanently Permit the Option of Remote Meetings of the Board of Representatives and Committees Thereof. 01/05/22 – Submitted by Reps. Jacobson and Nabel 01/25/22 – Held by Committee 9-0-0 03/01/22 – Held by Committee 8-0-0	HELD
8. <u>LR31.015</u>	APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure to Amend Section V.B.5 to remove the Requirement for Approval by the Majority and Minority Leader. 02/08/22 – Submitted by Rep. Sandford 03/01/22 – FAILED in Committee 3-5-0	RECOMMITED TO COMMITTEE BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 20-14-2

A motion to amend Item No. 8 to change the word "majority" in the paragraph 5 to "two-thirds" was made and seconded. A motion to recommit Item No. 8 to Committee was made, seconded and approved by a roll call vote of 20-14-2 (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Berns, Bewkes, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Ley, Moore, Nabel,

Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Saftic, Sherwood, and Watkins in favor; Reps. Boeger, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Pavia, Roqueta, Sandford, Shaw, Tomas opposed; Reps Curtis and Summerville abstaining).

9. LR31.016 APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of **HELD** 

Representatives Rules of Procedure Section IV.A.1 to add new Subsection g. to Vote on the Consent

Agenda all at Once.

02/09/22 - Submitted by Reps. Cottrell and Ley

03/01/22 - Held by Committee 8-0-0

10. LR31.019 ORDINANCE for publication REVIEW; Restricting HELD

Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers.

02/09/22 – Submitted by Reps. Berns and Mays

03/01/22 - Held by Committee 8-0-0

Secondary Committee: Land Use/Urban Redevelopment

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 and 5, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

<sup>9</sup>PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Attendance & Votes
Minutes & Video

Anabel Figueroa, Chair Mary Fedeli, Vice Chair

Meeting: Wednesday, February 23, 2022

**APPROVED BY A** 

**ROLL OF 29-3-4** 

7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Figueroa reported that the Personnel Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Figueroa and Vice-Chair Fedeli and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Berns, Goldberg, Jean-Louis, Mays, and Pavia. Excused was Rep. Patterson. Also present were Al Cava, Director of Human Resources; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; and Thomas Turk, Operations.

1 P31.013 APPROVAL; Agreement with Morris and McDaniel,

Inc. for Entry Level and Promotional Police and Fire Examinations under RFP No. 814 (See Backup for

Terms of Agreement, including Costs). 01/12/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

02/10/22 - Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

02/23/22 - Approved by Committee 7-0-1

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by a roll call vote of 29-3-4 (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Berns, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Sandford, Shaw, Tomas, and Watkins in favor; Reps. Campbell, Saftic, and Sherwood opposed; Reps. Bewkes, Boeger, Coleman, and Summerville abstaining).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Video Time Stamp 02:10:47

2. P31.005	APPROVAL; Agreement with Lyudmilla Fuks as Clerk of the Works II. 02/09/22 – Submitted by Al Cava 02/23/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
3. P31.006	APPROVAL; Agreement with Peter Thagouras as Clerk of the Works II. 02/09/22 – Submitted by Al Cava 02/23/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-1	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (Rep. Fedeli abstained)
4. P31.007	APPROVAL; Agreement with Frank Canella, Jr. as Clerk of the Works II. 02/09/22 – Submitted by Al Cava 02/23/22 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
5. P31.008	APPROVAL; Agreement with Kenneth R. Byxbee as Clerk of the Works II. 02/09/22 – Submitted by Al Cava 02/23/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
6. P31.009	APPROVAL; Agreement with Nancy M. Ormsby as Clerk of the Works II. 02/09/22 – Submitted by Al Cava 02/23/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
7. P31.010	APPROVAL; Agreement with Paul Montanaro as Clerk of the Works II. 02/09/22 – Submitted by Al Cava 02/23/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
8. P31.011	APPROVAL; Agreement with Philip Brown as Clerk of the Works II. 02/09/22 – Submitted by Al Cava 02/23/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
9. P31.012	APPROVAL; Agreement with William D. Cushman as Clerk of the Works II. 02/09/22 – Submitted by Al Cava 02/23/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2 through 9, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

LAND USE/URBAN

REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Bradley Bewkes, Chair Nina Sherwood, Vice Chair

Chair Bewkes reported that there was no meeting of the Land Use/UR Committee and no report.

10 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Virgil de la Cruz, Chair Attendance & Votes Sean Boeger, Vice Chair

Minutes & Video Meeting: Thursday, March 3, 2022

6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

**HELD** 

**HELD** 

Chair de la Cruz reported that the Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair de la Cruz and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Sherwood, Tomas, and Watkins. Absent or excused were Reps. Baxter, Boeger, Ley, and Stella. Also present were Reps. Adams, Curtis, and Sandford; Matt Quiñones, Director of Operations; Tyler Theder, Stormwater Management; Thomas Turk, Highways Dept.; Lou Casolo, Engineering Dept.; Bill Brink and Ann Brown, WPCA; Paul Newman, Parks & Recreation Commission; and three members of the public.

1. O31.001 REVIEW; Administration plans to Develop Short

and Long Term Plan to Mitigate the Impact of Severe Storm and Rain Events as expressed in

Resolution 4113.

12/08/21 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz and

Berns

12/20/21 - Held by Committee 9-0-0

1/31/22 – Held by Committee

03/03/22 - Held 5-0-0

2. O31.004 REVIEW; Perna Lane Area Sewer Project: Project

Status; Alternatives to Facilitate Implementation in a Cost Effective and Timely Manner; Availability of Infrastructure and Water Quality Improvement Funding to Facilitate Project and Connections to Individual Homes; and Feasibility of Project Financing to Include Connections to Individual

Homes

02/02/22 - Submitted by Reps. Ley, Morson, and

Nabel

03/03/22 - Held 5-0-0

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3. O31.005 REVIEW; Implementation/Revival of a City-Wide **HELD** 

Adopt-a-Spot Program.

02/09/22 - Submitted by Reps. Sandford, de la

Cruz. and Mavs 03/03/22 - Held 5-0-0

<sup>11</sup>PUBLIC SAFETY & **HEALTH COMMITTEE:** 

Attendance & Votes

Jeffrey Stella, Chair **Eric Morson. Vice Chair** 

Minutes & Video Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

Vice Chair Morson reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Stella (joined at 10pm), Vice-Chair Morson and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Campbell, Coleman, Fedeli, Pavia, and Pierre-Louis. Rep. Roqueta was absent. Also present were Reps. Adams, Boeger; de la Cruz, Patterson, Tomas, Miller, Matheny, Cottrell, Florio, Mays and Bewkes; Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Matthew Quiñones, Director of Operations; Bharat Gami, Chief Building Official; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Chief Trevor Roach, Stamford Fire Department; Paul Schultz, Building Inspector; Bill Napoletano, Tax & Revenue Collections; Walter Seely, Fire Marshal; and John Cocca, Forensic Engineer, WTE.

ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter 1. PS31.008 179 Art. IV of the Code of Ordinances, Mobile Street THE CONSENT

APPROVED ON AGENDA

Vendors to Clarify permitting process. 02/08/22 - Submitted by Bill Napoletano

02/22/22 - Approved by Committee 7-0-0

2. PS31.006 REVIEW; Collapse of Outdoor Patio at Allure HELD

**HELD** 

Apartment Building Located in Harbor Point. 02/02/22 - Submitted by Rep. Stella, Curtis, Bewkes, Sherwood, Pratt, Coleman, Adams, and

Roqueta

02/22/22 - Held by Committee 7-0-0

Secondary Committee: Land Use/Urban Redevelopment

3. PS31.010 REVIEW: City Procedures for Conducting

Inspections of New Building Developments or

Projects.

02/09/22 - Submitted by Reps. Stella, Coleman Roqueta, Curtis, Bewkes, Sherwood, de la Cruz,

Pratt. Adams and Roqueta

02/22/22 -Held by Committee 8-0-0

Secondary Committee: Land Use/Urban Redevelopment

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Video Time Stamp 02:23:15

4. PS31.011 REVIEW; City Inspections of Allure, and Yale and HELD

Towne Lofts.

02/09/22 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Coleman and Roqueta, Bewkes, Sherwood, de la Cruz, Pratt,

Adams and Roqueta

02/22/22 -Held by Committee 8-0-0

Secondary Committee: Land Use/Urban Redevelopment

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

## <sup>12</sup>PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

<u>Attendance</u> & <u>Votes</u> <u>Minutes</u> & <u>Video</u> Jennifer Matheny, Chair Daniel R. Sandford, Vice Chair

Meeting: Wednesday, February 23, 2022

APPROVED ON

THE CONSENT

AGENDA

7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Matheny reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance was Chair Matheny, Vice Chair Sandford, and Committee Member Reps. de la Cruz, Gilbride, and Nabel. Excused was Rep. Bewkes. Absent was Rep. Saftic. Also present were Reps. Boeger, Cottrell, Sherwood, and Tomas; Laurie Albano, Superintendent of Recreation; and Scott Kassouf, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation.

1. <u>PR31.001</u>	REVIEW; Star Center Annual Report	REPORT MADE
	02/04/22 – Submitted by Laurie Albano	
	02/23/22 - Report Made	

2. PR31.002 RESOLUTION; Sense of the Board to Protect City of Stamford Parks and Recreational Resources

02/09/22 - Submitted by Reps. Cottrell, Ley, Nabel, Figueroa, Rogueta, Sherwood, Watkins, Bewkes

and Berns

02/23/22 - Approved by Committee 5-0-0

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 2, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Megan Cottrell, Chair Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair

Chair Cottrell reported that there was no meeting of the Education Committee and no report.

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### 13HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Attendance & Votes Minutes & Video

Mavina Moore, Co-Chair Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair

Meeting: Tuesday, February 15, 2022

6:00 p.m. - by Webinar

- and -

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 6:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Co-Chair Roqueta reported that the Housing/Community Development/Social Service Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Moore and Roqueta, and Committee Member Reps. Baxter, Campbell, Goldberg, and Ley. Rep. Pollack was excused. Also present were Reps. Cottrell, Nabel and Sherwood; Emily Gordon, Director of Housing and Community Development; Arnold Knittel, Community Development; and Janeene Freeman, Mayor's Office.

1. HCD31.005 REVIEW AND FINALIZE; the results from the evaluation forms for final recommendations for Year 48 CDBG, CDBG CARES-CV, and HOME (Year 22/23) [2/15/22] 02/08/22 - Submitted by Emily Gordon 02/15/22 - Report Made

REPORT MADE

2. HCD31.006 MEETING; Meeting with Mayor's Office and Stamford Community Development Office to Reconcile the Committees' Recommendations for Year 48. [2/15/22] 12/08/22 - Submitted by Rep. Roqueta

REPORT MADE

02/15/22 - Report Made

3. HCD31.007 PUBLIC HEARING; Second Public Hearing on the Year 48 CDBG Proposals (2022-23) [3/9/22] 12/08/22 – Submitted by Emily Gordon 03/09/22 - Public Hearing to be Held

**PUBLIC HEARING** TO BE HELD

14TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

Attendance & Votes Minutes & Video

David Watkins, Chair Terry Adams, Vice Chair

Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

7:00 p.m. - by Webinar

Chair Watkins reported that the Transportation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Watkins, Vice Chair Adams and Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo, Gilbride, Grunberger, Moore and Sandford. Also present were Rep. Sherwood; Frank Petise and Luke Buttenwieser, Transportation, Traffic and Parking Bureau; and Vikki Cooper, Law Department.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Video Time Stamp 02:27:12

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Video Time Stamp 02:28:18

1. T31.003 ORDINANCE for publication; Prohibiting certain Classes and Characteristics of Commercial Vehicles from Parking on Residential Streets During

COMMITTEE BY UNANIMOUS **VOICE VOTE** Certain Hours.

01/04/22 - Submitted by Frank Petise and Rep.

Adams

01/10/22 - Moved to Pending

02/22/22 - Approved by Committee 7-0-0

A motion to recommit Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Matheny, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Summerville, Tomas, and Watkins in favor; Rep. Mays abstaining).

2. T31.002 REVIEW; Parking of Passenger Cars on Residential HELD

Streets by Commercial Enterprises and Their

Customers and Employees.

01/05/22 - Submitted by Reps. Watkins and

Sherwood

01/18/22 - Held by Committee 7-0-0 02/22/22 - Held by Committee 7-0-0

3. T31.006 REVIEW; Application Process for Neighborhood REPORT MADE

**RECOMMITED TO** 

Parking Program.

02/09/22 - Submitted by Rep. Adams

02/22/22 - Report Made

<sup>15</sup>STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE: Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair Attendance & Votes Jonathan Jacobson, Vice Chair Minutes & Video Meeting: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Pierre-Louis reported that the State & Commerce Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Pierre-Louis; Vice Chair Jacobson; and Committee Members Reps. Goldberg, Miller, and Sandford. Excused were Reps. Ley and Pratt. Also in attendance were Reps. Cottrell and Nabel; Frank Petise and Luke Buttenwieser, Transportation Bureau; Bridget Fox and Lauren Meyer, Mayor's Office; Matt Quiñones, Director of Operations; Loren Nadres, Director of Economic Development; Alex Rodriguez, Save Our Sound; Emily Gordon Director of Housing and Community Development; and three members of the public.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Video Time Stamp 02:33:10

HFI D 1. SC31.005 REVIEW; Increasing the Transportation System in the West Side by Adding Buses or Trolleys. 01/05/22 - Submitted by Rep. Stella 01/27/22 - Held by Committee 3-0-1 03/02/22 - Held by Committee 4-0-0 **HELD** 2. SC31.006 ORDINANCE for publication; Amendment to Chapter 214, Article V, of the Code of Ordinances, Outdoor Dining, to Expand Outdoor Dining Into Parking Spaces and the Roadway. 02/09/22 - Submitted by Frank Petise 03/02/22 - Held by Committee 5-0-0 RESOLUTION; Declaring a Climate Emergency. **HELD** 3. SC31.007 01/05/22 - Submitted by Reps. Cottrell, Jacobson and Berns 01/10/22 - Held at Steering 03/02/22 - Held by Committee 5-0-0 4. SC31.001 REVIEW; City of Stamford's Legislative Priorities. **REPORT MADE** 12/08/21 - Submitted by Rep. Miller 12/29/21 - Held by Committee 6-0-0 01/10/22 - Moved to Pending 03/02/22 - Report Made

### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

16CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE: Jeff Curtis, Co-Chair

Attendance & Votes

Minutes & Video

Meeting: Wednesday, March 2, 2022
7 p.m. – by Webinar

Co-Chair Bewkes reported that the 2021-22 Charter Revision Committee of the Board of Representatives met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Bewkes and Curtis and Committee Member Reps. Boeger, Di Costanzo, Ley, Shaw, Sherwood, and Stella. Excused was Rep. Matheny. Also present were Reps. Coleman, Cottrell, de la Cruz, and Grunberger. Reps. Boeger and Stella left the meeting at 11:45 p.m.

1. CR31.005

RESOLUTION; Concerning the Charge of the 19th Charter Revision Commission.

01/05/22 – Submitted by Rep. Bewkes
03/02/22 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0

APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 34-0-0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Video Time Stamp 02:35:12

A motion to amend Item No. 1 to add a charge to the Charter Commission to consider reducing the size of the Board of Representatives was made and seconded.

After substantial discussion, a motion to move the question was made, seconded and approved by a roll call vote of 28-6-0 (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Gilbride, Grunberger, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Tomas, and Watkins in favor; Reps. Goldberg, Jacobson, Miller, Morson, Sherwood, and Summerville opposed).

The original motion to amend failed by a roll call vote of 10-21-3 (Reps. Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Miller, Nabel, Sandford, and Shaw in favor; Reps. Adams, Baxter, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Saftic, Sherwood, Summerville, Tomas, and Watkins opposed; Reps. Cottrell, Curtis, and Florio abstaining).

A motion to amend Item No. 1 to add a charge to the Charter Commission to consider permitting the Board of Representatives to amend the Charter at any time by a ¾ vote, to be subsequently confirmed by referendum at the next general election, was made, seconded and failed by a roll call vote of 4-27-2 (Reps. Goldberg, Jacobson, Miller, and Nabel and in favor; Reps. Adams, Baxter, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Grunberger, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Saftic, Sherwood, Summerville Tomas, and Watkins opposed; Reps. Gilbride and Shaw abstaining).

A motion to move the original motion was made, seconded and failed by a roll call vote of 18-15-0 (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Bewkes, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Grunberger, Matheny, Moore, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Saftic, Tomas, and Watkins in favor; Reps. Boeger, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Florio, Gilbride, Goldberg, Jacobson, Ley, Mays, Miller, Morson, Nabel, Shaw, Sherwood, and Summerville opposed).(2/3 vote required)

A motion to amend Item No. 1 to add a charge to the Charter Commission to consider dissolving the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives and implementing a City Council with budgeting authority was made and seconded.

A motion to move the motion was made, seconded and failed by a roll call vote of 17-15-0 (Reps. Adams, Bewkes, Campbell, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Gilbride, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Saftic, Sandford, Tomas, and Watkins in favor; Reps. Baxter, Boeger, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Florio, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Miller, Morson, Nabel, Shaw, Sherwood, and Summerville opposed). (2/3 vote required)

After further discussion, the original motion to amend failed by a roll call vote of 7-25-0 (Reps. Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Miller, and Nabel in favor; Reps. Adams, Baxter, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Matheny, Mays, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Saftic, Shaw, Sherwood, Summerville Tomas, and Watkins opposed).

A motion to amend Item No. 1 to add a charge to the Charter Commission to consider election of members of the Board of Representatives in alternate terms (1/2 the Board every 2 years) was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 15-17-0 (Reps. Cottrell, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Florio,

Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Mays, Miller, Morson, Nabel, Shaw, and Watkins in favor; Reps. Adams, Baxter, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Curtis, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Matheny, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Saftic, Sherwood, Summerville, and Tomas, opposed).

A motion to amend Item No. 1 to add a charge to the Charter Commission to consider removing all appeals from the Planning Board and the Zoning Board to the Board of Representatives was made, seconded and failed by a roll call vote of 5-29-0 (Reps. Gilbride, Grunberger, Jacobson, Miller, and Nabel in favor; Reps. Adams, Baxter, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Goldberg, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Saftic, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, and Watkins opposed).

The original motion to approve Item No. 1 was approved by a roll call vote of 34-0-0 (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Saftic, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, and Watkins in favor)

<sup>17</sup>REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE:

Attendance Minutes & Video Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair Anabel Figueroa, Co-Chair

Meeting: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 7 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Co-Chair Fedeli reported that The Redistricting Committee of the Board of Representatives met jointly with the Stamford Redistricting Commission as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Fedeli and Figueroa, and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Goldberg (attending remotely), Miller, and Tomas. Absent was Rep. Coleman. Also present were Reps. Morson and Nabel; Redistricting Commission members Andreana, Cacace, Feeny, Hoch, McManus (attending remotely), Palomba, Pollard, and Stein; and Steve Carr, TSI.

1. R31.001 REVIEW; Update on Status of Redistricting Commission.

02/04/22 - Submitted by Rep. Fedeli

02/09/22 - Report Made

**REPORT MADE** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Video Time Stamp 04:28:06

### <sup>18</sup>MINUTES

1. <u>APPROVAL;</u> February 7, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (Reps. Berns and Patterson abstaining)

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

President Curtis adjourned the meeting at 12:31 a.m.

This meeting is on video.

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