The Regular Meeting of the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on **Monday, April 4, 2022**, at 8:00 p.m., and was held remotely.

## **MINUTES**

**INVOCATION:** Delivered by Rep. Terry Adams [3<sup>rd</sup> District].

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

**¹ROLL CALL:** Conducted by Clerk Cottrell. There were 36 members present, 3 members absent or excused, and 1 vacancy. (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, and Watkins were present; Reps. Berns, de la Cruz, and Jean-Louis were absent). Rep. de la Cruz joined the meeting immediately after roll call; Rep. Jean-Louis joined the meeting at 8:37 p.m. and left at 8:48 p.m.; Rep. Jacobson left the meeting at 9:55 p.m.; Rep. Summerville left the meeting at 10:29 p.m.; Rep. Stella left the meeting at 12:06 p.m.; Rep. Grunberger left the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

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

**2MOMENTS OF SILENCE:** For the late: Mark Gjuraj, by President Curtis; and Annie R. Brevard by Rep. Summerville.

Corporal Jacob M. Moore, 24, Catlettsburg, Kentucky; Gunnery Sergeant James Speedy, 30, Cambridge, Ohio; Captain Matthew Tomkiewicz, 27, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Captain Ross Reynolds, 27, Leominster, Massachusetts

#### <sup>3</sup>FILLING OF VACANCY:

President Curtis read the following letter of resignation received on April 1, 2022 into the record:

Dear Representatives:

I am submitting this letter to inform you that I have become unable to continue in my capacity as representative for the 9th district.

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I am appointing one of my trusted constituents from District 9, Ms. Kindrea Walston, whom I have had the pleasure of closely working with in my district. Ms. Walston has enthusiastically agreed to my appointment.

Thank you in advance for welcoming Ms. Kindrea Walston. Sincerely,

Rodney Pratt

Rep. Sherwood nominated Kindrea Walston to fill the vacancy in the 9<sup>th</sup> District; said nomination was seconded. There being no further nominations, a motion to approve Kindrea Walston to fill the vacancy in the 9<sup>th</sup> District was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** Town Clerk Ruijter administered the oath of office to Ms. Walston.

#### **4COMMUNICATIONS:** Clerk Cottrell announced:

- 1. The deadline for the Steering Committee Agenda is Wednesday, April 6th at 5:00 p.m.
- 2. The Steering Committee meeting will be on Monday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m.
- 3. Next month's Regular Board Meeting will be on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 p.m.
- 4. The BOR Budget Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m.
- 5. Representatives Di Costanzo and Saftic are celebrating Birthdays this month
- 6. The invocation for the May Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the 4<sup>th</sup> District (Reps. Cottrell and Roqueta). Representatives are responsible for notifying the Board office with the name of the person doing the invocation.
- 7. There will be a meet and greet with the Mayor's Cabinet and Ethics Training Session provided by the Law Department on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. at the Harry Bennett branch of the Ferguson Library, 115 Vine Road. RSVP to <a href="mailto:Amiller1@stamfordct.gov">Amiller1@stamfordct.gov</a>. Ethics training for Board members is mandatory. If you are not able to attend this session, there will be other dates in the future.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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

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who do not text the Clerk when they leave the meeting will be presumed to be present for all consent items.

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

1	RESOLUTION; Supporting the People of Ukraine. 03/04/22 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Tomas and Berns	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
2.	RESOLUTION; Recognizing and Thanking Gloria DePina for her Service on the Board of Representatives and to the City of Stamford. 03/09/22 – Submitted by Reps. Adams, Coleman, Moore, Patterson, and Summerville	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (Rep. Campbell abstaining)
3.	RESOLUTION; Recognizing and Thanking Lila Wallace for her Service on the Board of Representatives and to the City of Stamford. 03/09/22 – Submitted by Reps. Adams, Coleman, Moore, Patterson, and Summerville	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (Rep. Campbell abstaining)
4.	RESOLUTION; Recognizing Rodney Pratt for his Years of Service on the Board of Representatives. 03/11/2022 – Submitted by Rep. Stella	HELD

A motion to approve Item Nos. 1 through 3 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### <sup>6</sup>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

Mike Papa spoke about gas powered leaf blowers. Kieran Matthew Edmondson spoke about outdoor dining. Steve Garst spoke about the Stamford Neighborhood Coalition petition. Peter Quigley spoke about zoning issues. Mike Markovits spoke about the climate emergency resolution. Susan Halpern spoke about the B&S Carting site. Alanna Harper spoke about the climate emergency resolution. Barry Michelson spoke about the Stamford Neighborhood Coalition petition. Eleanor Blomstrom spoke about the climate emergency resolution.

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### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**STEERING COMMITTEE:** 

Attendance Minutes & Video Meeting: Monday, March 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>7</sup>APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

Attendance & Votes
Minutes & Video

Annie Summerville, Chair Denis Patterson, Vice Chair

Meeting: Wednesday, March 30, 2022

6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

Vice Chair Patterson reported that the Appointments Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Summerville, Vice-Chair Patterson and Committee Member Reps. Bewkes, Cottrell, Grunberger, and Stella. Absent or excused were Reps. Figueroa and Pavia. Also present were Reps. Sherwood and Tomas; and Matthew Quiñones, Director of Operations.

1. A31.017	Patriotic & Special Events Commission Katlyn Cook (U) Repl. Martin Term Expires: 12/1/2024 02/09/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/02/22 – No Action Taken 03/30/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
2. A31.020	Parks and Recreation Commission Jessica Katz (D) Repl. Vacant/Rovegno Term Expires: 12/1/2024 03/09/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/30/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
3. A31.021	Economic Development Commission John Louizos, Esq. (D) Repl. Winkel Term Expires: 12/1/2024 03/09/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/30/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
4. A31.022	Patriotic & Special Events Commission Hubert Delany (D) Repl. McGrath Term Expires: 12/1/2024 03/09/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/30/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

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5. A31.023	REVIEW; Roles and Responsibilities of the Appointments Commission 03/09/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/30/22 – Report Made	REPORT MADE
6. A31.024	Appointments Commission Regan Allan (D) New Commission Term Expires: 12/1/2024 03/09/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/30/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (Rep. Coleman abstaining)
7. A31.025	Appointments Commission  Nadene McKenzie-Reid (U) New Commission Term Expires: 12/1/2023  03/09/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  03/30/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (Rep. Coleman abstaining)

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 4, 6 and 7 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### **8FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

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

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

Meeting: Monday, March 28, 2022 6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room - and -

Meeting: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Co-Chair Di Costanzo reported that the Fiscal Committee met on March 28, 2022 as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Di Costanzo and Miller and Committee Member Reps. Boeger (remotely), Figueroa (remotely), Morson (remotely), Nabel, Pierre-Louis (remotely), and Tomas (remotely). Excused were Reps. Fedeli and Florio. Absent was Rep. Coleman. Also present were Reps. Adams, Berns, de la Cruz, Goldberg, Grunberger, Sherwood, and Stella. Also present were Lee Berta, OPM; Sandra Dennies, Director of Administration; Doug Dalena, Corporation Counsel; Chuck Williams, ERP Project Manager; and Izzy Sobkowski, Chief Information Officer. The Committee also met on March 30, 2022 as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Di Costanzo and Miller; and Committee Member Reps. Boeger (online), Coleman (online), Figueroa (online), and Tomas. Excused were Reps. Fedeli, Florio, and Morson. Absent was Rep. Pierre-Louis. Also present were Sandra Dennies, Director of Administration; and Michael Toma, Law Department.

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1. F31.035 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE** \$350,000.00 Budget); Director of Law; Unanticipated Expenses Incurred after the FY 21/22 Budget was Adopted 26-10-2 (Source of Funds: Contingency) [Previously submitted as F31,0031 03/09/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 11/10/21 - Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0 11/10/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0 02/28/22 - F31.003 Approved by Committee 6-2-1 03/07/22 - F31.003 Failed in full Board 21-11-4 03/28/22 - Approved by Committee 5-2-1

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a roll call vote of 26-10-2 (Reps. Adams, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Florio, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Sandford, Shaw, Summerville, and Watkins in favor; Reps. Bewkes, Boeger, Figueroa, Matheny, Pavia, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Tomas, and Walston opposed; Reps. Baxter and Campbell abstaining).

2. <u>F31.031</u>	RESOLUTION; Approving a Limit for the Local Senior Citizen Tax Relief Program for Real Estate Taxes On The Grand List of October 1, 2021.[To be considered on 03/30/22] 03/08/22 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/29/22 - Approved by Board of Finance 03/30/22 - Approved by Committee 7-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
3. <u>F31.033</u>	REVIEW; Enterprise Resource Planning System (ERP) progress of implementation. 03/09/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/28/22 – Report Made	REPORT MADE
4. F31.032	REVIEW; Additional Appropriations- Administration Procedures in Place to Anticipate Potential Budget Overruns In Order To Request Additional Funding Before Spending Beyond Authorized Budgeted Amounts.  03/08/22 - Submitted by Reps de la Cruz, Sherwood, Boeger, Grunberger, Figueroa and Tomas  03/28/22 - Held by Committee 8-0-0	HELD
5. <u>F31.026</u>	REVIEW; FY2021-22 Second Quarter Projections. 02/09/22 – Submitted by Lee Berta 02/28/22 – Report Made & Held 03/28/22 – Report Made	REPORT MADE

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

# 9LEGISLATIVE & 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 29, 2022

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Co-Chair Nabel reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Berns and Nabel and Committee Member Reps. Boeger, Cottrell, Matheny, Miller, and Sherwood. Absent were Reps. Florio and Jacobson. Also present were Reps.de la Cruz, Grunberger, Mays, Morson, Sandford, Tomas and Watkins; and Jason Munshi-South.

1. LR31.019 REVIEW. Restricting Ga

REVIEW. Restricting Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers.

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

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

03/29/22 - Report Made & Held by Committee 7-

0-0

#### Secondary Committee: Land Use/Urban Redevelopment

2 LR31.018 APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of

Representatives Rules of Procedure to Amend Section II.B.1 to Establish a Postage 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 8-0-0

03/29/22 - Held by Committee 7-0-0

3. LR31.006 APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of

Representatives Rules of Procedure to Amend Section II.B.1 to Remove Reference to Mailing

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

03/29/22 - Held by Committee 7-0-0

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4. LR31.015 APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of HELD 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 03/07/22 - Recommitted by Full Board 03/29/22 - Held by Committee 7-0-0 5. LR31.020 APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of HELD Representatives Rules of Procedure Section V.B to Prohibit any Motion to Move the Question or Limit Debate Until Each Person Seeking to Speak is Given Two Minutes to do so. 03/07/22 - Submitted by Reps. Berns 03/29/22 - Held by Committee 7-0-0 6. 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 Rep. Cottrell and Lev 03/01/22 – Held by Committee 8-0-0 03/29/22 - Held by Committee 7-0-0 7. LR31.021 APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of APPROVED BY Representatives Rules of Procedure Section IV.E.3: **UNANIMOUS** Time for Public Comment, to Clarify that a Motion to **VOICE VOTE** (Rep. Extend Can Only be Made at Start of Public Miller abstaining) Comment Period. 03/09/22 - Submitted by Rep. Watkins, Sherwood, Tomas, Matheny, and Nabel 03/29/22 - Approved by Committee 6-1-0 APPROVAL: Amendment to the Board of **APPROVED BY** 8. LR31.022 Representatives Rules of Procedure Section IV.E.3: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (Rep. Time for Public Comment to Limit Time for Speaking to No More Than 2 Minutes Per Person if Miller abstaining) Public Comment Period is Extended 03/09/22 - Submitted by Rep. Watkins, Sherwood, Tomas, Matheny, and Nabel 03/29/22 - Approved by Committee 6-1-0

9. LR31.023

APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure Section IV.E.3: Time for Public Comment, to set a minimum amount of time a member of the public can speak.

03/09/22 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood, Tomas,

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (Rep. Miller abstaining)

APPROVED BY

Matheny and Morson
03/29/22 - Approved by Committee 6-1-0

<sup>10</sup>PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Attendance & Votes
Minutes & Video

Anabel Figueroa, Chair Mary Fedeli, Vice Chair

Meeting: Monday, March 21, 2022

7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Figueroa reported that the Personnel Committee met at the above date and time. In attendance were Chair Figueroa, Vice Chair Fedeli and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Goldberg, Jean-Louis, Mays, Patterson and Pavia. Rep. Berns was excused. Also present was Al Cava, Director of Human Resources.

1. P31.014

APPROVAL; Employment Contract with Carmen Hughes as Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer. 03/09/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/21/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-1

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 32-3-3

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a roll call vote of 32-3-3 (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Bewkes, 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, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Summerville, and Watkins in favor; Reps. Boeger, Stella, and Tomas opposed; Reps. Campbell, Sherwood, and Walston abstaining).

2. P31.015

APPROVAL; Employment Contract with Frank Petise as Bureau Chief of Transportation, Traffic and Planning.
03/09/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
03/21/22 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (Rep. Ley abstaining)

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

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11LAND USE/URBAN

REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

<u>Attendance</u> & <u>Votes</u> <u>Minutes</u> & <u>Video</u> Bradley Bewkes, Chair Nina Sherwood, Vice Chair

Meeting: Thursday, March 31, 2022

7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Bewkes reported that the Land/Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Bewkes, Vice Chair Sherwood and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Campbell, de la Cruz, Florio, Grunberger, Matheny, Mays, Summerville, and Tomas. Also present were President Curtis and Reps. Boeger, Coleman, Cottrell, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Goldberg, Jacobson, Miller, Morson, Nabel, Pierre-Louis, Stella, and Watkins; Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health and Welfare; Doug Dalena and Cynthia Anger, Office of Corporation Counsel; Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief; Patricia Sullivan, Esq., Cohen and Wolf; Barry Michelson, Stamford Neighborhood Coalition; and Margaret O'Shaughnessy; Susan Halpern, and Dr. Elena Gazzola, as representatives of the South End.

#### Possibly in Executive Session:

1. LU31.012 REVIEW; Supreme Court of Connecticut Decisions

in High Ridge Real Estate Owner, LLC v Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford and in The

Strand/BRC Group, LLC., et al. v. Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford.

03/14/22 - Submitted by Reps. Bewkes, Sherwood,

de la Cruz, and Curtis
03/31/22 - Report Made

2. LU31.009 REVIEW; Materials and Analysis Related to the

Petition and Appeal for Application of Amendment to

the Zoning Regulations under Zoning Board

Approval No. 221-20.

02/09/22 - Submitted by Reps. Bewkes

02/14/22 - Held at Steering

03/31/22 - Report Made & Held 7-0-0

3. <u>LU31.010</u> RESOLUTION: Accepting the Extension Portion of

Pakenmer Road as a City Street under Code of

Ordinances §214-32.

02/24/22 – Submitted by Carousel Heights LLC 03/31/22 – Approved by Committee 7-2-0

APPROVED, BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 29-6-1

REPORT MADE

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A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded, and approved by a roll call vote of 29-6-1 (Reps. Baxter, Bewkes, Boeger, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Summerville, Tomas, and Watkins in favor; Reps. Adams, Campbell, Coleman, Miller, Stella, and Walston and opposed; Rep. Pavia abstaining).

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4. <u>LU31.011</u>

RESOLUTION: Amending Resolution No. 4085, as amended by Resolution No. 4101, Creating a South End Historic District Study Committee to Extend the Date by which the Study Committee Shall Submit its Report.

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (Rep. Tomas abstaining)

03/09/22 – Submitted by Rep. Bewkes 03/31/22 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 4, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

12OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

Attendance & Votes
Minutes & Video

Virgil de la Cruz, Chair Sean Boeger, Vice Chair

Meeting: Monday, March 21, 2022

6:30 p.m. - by Webinar

Chair de la Cruz reported that the Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair de la Cruz, Vice Chair Boeger, and Committee Members Reps. Coleman, Ley, Sherwood, Stella, Tomas, and Watkins. Rep. Baxter was excused. Also present were Reps. Adams, Berns, Campbell, Gilbride, Moore, Morson, and Nabel; Mayor Caroline Simmons; Dana Lee, Law Dept.; Matt Quinones, Director of Operations; Bill Brink, Ann Brown, Rhudean Bull, WPCA; Nesin Merritt, WPCA Board Member; David Winston, Parks & Recreation Commission; Erin McKenna, Planning Dept.; Bridget Fox and Janeene Freeman, Mayor's Office; Paul Zeiss and Moira Sawch, Anti-Blight Dept.; Katie Haas and Melanie Hollas, Pollinator Pathways; Brian Teitelbaum, resident; and four members of the public.

1. O31.010

ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter 146 Article III of the Code of Ordinances, Blighted Properties, to add Section 146-46.1– Managed Natural Meadow Landscape.

03/08/22 – Submitted by Reps. Sherwood, Jacobson, and Nabel

03/21/22 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 7-0-0 (correction of scrivener's error)

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

2. O31.011

ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter 146 Article III of the Code of Ordinances, Blighted Properties, to Clarify Notice Requirements. 03/09/22 – Submitted by Rep. Berns 03/21/22 – Held by Committee 8-0-0

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3. <u>O31.004</u> REVIEW; Perna Lane Area Sewer Project: Project **REPORT MADE** 

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 by Committee 5-0-0

03/21/22 - Report Made

4. <u>O31.008</u> REVIEW; Status of Community Outreach Related to **REPORT MADE** 

West Main Street Bridge.

03/09/22 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons

03/21/22 - Report Made

5. <u>O31.009</u> REVIEW; 2022 paving initiative. **REPORT MADE** 

03/09/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

03/21/22 - Report Made

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

13PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE:

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

<u>Attendance</u> & <u>Votes</u> <u>Minutes</u> & <u>Video</u> Jeffrey Stella, Chair Eric Morson, Vice Chair

Meeting: Wednesday, March 23, 2022

6:30 p.m. - by Webinar

- and -

Thursday, March 31, 2022 7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Stella reported that the Public Safety Committee met on March 23, 2022. In attendance were Chair Stella, Vice-Chair Morson and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Campbell, Coleman, Fedeli, Pavia, Pierre-Louis and Roqueta. Also present were Reps. Adams, de la Cruz, and Florio; and Bill Napoletano, Director of Tax & Revenue Collections. The committee also met on March 31, 2022 jointly with the Land Use Committee. In attendance were Chair Stella, Vice-Chair Morson and Committee Member Reps. Campbell, Coleman, Pavia and Reps. Fedeli, Berns, Pierre-Louis and Roqueta was absent. Also present were Reps. Adams, Bewkes, Boeger; de la Cruz, Grunberger, Curtis, Tomas, Matheny, Cottrell, Mays and Sherwood; Ted Jankowski, Public Safety & Health Director; Matthew Quinones, Director of Operations; Bharat Gami, Chief Building Official; Lou Casolo, Engineering; Trevor Roach, Fire Chief; John Cocca, Engineer; Chief Miguel Robles; Paul Schultz, Building Inspector; Walter Seely, Fire Marshal; Steve Garst, Stamford

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Neighborhood Coalition; and Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief.

1. PS31.008 ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption; **APPROVED ON** Amending Chapter 179 Art. IV of the Code of THE CONSENT Ordinances, Mobile Street Vendors to Clarify AGENDA permitting process. 02/08/22 - Submitted by Bill Napoletano 02/22/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 03/23/22 - Approved by Committee 8-0-0 2. PS31.002 REVIEW: Administration Plans to pursue Air Quality **HELD** Monitoring as Proposed in Resolution 4081.(Previously PS30.092) 12/08/21 - Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz and Berns 12/13/21 - Moved to Pending 03/23/22 - Held by Committee 9-0-0 3. PS31.006 REVIEW; Collapse of Outdoor Patio at Allure **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 8-0-0 03/22/22 - Held by Committee until 3/31/22 9-0-0 03/31/22 - Held by Committee 4-0-1 Secondary Committee: Land Use/Urban Redevelopment 4. PS31.010 REVIEW; City Procedures for Conducting HELD 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 03/22/22 - Held by Committee until 3/31/22 9-0-0 03/31/22 - Held by Committee 4-0-1 Secondary Committee: Land Use/Urban Redevelopment 5. 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 03/22/22 - Held by Committee until 3/31/22 9-0-0 03/31/22 - Held by Committee 4-0-1

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>14</sup>PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: <u>Attendance</u> & <u>Votes</u>

Minutes & Video

Jennifer Matheny, Chair Daniel R. Sandford, Vice Chair Meeting: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Matheny reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Matheny, Vice Chair Sandford, and Committee Member Reps. Bewkes, de la Cruz, and Gilbride. Excused was Rep. Nabel. Absent was Rep. Saftic. Also present were Reps. Boeger, Cottrell, Jean-Louis, Mays, Moore, Sherwood, Tomas, and Watkins; Kevin Murray, Parks & Facilities; Lauren Meyer, Mayor's Office; Erin McKenna, Land Use Bureau; Melanie Hollis, Parks & Recreation Commission; Randy Collins, BETA Group; State Rep. Hubert Delaney; Jennifer Katz, Friends of Barrett Park; Jill Tomasello; Mathew Perkins; and four members of the public.

1. PR31.005

RESOLUTION; Requesting that the City
Administration and Stamford's State Delegation
Actively Resist Current Proposals in the Connecticut
State Legislature to limit local control of Beach and
Beach Parking Access
03/14/22 – Submitted by Reps. Watkins, Fedeli, de
la Cruz, and Bewkes
03/23/22 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0

APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made and seconded.

After extensive discussion, a motion to move the question was made, seconded and approved by a roll call vote of 24-12-0 (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Bewkes, Campbell, Coleman, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Gilbride, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Sandford, Sherwood, Stella, Tomas, Walston and Watkins in favor; Reps. Boeger, Cottrell, Di Costanzo, Goldberg, Grunberger, Ley, Miller, Morson, Nabel, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, and Shaw opposed).

The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 30-4-1 (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Grunberger, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Sherwood, Stella, Tomas, Walston, and Watkins in favor; Reps. Cottrell, Goldberg, Ley, and Shaw opposed; Rep. Gilbride abstaining).

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2. PR31.003 REVIEW; Barrett Park Capital Improvements

**HELD** 

Project.

02/17/22 - Submitted by Reps. Boeger, Gilbride,

Pollack, and Tomas

03/23/22 - Report Made and Held by Committee

5-0-0

3. PR31.004 REVIEW; Progress of Tennis and Pickleball courts. REPORT MADE

**HELD** 

03/09/22 - Submitted by Reps. Matheny, Mays,

Nabel and Gilbride

03/23/22 - Report Made

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

Minutes & Video Meeting: Thursday, March 24, 2022

7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Cottrell reported that the Education Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Cottrell, Vice Chair Shaw, and Committee Member Reps. Jean-Louis, Mays, Pierre-Louis, and Pollack. Excused was Rep. Di Costanzo. Also in attendance were Reps. Goldberg and Moore; Dr. Tamu Lucero, BOE Superintendent; Rebecca Hamman, Jennienne Burke, Daniel Dauplaise, BOE; Bridgette Fox, Janeene Freeman, Cindy Grafstein, Mayor's Office; Monica Lahiri-Hoherchak, ELL Coordinator; Rebecca Wilson, College & Career Coordinator; Claudia Berlage, SHS Assistant Principal; Stephen Perry and Jay Tepper, Planning Board; Kemp Morhardt, Principal and Architect, SLAM; Mike Zuba, Director of Public Education Master Planning, SLAM; and five members of the public.

#### Possibly in Executive Session:

1. E31.007 REVIEW: Corrective Actions Implemented or in

Progress for any Recommendations Made in Day Pitney's July 22, 2021 BOE Hostile Work

**Environment Investigation Report.** 

03/09/22 - Submitted by Rep. Di Costanzo

03/24/22 - Held by Committee

<sup>15</sup> Video Time Stamp 03:03:23

Possibly in Executive Session:

2. E31.005 REVIEW; Discussion of Superintendent's Contract HELD

Terms.

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

Sherwood

03/24/22 - Held by Committee

3. E31.006 REVIEW; Update on Long Term Facilities Plan. REPORT MADE

02/18/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

03/24/22 - Report Made

4. E31.004 REVIEW; Stamford Public Schools Block Schedule REPORT MADE

Proposal.

01/27/22 - Submitted by Rep. Goldberg

03/24/22 - Report Made

16HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Attendance & Votes Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Minutes & Video 6:00 p.m. – by Webinar

- and -

Mavina Moore, Co-Chair

**PUBLIC HEARING** 

**WAS HELD** 

Attendance & VotesTuesday, March 29, 2022Minutes & Video7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Co-Chair Roqueta reported that the HCD/SS Committee met on March 9, 2022. In attendance were Co-Chairs Moore and Roqueta; and Committee Member Reps. Baxter, Campbell, Goldberg, and Ley. Reps. Pollack and Pratt were excused. Also present were Emily Gordon and Arnold Knittel, Community Development; and Janeene Freeman, Mayor's Office. The Committee also met on March 29, 2022. In attendance were Co-Chairs Moore and Roqueta; and Committee Member Reps. Baxter, Campbell, Goldberg, Ley and Pollack. Excused was Rep. Pratt. Also present were Emily Gordon, and Community Development; Janeene Freeman, Mayor's Office; Christina Crain, Senior Center; Kathleen Bordelon, Silversource, Inc.; and Melissa LoParco.

1. HCD31.007 PUBLIC HEARING; Second Public Hearing on the

Year 48 CDBG and CDBG CV-CARES Proposals

(2022-23) [considered 3/9/22]

12/08/22 – Submitted by Emily Gordon

03/09/22 - Public Hearing Held

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Video Time Stamp 03:04:04

2. HCD31.008 REJECTION; Allocation of \$1,350,000 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to Housing Development Fund to Facilitate the Development of 25 Permanently Affordable Homeownership Units at 95 Elmcroft Road.

REJECTION
FAILED BY A ROLL
CALL VOTE 4-29-1

03/08/22 – Submitted by Reps. Moore and Roqueta 03/29/22 – Rejection FAILED 3-4-0

A motion to approve Item No. 2 (Reject the Allocation), was made, seconded, and failed by a roll call vote of 4-29-1 (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Campbell, and de la Cruz in favor; Reps. Bewkes, Boeger, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, , Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Florio, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Tomas, and Watkins opposed; Rep. Pavia abstaining).

3. HCD31.009 REJECTION; Allocation of \$375,000 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to Pacific House to Facilitate11 Rooming Units of Deepy-Affordable Supportive Housing at 36 Ann Street.

03/08/22 – Submitted by Reps. Moore and Roqueta

03/29/22 – Rejection FAILED 0-7-0

REJECTION FAILED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE 0-33-2

A motion to approve Item No. 3 (Reject the Allocation), was made, seconded, and failed by a roll call vote of 0-33-2 (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Bewkes, Boeger, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Tomas, and Watkins opposed; Reps. Campbell and Pavia abstaining).

4. HCD31.012 ORDINANCE for publication; Amendment to Code of Ordinances § 146-67 Creation of A Commercial Linkage Affordable Housing Program to Increase the Linkage Share Percentage.

03/08/22 – Submitted by Reps. Moore and Roqueta
03/29/22 – Held by Committee 7-0-0

5. HCD31.010 REVIEW; Overview of Citywide Supportive Services and Programs Available to the City of Stamford's Older Adults/Senior Citizens.

03/08/22 – Submitted by Reps. Moore and Roqueta

REPORT MADE

03/29/22 - Report Made

6. HCD31.011

REVIEW; Creating a Bridge Rental Subsidy Grant Program for Senior Citizens of Stamford who are Eligible for Senior Subsidized Housing and are Currently Paying more than 30% of their Gross Income on Housing.

03/08/22 – Submitted by Reps. Moore and Roqueta

REPORT MADE

03/29/22 - Report Made

#### 17TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

Attendance & Votes Minutes & Video

David Watkins, Chair Terry Adams, Vice Chair

Meeting: Tuesday, March 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, Grunberger, and Sandford. Excused were Reps. Gilbride and Moore. Also present were Rep. Sherwood, Vikki Cooper, Deputy Corporation Counsel and Frank Petise, Acting Transportation, Traffic and Parking Bureau Chief.

1. T31.003

ORDINANCE for publication; Prohibiting certain Classes and Characteristics of Commercial Vehicles from Parking on Residential Streets During AGENDA Certain Hours.

**APPROVED ON** THE CONSENT

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 03/07/22 - Recommitted by Full Board 03/22/22 - Approved by Committee, as

amended, 5-0-0

2. T31.008

REJECTION; One-Way Designation of Irving Avenue per Chapter 231, Article IX of the Code of Ordinances.

03/04/22 - Submitted by Frank Petise

03/22/22 - Rejection FAILED in Committee 0-5-0

REJECTION **FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 0-33-0** 

A motion to approve Item No. 2 (Reject the one-way designation), was made, seconded, and failed by a roll call vote of 0-33-0 (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Gilbride, Goldberg, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Tomas, and Watkins opposed).

3. T31.009

REJECTION: One-Way Designation of Vassar Avenue per Chapter 231, Article IX of the Code of Ordinances.

REJECTION **FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 0-33-0** 

03/04/22 - Submitted by Frank Petise

03/22/22 - Rejection FAILED in Committee 0-5-0

A motion to approve Item No. 3 (Reject the one-way designation), was made, seconded, and failed by a roll call vote of 0-33-0 (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Gilbride, Goldberg, Ley,

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Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Tomas, and Watkins opposed).

4 <u>T31.010</u>

REJECTION; One-Way Designation of a Portion of Young Dixon Way per Chapter 231, Article IX of the Code of Ordinances.

REJECTION
FAILED BY ROLL
CALL VOTE 0-33-0

03/04/22 - Submitted by Frank Petise

03/22/22 - Rejection FAILED in Committee 0-5-0

A motion to approve Item No. 4 (Reject the one-way designation), was made, seconded, and failed by a roll call vote of 0-33-0 (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Gilbride, Goldberg, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Tomas, and Watkins opposed).

5. T31.011

REJECTION; One-Way Designation of a Portion of Wilson Street per Chapter 231, Article IX of the Code of Ordinances.

REJECTION FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 0-33-0

03/04/22 - Submitted by Frank Petise

03/22/22 - Rejection FAILED in Committee 0-5-0

A motion to approve Item No. 5 (Reject the one-way designation), was made, seconded, and failed by a roll call vote of 0-33-0 (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Gilbride, Goldberg, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Tomas, and Watkins opposed).

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

#### 18STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE:

<u>Attendance</u> & <u>Votes</u> <u>Minutes</u> & <u>Video</u> Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair Jonathan Jacobson, Vice Chair Meeting: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

1. <u>SC31.006</u>

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
03/30/22 – Held by Committee 4-0-0

HELD

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2. SC31.004	REVIEW; Review of Opportunity Zones.  12/08/21 – Submitted by Rep. Miller  12/29/21 – Held by Committee 6-0-0  01/10/22 – Moved to Pending  03/30/22 – Held by Committee 4-0-0	HELD
3. <u>SC31.007</u>	RESOLUTION; Declaring a Climate Emergency. 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 03/30/22 – Approved by Committee 4-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (Reps. Bewkes, Fedeli, Tomas, and abstaining)
4. SC31.008	REVIEW; CT Innovation Corridor Grant. 03/09/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/30/22 – Report Made	REPORT MADE
5. SC31.009	REVIEW; Federal Infrastructure – City's strategy to Secure Federal Funding. 03/09/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 03/30/22 – Report Made	REPORT MADE

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 3, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE: Jeff Curtis, Co-Chair Bradley Bewkes, Co-Chair

Co-Chair Bewkes noted that there was no meeting of the Charter Revision Committee this month.

19REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE: Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair
Anabel Figueroa, Co-Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, April 6, 2022
7 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

1. R31.002 REVIEW; Final Report of the Redistricting Commission.
03/09/22 – Submitted by Reps. Fedeli and Figueroa

Co- Chair Fedeli stated that the Redistricting Committee would be meeting on April 6, 2022 to

take up Item No. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Video Time Stamp 04:19:44

#### **MINUTES**

1. APPROVAL; March 7, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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

President Curtis adjourned the meeting at 12:24 a.m.

This meeting is on video.