

The Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 8:00 p.m., and was held remotely.

MINUTES

¹INVOCATION: Delivered by Apostle Herlene Fields-Streeter [9th District].

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

²ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk Cottrell. There were 35 members present and 5 members absent or excused. (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville Tomas, Walston and Watkins were present; Reps. Jacobson, Jean-Louis, Miller, and Sandford were excused; Rep. Pollack was absent). Rep. Pollack joined the meeting at 8:28 p.m. for a total of 36 members present and 4 members absent or excused.

VOTING MACHINE STATUS: Not applicable; meeting held remotely.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: None

³COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Cottrell announced that:

1. Representatives Figueroa, Moore, Roqueta, Sherwood, Walston and Watkins are celebrating birthdays this month
2. The invocation for the November Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the 10th District (Reps. Jean-Louis and Moore). Representatives are responsible for notifying the Board office with the name of the person doing the invocation
3. The deadline for the Steering Committee Agenda is Thursday, October 6th at noon.
4. The Steering Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m.
5. Next month's Regular Board Meeting will be on Monday, November 7th at 8:00 p.m.
6. The Board office will be closed on Monday, October 10th.
7. If you need assistance with Zoom during the meeting, please call: [REDACTED] 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-

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8656, and using the Webinar ID on the agenda: **814 7054 1826**. Please call or text IT at [REDACTED] 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:

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| 1. | RESOLUTION ; Congratulating Stamford Stars 12U Softball Team for Advancing to the World Series.
08/01/22 – Submitted by Reps. Fedeli and Nabel | APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE |
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A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

⁵Kieran Matthew Edmondson spoke about restricting gas-powered leaf blowers and developing infrastructure. Shelley Michelson spoke about the Zoning Board meeting regarding ADUs. Jeanette Bilicznianski spoke about the Mill River TIF. Sam Magliari spoke about alleged corruption. Mike G Papa spoke about taking a holistic approach. The Board also received the [attached written statement](#) prior to the meeting which was distributed to members

STANDING COMMITTEES

⁶STEERING COMMITTEE:

[Attendance & Votes](#)
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Meeting: Monday, September 12, 2022
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

A motion to waive the Steering Committee report was made, seconded, and approved by

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unanimous voice vote.

⁷APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

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[Minutes & Video](#)

Denis Patterson, Chair

Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair

Meeting: Wednesday, September 28, 2022

6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Patterson reported that the Appointments Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Shaw and Committee Member Reps. Bewkes, Cottrell, Figueroa, Grunberger, Pavia, Summerville, and Walston. Also present were Reps. Baxter and Morson.

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| 1. A31.046 | Urban Redevelopment Commission
Fran Pastore (D) Repl. Winkel
Stamford, CT
Term Expires: 12/01/2024
08/03/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
09/28/22 – Approved by Committee 8-0-1 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 2. A31.050 | Urban Redevelopment Commission
Dorothea Donelan Avery (D) Repl. Diamond
Stamford, CT
Term Expires: 12/01/2025
09/06/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
09/28/22 – Approved by Committee 5-2-2
10/03/22 – WITHDRAWN | WITHDRAWN |
| 3. A31.049 | Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare
Louis A. DeRubeis Repl. Jankowski
Term Expires: 11/30/2025
09/06/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
09/28/22 – Approved by Committee 8-0-1 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA (Rep.
Boeger, Figueroa,
Matheny, and
Sherwood
abstaining) |

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 and 3 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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⁸FISCAL COMMITTEE:

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

Monica Di Costanzo, Co-Chair

Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair

Meeting: Wednesday, September 21, 2022
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by
webinar

Chair Di Costanzo reported that the Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Di Costanzo and Miller and Committee Member Reps. Coleman(remotely), Fedeli (remotely), Figueroa (remotely), Garst (remotely), and Morson. Excused were Reps. Boeger, Nabel, Pierre-Louis, and Tomas. Also present were Reps. Adams, de la Cruz, and Summerville; Anita Carpenter, Grants Administrator; Elda Sinani, Lee Berta, and Tony Romano, OPM; Kevin Murray, Parks & Facilities Manager; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Kevin McCarthy and Michael Smith, BOE Facilities.

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| 1. F31.078
\$2,528,879.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); CT Communities Challenge – ScrapWorks; Grant from CT DECD to work with ScrapWorks LLC, to Retrofit Underutilized Properties on Pacific Street to Create Year-Round Beer Garden and Food Truck Lot, an Authentic German Beer Hall, Coffee Shop, Social Coworking Space, Pilot Brewery and Tasting Room, and Event Space; Project will also Build Baseline Infrastructure Required For Future "Affordable Retail" Opportunities (100% Grant Funded; Funding will be passed on to ScrapWorks LLC)
08/26/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
09/08/22 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0
09/21/22 – Approved by Committee 5-0-2 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (<i>Reps. Bewkes, Coleman and Sherwood abstaining</i>) |
| 2. F31.084 | GRANTS RESOLUTION ; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Development for Improvements at Terry Conners Ice Rink.
09/05/22 – Submitted by Anita Carpenter
09/21/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA |
| 3. F31.080
\$51,860.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Old Town Hall/Salaries; Cost of a Full Time Maintenance Supervisor at Old Town Hall (Source of funds: Contingency)
09/06/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
09/08/22 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0
09/21/22 – Approved by Committee 4-2-1 | FAILED BY A VOTE OF 7-23-6 |

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A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 7-23-6 (Reps. Cottrell, Curtis, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, and Roqueta in favor; Reps. Adams, Baxter, Bewkes, Boeger, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Saftic, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, and Watkins opposed; Reps. Berns, Campbell, Coleman, de la Cruz, Pollack, and Walston abstaining)

4. [F31.075](#) \$40,000.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); C30727; BOE Long Term Facilities Implementation; Update the Master Plan's Implementation Schedule, Project Cost Model, and Aggregate Master Plan Capital Funding Forecast Based on Recently Updated State Reimbursement Rates for School Construction (Source of Funds: Capital Non Recurring).
08/03/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
08/09/22 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
09/08/22 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
08/22/22 – Held by Committee 9-0-1
09/21/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

5. [F31.077](#) \$102,542.63 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); C56174; Citywide Signals; Funding for Traffic Signal Infrastructure Improvements Related to Development (Source of Funds: Private Contributions).
08/04/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
08/30/22 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
09/08/22 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0
09/21/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA** (Rep. Ley abstaining)

6. [F31.082](#) \$3,622,150.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); 012662; John Boccuzzi Park Phase 2; Multi-Use Field/Event Space, New Tennis and Basketball Courts, Splash Pad, Water Play Area, Additional Parking, Dog Run, and Landscaping Activities in Boccuzzi Park; (Source of Funds: Stamford has received Bond Grant Funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation passed through to CT DEEP for Grant funds are approved for \$1,811,075 with a 1:1 match requirement for the project).
09/06/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
08/30/22 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
09/08/22 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-2-0
09/21/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA** (Rep. Sherwood abstaining)

7. [F31.079](#) [RESOLUTION](#); Amending The Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 By Adding an Appropriation of \$3,622,150 for the John Boccuzzi Park Phase II Project and Authorizing \$1,811,075 General Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation.
 09/06/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
 09/08/22 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-2-0
09/21/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0
- APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA** (Rep. Sherwood abstaining)

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1, 2 and 4 through 7 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

⁹LEGISLATIVE & RULES

COMMITTEE:

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

Phil Berns, Co-Chair
Susan Nabel, Co-Chair

Meeting: Thursday, September 29, 2022
 6:30 p.m. – By Webinar

Co-Chair Berns reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Berns and Nabel and Committee Member Reps. Boeger, Cottrell, Fedeli, Jacobson, Matheny, and Sherwood. Excused was Rep. Miller. Also present were President Curtis; Reps. Adams, Bewkes, Campbell, Coleman, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Goldberg, Grunberger, Ley, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Roqueta, Sandford, Shaw, Summerville, and Tomas; Mayor Simmons; Janeene Freeman, Special Assistant to the Mayor; Erik Larson, Purchasing Manager; and Chris Dellaselva and Dana Lee, Assistant Corporation Counsels.

1. [LR31.032](#) [ORDINANCE](#) for public hearing and final adoption; Amending [Chapter 23, Article II of the Code of Ordinances, Purchasing](#), and Updating Certain Provisions.
 08/02/2022 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
 08/23/22 – Approved, as amended, 7-0-0
08/29/22 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 6-0-2
- APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA** (Rep. Sherwood abstaining)

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2. [LR31.024](#) RESOLUTION; Approving the Sale of Property Located at 35 Crescent Street to Crescent Housing Partners, LLC. **WITHDRAWN**
03/31/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
04/12/22 – Approved by Planning Board
06/09/22 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-2-0
07/26/22 – Held by Committee 8-0-0
08/23/22 – Public Hearing held and FAILED in Committee 3-4-0
09/06/22 – Amendment to Previous Approval Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0 with attached [letter of recommendation](#)
09/06/22 – Held by Full Board 21-18-0
09/29/22 – Failed in Committee 3-5-0
10/03/22 - WITHDRAWN
3. [LR31.033](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amending [Chapter 164 of the Code of Ordinances, Noise](#), including Restrictions on Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers. **HELD**
08/03/22 – Submitted by Reps. Nabel, Berns and Mays
08/23/22 – Held by Committee 7-0-0
09/29/22 – Held by Committee 8-0-0
4. [LR31.018](#) APPROVAL Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure to Amend Section II.B.1 to Establish a Postage Mailing Allowance to Facilitate Representatives' Broader Communication with Constituents. **HELD**
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
04/26/22 – Held by Committee 8-0-0
06/27/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 7-0-0
07/11/22 – Moved to Pending
09/29/22 – Held by Committee 8-0-0

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: **Anabel Figueroa, Chair**
Mary Fedeli, Vice Chair

Chair Figueroa reported that there was no meeting of the Personnel Committee and no report.

LAND USE/URBAN

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

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

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Virgil de la Cruz, Chair
 Sean Boeger, Vice Chair**

Chair de la Cruz reported that there was no meeting of the Operations Committee and no report.

**¹⁰PUBLIC SAFETY &
HEALTH COMMITTEE:**

[Attendance](#)
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)
**Jeffrey Stella, Chair
Eric Morson, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, September 20, 2022
6:30 p.m. – by Webinar**

Chair Stella reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Vice-Chair Morson and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Coleman, Garst, Pavia and Roqueta. Chair Stella, Rep. Campbell, and Rep. Pierre-Louis were excused. Also present were President Curtis; Brittany Dube, Emergency Response Specialist; Chief Trevor Roach, Stamford Fire Dept; Walter Seely, Fire Marshal; Jody Bishop-Pullan, Health Director; and Joseph Gaudett, Emergency Communications Director

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| 1. PS31.015 | REVIEW; Recent Disruption of 9-1-1 System.
03/09/22 – Submitted by Pres. Curtis
03/14/22 – Moved to Pending
09/20/22 – Report Made | REPORT MADE |
| 2. PS31.012 | REVIEW; CERT and Medical Reserve Corp.
01/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Berns, Curtis and Pratt
02/14/22 – Moved to Pending
05/18/22 – No Action Taken
06/13/22 – Moved to Pending
09/20/22 – Report Made | REPORT MADE |

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3. PS31.028 REVIEW; Fire Alarms at 121 Towne Street and Yale **REPORT MADE**
 & Towne Properties
 07/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Adams and Curtis
 07/11/22 – Moved to Pending
 09/20/22 – Report Made

**PARKS & RECREATION
COMMITTEE:**

Jennifer Matheny, Chair
Daniel R. Sandford, Vice Chair

Chair Matheny reported that there was no meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee and no report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Megan Cottrell, Chair
Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair

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

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

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

Co-Chair Moore reported that there was no meeting of the Housing / Community Development / Social Services Committee and no report.

¹¹TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

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

David Watkins, Chair
Terry Adams, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, September 20, 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, Moore, and Sandford. Excused was Rep. Gilbride. Also present was Frank Petise, Transportation,

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Traffic and Parking Bureau.

1. T31.002 REVIEW; Parking of Passenger Cars on Residential **REPORT MADE**
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
03/11/22 – Moved to Pending
09/20/200 – Report Made

STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE: Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair
Jonathan Jacobson, Vice Chair

Chair Pierre-Louis reported that there was no meeting of the State & Commerce Committee and no report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

President Curtis reported that there was no meeting of the Charter Revision Committee and no report.

OUTSIDE COUNSEL COMMITTEE: Jeff Curtis, Chair

President Curtis reported that there was no meeting of the Outside Counsel Committee and no report.

MINUTES

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[APPROVAL](#); September 6, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

**APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE** (*Rep.
Sherwood
abstaining*)

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

President Curtis adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#).

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