

The Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. and was held remotely.

MINUTES

President Curtis called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

INVOCATION: Delivered by The Rev. Shelley Donaldson [14th District].

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

¹ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk Cottrell. There were 30 members present, 9 members absent or excused, and 1 vacancy (Reps. Adams, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, and Watkins were present; Reps. Baxter, Jacobson, Jean-Louis, Moore, Nabel, Pavia, Saftic, Sandford, and Stella were absent or excused). Rep. Saftic joined the meeting immediately after Roll Call; Rep. Pavia joined the meeting at 8:25 p.m.; Rep. Jacobson joined the meeting at 8:53 p.m.; Rep. Walston left the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

VOTING MACHINE STATUS: Not applicable.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late Nino Antonelli, from President Curtis.

Chief Warrant Officer Danny Randolph, Murfreesboro, Alabama; and Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Wadham, Joelton, Alabama.

²FILLING OF VACANCY:

Rep. Miller nominated Bianca Shinn to fill the vacancy in the 7th District; said nomination was seconded. There being no further nominations, a motion to approve Bianca Shinn to fill the vacancy in the 7th District was made, seconded, and approved by a unanimous voice vote. (Reps. Adams, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Shaw, Sherwood, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, and Watkins in favor).

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Mayor Simmons administered the oath of office to Rep. Shinn.

³COMMUNICATIONS:

President Curtis announced that:

1. Rep. Shinn will serve on the Education and Transportation Committees.
2. Rep. Shaw will fill the vacancy on the Fiscal Committee.
3. Rep. Pollack will fill the vacancy on the Charter Revision Committee.
4. Rep. Boeger will become the Co-Chair of the Fiscal Committee.

Clerk Cottrell announced that:

1. The Mayor's Budget presentation will be on Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00. The meeting is hosted by the Board of Finance, but login information is on the Board of Representatives website.
2. The deadline for the Steering Committee Agenda is Wednesday, March 8th at 5:00p.m.
3. The Steering Committee meeting will be on Monday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m.
4. Next month's Regular Board Meeting will be on Monday, April 3rd at 8:00 p.m.
5. The public hearing on the budget will be Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m. This public hearing will be remote and again, will be hosted by the Board of Finance.
6. Representatives Campbell and Gilbride are celebrating Birthdays this month
7. The invocation for the March Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the 15th District (Reps. Boeger and Thomas). Representatives are responsible for notifying the Board office with the name of the person doing the invocation.
8. 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 - 1-646-558-8656, 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.
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 who do not text the Clerk when they leave the meeting will be presumed to be present for all consent items.

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS: None

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⁴**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:** Kieran Matthew Edmondson spoke about replacing the roof on the Boys & Girls Club and t intoxicating liquor on public property

STANDING COMMITTEES

⁵**STEERING COMMITTEE:**

Meeting: Monday, February 13, 2023

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

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President Curtis reported that the Steering Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were President Curtis, and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Bewkes, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Matheny, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Sherwood, Stella, and Watkins. Also present were Reps. Baxter, Campbell, Garst, Summerville, and Walston.

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| 1. S31.003 | REVIEW; Determination of Invited Guests for Committee Meetings
02/08/23– Submitted by Rep. Watkins
02/13/23 – Report Made | REPORT MADE |
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⁶**APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:**

Denis W. Patterson, Chair

Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair

Meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2023

6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

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

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| 1. A31.068 | Social Services Commission
Kathleen Lombardo (R)
Stamford, CT
Term Expires: 12/1/2024
02/08/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/21/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0 | REAPPOINTMENT
APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |
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| 2. A31.069 | Board of Assessment Appeals
Raymond W. Leyden (R)
Stamford, CT
Term Expires: 12/1/2024
02/08/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/21/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0 | Reappointment | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 3. A31.067 | Director of Legal Affairs
Thomas M. Cassone, Esq. (D)
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 11/30/2025
02/08/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/21/23 – Approved by Committee 7-0-1 | Repl. Dalena | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA <i>(Rep.
Sherwood
abstaining)</i> |

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

⁷FISCAL COMMITTEE:

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Monica Di Costanzo, Co-Chair
Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair

Meeting: Monday, February 27, 2023
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by
webinar

Co-Chair Miller reported that the Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance in person were Co-Chairs Miller and Di Costanzo and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli and Morson. In attendance remotely were Committee Member Reps. Boeger, Coleman, Figueroa, Garst, Pierre-Louis, and Tomas. Also present in person was Aaron Miller, Special Assistant to the Mayor; and present remotely were Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; Captain Scott Duckworth, Stamford Police Department; Lyda Ruijter, Town Clerk; Elda Sinani and Anthony Romano, OPM; Sandra Dennies, Director of Administration; Greg Stackpole, Assessor; and Rowena Track, Boys & Girls Club.

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| 1. F31.182
\$94,444.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);
Stamford Police Department; Use of ARP Funds to
Support Overtime and Fringe to Reduce Auto Theft
and Related Crimes from December 1, 2022 through
December 31, 2023 (Source of Funds:100% Grant
Funded).
02/01/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/09/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
02/27/23 - Approved by Committee 8-0-2 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA <i>(Reps
Boeger and
Figueroa
abstaining)</i> |
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2. [F31.183](#)
\$9,100.00
- ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); CT Humanities Supporting Arts Grant; City of Stamford Arts Commission has been Awarded Operating Funding to Support Website Development and Increased Outreach to the Arts Community; the Funding Starts 12/21/22 through 12/20/23 (Source of Funds:100% Grant Funded).
02/01/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/09/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
02/27/23 - Approved by Committee 10-0-0
- APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (Rep. Watkins abstaining)**
3. [F31.184](#)
\$460,000.00
- ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Youth Service Corps; City will Work with Domus Kids, Inc. to Create a Youth Service Corps Program to Employ Disengaged Youth Aged 16-24 in the Office of Operations. Funds Contracted to Domus to Manage the Program other than 10% de minimis Indirect Costs for the City (Source of Funds:100% Grant Funded).
02/02/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/09/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
02/27/23 - Approved by Committee 10-0-0
- APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (Rep. Shinn abstaining)**
4. [F31.187](#)
\$93,975.00
- ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); - D11505; Historic Preservation; Record Digitization; Scan and Upload Records from Land Records Vault from 1/2/1998 through 5/20/2002 (Source of Funds: Land Recording Fee- Historic Preservation Fund Account).
01/26/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/09/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
02/27/23 - Approved by Committee 10-0-0
- APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**
5. [F31.181](#)
- GRANTS RESOLUTION**; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) related to the John Boccuzzi Park Phase 2 Project (# 012662) [\$1,811,075 matching funds approved at [F31.082](#)].
01/04/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/27/23 - Approved by Committee 9-0-1
- APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (Rep. Coleman abstaining)**

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| 6. F31.185
\$250,000.00 | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);
Emergency Repairs for Winter Storm Elliot Damage;
Risk Management Will Seek Insurance Claim
Proceeds if Total Amount of Loss is above
Deductible (Source of Funds: Risk Fund Storm
Damage Reserve Account).
01/26/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/09/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
02/27/23 - Approved by Committee 10-0-0</p> | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 7. F31.167
\$166,666.00 | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
001308; Rehabilitation of Boys and Girls Club
Playscape at Yerwood Center: Project includes:
Design, Improvement of Safety and ADA
compliance; Solicitation of proposals and Selection
of a Contractor; Removal and Disposal of Existing
Playscape; and Installation of Playscape. (Source of
Funds: State Grant).
01/04/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
01/10/23 – Approved by Planning Board
01/19/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
01/30/23 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0
02/06/23 – Held by Full Board
02/27/23 - Approved by Committee 10-0-0</p> | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 8. F31.168 | <p>GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to
Enter into an Agreement with the Connecticut
Department of Energy and Environmental
Development related to the Boys & Girls Club
Playscape Area at the Yerwood Center.
01/04/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
01/30/23 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0
02/06/23 – Held by Full Board
02/27/23 - Approved by Committee 10-0-0</p> | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 9. F31.188 | <p>REVIEW; FY2022-23 Second Quarter Projections
02/01/23 – Submitted by Elda Sinani
02/27/23 – Report Made</p> | REPORT MADE |
| 10. F31.189 | <p>REVIEW; Update on Current Property Revaluation.
02/13/23 – Submitted by Reps. Di Costanzo, and
Miller
02/27/23 – Report Made</p> | REPORT MADE |

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 8, was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

⁸LEGISLATIVE & RULES

COMMITTEE:

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Phil Berns, Co-Chair

Susan Nabel, Co-Chair

Meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 2023

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Co-Chair Berns reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Nabel and Berns; and Committee Member Reps. Boeger, Cottrell, Fedeli, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller, and Sherwood. Also present were Reps. Adams, de la Cruz, Mays, Morson, Stella, Summerville, and Tomas; Tom Cassone and Dana Lee, Office of Corporation Counsel; and Matt Quinones, Director of Operations.

1. [LR31.033](#) ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption; **HELD**
Amending [Chapter 164 of the Code of Ordinances](#),
[Noise](#), § 164-3, Definitions and Proposed §164-6a,
Restrictions on Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers.
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
10/25/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 6-0-0
11/29/22 – Held by Committee 8-0-0
12/19/22 – Held by Committee 6-0-0
01/24/23 – Approved by Committee 5-3-0
**02/28/23 – Public Hearing Held & Held by
Committee 8-1-0**

2. [LR31.041](#) ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption; **RECOMMENDED
TO STEERING**
Amending [Chapter 164 of the Code of Ordinances](#),
[Noise](#), §164-10, Violations and Penalties. [Split from
[LR31.033](#)]
12/07/22 – Submitted by Reps. Nabel, Berns and
Mays
12/19/22 – Held by Committee 6-0-0
01/24/23 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 8-
0-0
**02/28/23 – Recommended to Steering by Committee
8-0-0**

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3. [LR31.042](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amending [Chapter 164 of the Code of Ordinances, Noise](#), §164-5.E, Violations and Penalties – Exemptions and Special Conditions; Subsections 1 and 5, and other miscellaneous changes to §§ 164-3, Definitions; 164-4, Noise Level Measurement Procedures; 164-6, Prohibited Noise Activities; and 164-9, Inspections. [Split from [LR31.033](#)]
 12/07/22 – Submitted by Reps. Nabel, Berns and Mays
 12/19/22 – Held by Committee 6-0-0
 01/24/23 – Held by Committee 8-0-0
02/28/23 – Recommitted to Steering 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.
 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
 10/25/22 –Held by Committee 6-0-0
 11/29/22 – Held by Committee 7-0-0
 12/19/22 – Held by Committee 6-0-0
 01/24/23 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 6-2-0
 02/06/23 – Held by Full Board
02/28/23 – Approved by Committee 6-1-1
- RECOMMITTED TO STEERING**
- APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 28-3-2**

A motion to approve Item No. 4 was made, seconded, and approved by a roll call vote of 28-3-2 (Reps. Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Ley, Matheny, Morson, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Shaw, Sherwood, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, and Watkins in favor; Reps. Mays, Miller, and Pavia opposed; and Reps. Adams and Shinn abstaining).

5. [LR31.045](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Code of Ordinances, [Chapter 6, Article XVII, Appointments Commission, §6-122](#), Membership of the Commission
 01/04/23 – Submitted by Rep. Stella
 01/24/23 – Held by Committee 8-0-0
02/28/23 – Held by Committee 8-0-0 **HELD**

As a Secondary Committee: Appointments

6. LR31.044 REVIEW; Overview of Office of Legal Affairs. **REPORT MADE AND HELD**
 01/04/23 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell
 01/09/23 – Held at Steering
02/28/23 – Report Made and Held by Committee 8-0-0

⁹PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

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Anabel Figueroa, Chair

Mary Fedeli, Vice Chair

Meeting: Thursday, February 23, 2023

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Figueroa reported that the Personnel Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Figueroa, Vice-Chair Fedeli, and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Berns, and Mays. Reps. Goldberg, Pavia, and Patterson were excused. Rep. Jean-Louis was absent. Also present were Al Cava, Director of Human Resources; Louis DeRubeis, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Angelo Sestito, Assistant Director of Human Resources; and two members of the public.

1. P31.034 APPROVAL; Employment Agreement with Joseph L. Gaudett, Jr. as Director of Emergency Communications Center **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**
 02/06/23 – Submitted by Al Cava
02/23/23 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0
2. [P31.032](#) REVIEW; Overview of Human Resources Department. **REPORT MADE**
 01/04/23 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell
 01/09/23 – Held at Steering
02/23/23 – Report Made

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

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¹⁰LAND USE/URBAN

REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

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Bradley Bewkes, Chair

Nina Sherwood, Vice Chair

Meeting: Wednesday, February 22, 2023

7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Vice Chair Sherwood reported that the Land Use / Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Vice Chair Sherwood and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Campbell, de la Cruz, Garst, Grunberger, Matheny, Summerville, and Tomas. Excused were Chair Bewkes and Committee Member Rep. Mays. Also present were Reps. Boeger and Gilbride; Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief; Sue Halpern, Barry Michelson, and Sheila Barney, South End Historic District Study Group; Elizabeth McCauley; and Mary Donne, SHPO.

Possibly in Executive Session:

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| 1. LU31.019 | REVIEW; Status of Property at 21 Pulaski Street.
07/06/22 – Submitted by Rep. Adams
07/28/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 10-0-0
09/01/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 9-0-0
11/03/22 – Held by Committee 11-0-0
02/22/23 – Held by Committee 7-1-0 | HELD |
| 2. LU31.026 | REVIEW; Smoke Shop Signage - Violations by Current Retail Locations and Possibility for Additional Regulations.
01/04/23– Submitted by Rep. Gilbride
02/22/23 – Recommended to Steering by Committee 9-0-0 | RECOMMENDED TO STEERING |
| 3. LU31.028 | REVIEW; South End Historic District Study
02/08/23 – Submitted by Reps. Bewkes and Sherwood
02/22/23 – Recommended to Steering by Committee 8-0-1 | RECOMMENDED TO STEERING |
| 4. LU31.027 | REVIEW; Overview of Land Use Bureau
01/04/23 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell
02/22/23 – Report Made | REPORT MADE |

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¹¹OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

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Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

Sean Boeger, Vice Chair

Meeting: Thursday, March 2, 2023

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 and Committee Members Reps. Coleman, Ley, Sherwood, Tomas, and Watkins. Reps. Boeger and Stella were excused; Rep. Baxter was absent. Also present were Reps. Adams and Campbell; Matt Quinones, Director of Operations; Lou Casolo, Engineering Dept.; Chris Dellaselva, Legal Dept.; Lee Hoffman, Pullman & Comley; Chris Whitman, Solomon Energy; and two members of the public.

1. [O31.022](#) APPROVAL; Agreement between City of Stamford and Antinozzi Associates P.C. for HVAC Units & Roof Replacement at the Yerwood Community Center (a/k/a the Boys & Girls Club), 300 West Main Street (Under RFP No. 868).
11/23/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/07/22 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-1
12/29/22 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0
01/03/23 – Held by Full Board 31-5-0
01/23/23 – Held by Committee 7-0-0
03/02/23 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0 **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

2. [O31.025](#) APPROVAL; Solar Power Services Agreement between City of Stamford and Allco Renewable Energy Limited for Virtual Net Metering Services (Under RFP No. 802).
02/06/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/09/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
03/02/23 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0 **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

3. O31.017 REVIEW; Stamford Transfer Station Operations and Possibility of Increasing Fees for Non-Residential and Commercial Businesses using the Transfer Station.
07/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Stella and Curtis
07/18/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 7-0-0
08/15/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 7-0-0
09/12/22 – Moved to Pending
10/17/22 – Held by Committee 8-0-0
12/29/22 – Held by Committee 9-0-0
01/23/23 – Held by Committee
03/02/23 – Recommended to Steering by Committee 6-0-0 **RECOMMENDED TO STEERING**

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

**¹²PUBLIC SAFETY &
HEALTH COMMITTEE:**

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Jeffrey Stella, Chair

Eric Morson, Vice Chair

Meeting: Wednesday, March 1, 2023

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, Vice-Chair Morson and Committee Member Reps. Campbell, Coleman, Fedeli, Pavia, and Pierre-Louis. Reps. Berns and Roqueta were absent. Also present were Reps. Boeger; Curtis, de la Cruz, Grunberger, and Summerville; Louis DeRubeis, Director of Public Safety; Silas Redd, Assistant Police Chief; Eugene Dohmann, Police Lieutenant; Jody Bishop-Pullan, Director of Health; James Federici, Director of Health Lab; Dana Lee, Legal Dept.; Lou Casolo, Engineering Dept.; Nette Compton and Michael Stake; Mill River Park Collaborative; and three members of the public

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| 1. PS31.020 | REVIEW; Of a "duty to report law" Requiring Property Managers, Building Superintendents, Security Personnel, Doormen, Etc. to Notify 911 of any Emergencies.
04/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Curtis, Stella, and Pavia
04/20/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 6-0-0
05/18/22 – No Action Taken
06/22/22 – Report Made & Held in Committee 7-0-0
07/11/22 – Moved to Pending
03/01/23 – Held by Committee 6-0-1 | HELD |
| 2. PS31.036 | ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Code of Ordinances, Chapter 72, Alcoholic Beverages §72-2 , to Prohibit all Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor on any Public Highway or Municipally-Owned Public Area or in a Building or Room without a License for the Sale, Distribution or Dispensing of Alcoholic Liquors.
02/13/23 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Baxter, Campbell, Matheny, Tomas, and Walston
03/01/23 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | APPROVED, AS AMENDED, BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 31-1-0 |

A motion to amend Item No. 2 to include a definition section referring back to State Statute, was made, seconded and approved by a roll call vote of 31-1-1. (Reps. Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg,

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Grunberger, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Shinn, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, and Watkins in favor; Rep. Adams opposed; and Rep. Jacobson abstaining).

A motion to approve Item No. 2 as amended was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 31-1-0 (Reps. Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Shaw, Sherwood, Shinn, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, and Watkins in favor; and Rep. Adams opposed).

3. PS31.002 REVIEW; Administration Plans to pursue Air Quality 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
03/01/23 – Report Made **RECOMMENDED TO STEERING BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

A motion to recommit Item No. 3 to Steering was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote. (Reps. Adams, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Shaw, Sherwood, Shinn, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, and Watkins in favor).

4. PS31.004 REVIEW; City of Stamford Practices Regarding Environmental Testing Prior to Beginning Construction Projects and Disposal of Contaminated Matter Prior to and During Construction Projects and by Private Contractors, including Rock Crushing Activities in the South End, Relative to the Requirements of the EPB and CT DEEP.
01/05/22 – Submitted by Reps. Coleman, Stella, Pratt, De la Cruz, Adams, Curtis, and Figueroa
02/14/22 – Moved to Pending
05/18/22 – No Action Taken
06/13/22 – Moved to Pending
03/01/23 – Report Made **REPORT MADE**
5. PS31.032 REVIEW; Safety Procedures to be Put in Place for New Mill River Path on School Property During School Hours.
11/09/22 – Submitted by Rep. Adams
11/14/22 – Moved to Pending
03/01/23 – Report Made **REPORT MADE**

**¹³PARKS & RECREATION
COMMITTEE:**

**Jennifer Matheny, Chair
Daniel R. Sandford, Vice Chair**

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

¹⁴EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

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**Megan Cottrell, Chair
Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair**
Meeting: Thursday, March 2, 2023
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. Di Costanzo, Mays, and Pollack. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Jean-Louis and Pierre-Louis. Also present were Tom Cassone and Amy LiVolsi, Law Dept.; Amy Beldotti, Associate Superintendent for Teaching and Learning; BOE Members Michael Hyman, Andy George, and Jackie Pioli; and Lori Rhodes, Associate Superintendent for School Development.

1. E31.012 REVIEW; SPS Plans to Implement [PA 22-118](#) §84 **REPORT MADE**
Regarding the Provision of Free Menstrual Products
in Schools.
12/02/22 – Submitted by Rep. Pollack
12/12/22 – Held at Steering
01/09/23 – Held at Steering
03/02/23 – Report Made

2. E31.015 REVIEW; Curriculum Audit, Next Steps, and Where **REPORT MADE**
BOE is in The Process of Addressing the Audit
02/08/23 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell
03/02/23 – Report Made

3. E31.013 REVIEW; Overview of the Board of Finance, Board **REPORT MADE**
of Representatives, Board of Education, Planning
Board, and Long Term Facilities Authority over the
Board of Education Budget, Buildings, Curriculum,
etc.
01/04/23 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell
01/09/23 – Held at Steering
03/02/23 – Report Made

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¹⁵HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Mavina Moore, Co-Chair

Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair

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

Meeting: Wednesday, February 15, 2023

6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

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Thursday, February 16, 2023

6:00 p.m. – by Webinar

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[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)
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Tuesday, February 28, 2023

6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

Co-Chair Roqueta reported the HCD/SS Committee met as indicated above. In attendance at the 2/15/2023 meeting were Co-Chairs Roqueta and Moore; and Committee Member Reps. Baxter, Ley, Goldberg, and Pollack. Excused was Rep. Campbell. Also present were Rep. Walston; Emily Gordon, Director of Housing and Community development; and members of the public. In attendance at the 2/16/2023 meeting were Co-Chairs Roqueta and Moore; and Committee Member Reps. Baxter, and Campbell. Excused were Reps. Goldberg, Ley and Pollack. Also present were Reps. Stella and Walston; Emily Gordon, Director of Housing and Community development; Bridget Fox, Mayor's Office; Janeene Freeman, Mayor's Office; Louis DeRubeis, Director of Public Safety & Health; Dana Lee, Law Dept.; David Michel, CT State Representative; and Yilka Marin, Avery Dalip, and Dorothy Ghiorzo, Tenants. In attendance at the 2/28/2023 meeting were Co-Chairs Roqueta and Moore; and Committee Member Reps. Baxter, Campbell, Ley, and Pollack. Excused was Rep. Goldberg. Also present were Rep. Walston; Emily Gordon, Director of Housing and Community Development; and Janeene Freeman, Mayor's Office.

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| 1. HCD31.033 | REVIEW AND FINALIZE; the results from the evaluation forms for final recommendations for Year 49 CDBG (Year 23/24) [2/15/23]
02/08/22 – Submitted by Emily Gordon
02/15/23 – Report Made | REPORT MADE |
| 2. HCD31.027 | REVIEW; Method for Addressing Complaints, Violations, and Potential Violations with Regard to the BMR program. [02/16/23]
12/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Moore, Roqueta, Sherwood, Figueroa, Campbell, and Walston
12/27/22 – Held by Committee
01/09/23 – Held at Steering
02/16/23 – Report Made | REPORT MADE |

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| 3. HCD31.028 | REVIEW; Steps Needed to Centralize the Management and Administration of the BMR Program under the Authority of a Single Entity. [02/16/23]
12/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Moore, Roqueta, Sherwood, Figueroa, Campbell, and Walston
12/27/22 – Held by Committee
01/09/23 – Held at Steering
02/16/23 – Report Made | REPORT MADE |
| 4. HCD31.034 | MEETING; Meeting with Mayor’s Office and Stamford Community Development Office to Reconcile the Committees’ Recommendations for Year 49. [02/28/23]
12/06/22 – Submitted by Emily Gordon
02/28/23 – Held by Committee 6-0-0 | HELD |

¹⁶TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: **David Watkins, Chair**
[Attendance & Votes](#) **Terry Adams, Vice Chair**
[Minutes & Video](#) Meeting: Wednesday, March 1, 2023
 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. Committee Member Reps. Gilbride and Moore were excused. Also present was Luke Buttenwieser, Transportation, Traffic and Parking Bureau.

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| 1. T31.019 | RESOLUTION; To Advance and Support the City of Stamford’s Vision Zero Initiative.
02/08/23– Submitted by Reps. Ley, Jacobson, Gilbride, Grunberger, Goldberg, Shaw, Nabel, Sanford, Mays, Morson, Di Costanzo, and de la Cruz
03/01/23 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 5-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (Rep. Sherwood abstaining) |
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A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 1, was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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¹⁷STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE:

Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair

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Jonathan Jacobson, Vice Chair

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Meeting: Wednesday, February 22, 2023

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, and Committee Member Reps. Ley, Miller, and Sandford. Excused was Reps. Jacobson, Goldberg and Walston. Also in attendance were Frank Petise and Luke Buttenwieser, Transportation, Traffic and Parking Bureau; and members of the public.

1. [SC31.006](#) ORDINANCE for Public Hearing and Final Adoption; **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA** (*Rep. Sherwood abstaining*)
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
04/11/22 – Moved to Pending
07/19/22 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 5-0-0
09/12/22 – Moved to Pending
01/18/22 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0
02/22/23 –Public Hearing Held and Approved by Committee 4-0-0

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

¹⁸CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE:

Jeff Curtis, Co-Chair

Bradley Bewkes, Co-Chair

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

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¹⁹OUTSIDE COUNSEL COMMITTEE:
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Jeff Curtis, Chair
Meeting: Thursday, February 23, 2023
6:00 p.m. – by Webinar

President Curtis reported that the Outside Counsel Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Curtis, and Committee Member Reps. Berns, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Miller, Sherwood, and Stella. Excused were Reps. Bewkes and Nabel. Also present were Reps. Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Garst, Summerville, and Tomas. Also present was Patricia Sullivan, Cohen & Wolf.

Possibly in Executive Session:

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| 1. OC31.001 | REVIEW; Status of High Ridge Real Estate Owner, LLC v Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford .
05/04/22 – Submitted by President Curtis and Rep. Nabel
05/31/22 – Held by Committee 8-0-0
06/13/22 – Moved to Pending
01/12/23 – Held by Committee 8-0-0
02/23/23 – Report Made & Held | REPORT MADE & HELD |
| 2. OC31.003 | APPROVAL; Authorization of Attorney to Explore Potential Settlement of High Ridge Real Estate Owner, LLC v Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford .
01/30/23 – Submitted by President Curtis
02/23/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (Reps. Ley and Garst abstaining) |

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

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MINUTES

1. [APPROVAL](#); February 6, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
(Reps. Berns and Sherwood abstaining)

2. [APPROVAL](#); February 13, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
(Reps. Berns and Sherwood abstaining)

A motion to approve Item Nos. 1 and 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

President Curtis adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

This meeting is on [video](#).