

*The Regular Meeting of the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, October 2, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. This meeting was held remotely.*

# MINUTES

Majority Leader Sherwood called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

**<sup>1</sup>INVOCATION:** Delivered by Rep. Bewkes [1<sup>st</sup> District].

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Led by Majority Leader Sherwood.

**<sup>2</sup>ROLL CALL:** Conducted by Clerk Cottrell. There were 34 members present and 6 members absent or excused (Reps. Adams, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, David Watkins, and Weinberg were present; Reps. Coleman, Curtis, Figueroa, Jean-Louis, Ley, and Shinn were absent or excused). Rep. Coleman joined the meeting immediately after roll call; Rep. Shinn joined the meeting at 8:19 p.m.; Rep. Ley joined the meeting at 8:55 p.m.; and Rep. Figueroa joined the meeting at 9:38 p.m. for a total of 38 members present and 2 members absent or excused. Rep. Patterson left the meeting at 11:47 p.m.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON IN PRESIDENT'S ABSENCE:** A motion to name Representative Sherwood the chair of the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

**MOMENTS OF SILENCE:** To be included in the minutes.

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

1. The deadline for the Steering Committee Agenda is Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.
2. The Steering Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
3. Next month's Regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.

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<sup>1</sup> Video Time Stamp 00:00:21 Invocation

<sup>2</sup> Video Time Stamp 00:02:17 ROLL CALL

<sup>3</sup> Video Time Stamp 00:08:03 COMMUNICATIONS

4. Representatives Figueroa, Moore, Roqueta, Sherwood, and Walston are celebrating Birthdays this month.
5. The invocation for the November Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the 2<sup>nd</sup> District (Reps. de la Cruz and Saftic). Representatives are responsible for notifying the Board office with the name of the person doing the invocation.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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:

**<sup>4</sup>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:** Kieran Edmondson spoke about the Animal Control Center and the ordinance banning firearms in government buildings and polling places; Jeanette Bilicznianski spoke about the Terry Conners Rink; David Adams spoke about the Charter revision process.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### STEERING COMMITTEE:

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Meeting: Monday, September 11, 2023  
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

A motion to waive the Steering Committee report was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Rep. Berns abstaining)

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<sup>4</sup> Video Time Stamp 00:11:24 PUBLIC COMMENT

**<sup>5</sup>APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:**

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**Denis W. Patterson, Chair**

**Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 2023

6:30 p.m. – By Webinar

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

1. A31.090                      REVIEW; Requesting that the City Include the Term      **REPORT MADE**  
Expiration Date for Members of Boards and  
Commissions Listed on the City Website.  
09/06/23 – Submitted by Rep. Stella  
**09/19/23 - Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0**

**<sup>6</sup>FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

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[Minutes & Video](#)

**Sean Boeger, Co-Chair**

**Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair**

Meeting: Wednesday, September 27, 2023

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by  
webinar

Co-Chair Boeger reported that the Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance in person were Co-Chair Miller and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli and Morson. In attendance remotely were Co-Chair Boeger and Committee Member Reps. Figueroa, Garst, Pierre-Louis, and Shaw. Excused were Reps. Goldberg and Tomas. Also present in person was Anthony Romano, OPM. Also present remotely were Reps. Adams, Berns, Bewkes, de la Cruz, Summerville, and David Watkins; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer, Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Jody Bishop-Pullan, Director of Health; Greg Stackpole, City Assessor; Bridget Fox, Chief of Staff; Matthew Quinones, Director of Operations; Ben Barnes, Director of Administration; Tom Cassone, Corporation Counsel; and Frank Petise and Luke Buttenwieser, Transportation Traffic & Parking Bureau.

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<sup>5</sup> Video Time Stamp 00:22:29 APPOINTMENTS REPORT

<sup>6</sup> Video Time Stamp 00:23:18 FISCAL REPORT

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| <p>1. <a href="#">F31.265</a><br/>\$5,888.90</p>     | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);<br/>Emergency Management Performance Grant to<br/>Support Costs Related to All-Hazards Emergency<br/>Management. Funding for FY24 was increased by<br/>\$5,888.90 for a total federal award of \$71,300.90.<br/>The City is matching \$64,819.00 and the State is<br/>providing \$6,481.90 in in-kind match. The total<br/>project award is \$142,601.80., [Source of Funds:<br/>50% Federal Grant; 50% City Match].<br/>07/31/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>09/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/><b>09/27/23 – Approved by Committee 7-0-1</b></p>   | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p> |
| <p>2. <a href="#">F31.266</a><br/>\$1,500,000.00</p> | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);<br/>ARPA-CSFRF; Grant to Prevent, Prepare for,<br/>Respond and Recover from the Coronavirus<br/>Pandemic; Funding will be Used Primarily for<br/>Operational or Direct Service Related Activities as<br/>Follows: Veteran's Resource Center- \$200,000;<br/>Technology/Equipment for Permitting - \$50,000;<br/>Building One Community- \$250,000; Ferguson<br/>Library- \$250,000; Stamford Athletic Fields-<br/>\$200,000; Homeless Warming Centers - \$225,000;<br/>Neighborhood Playgrounds - \$200,000; Early<br/>Childhood - \$125,000. [Source Of Funds: 100%<br/>Federal Grant].<br/>09/01/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>09/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/><b>09/27/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0</b></p> | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p> |
| <p>3. <a href="#">F31.268</a></p>                    | <p><b>RESOLUTION</b>; Amending Resolution No. 4232<br/>Regarding the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-<br/>2023 Appropriation and Bond Authorization for the<br/>Davenport School Roof Renovation Project and<br/>Authorizing \$3,383,138 General Obligation Bonds of<br/>the City to Meet Said Appropriation and for School<br/>Construction Grant.<br/>09/11/23 - Submitted by Anita Carpenter<br/><b>09/27/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0</b></p>   | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p> |

4. [F31.248](#)  
\$2,000,000.00
- ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); CP0114; Street Lighting Infrastructure Upgrade; Per DOE Pending Grant Award Letter; Additional Appropriation to Show City's Commitment to Project Prior to the Grant Award [Source of Funds: \$1,000,000 Bond (City), \$1,000,000 Federal Grant]  
08/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
08/07/23 – Approved by Planning Board  
08/10/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0  
08/14/23 – Held at Steering  
**09/27/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0**
- APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**
5. [F31.247](#)
- RESOLUTION**; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by Adding an Appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the Street Lighting Infrastructure Project and Authorizing \$1,000,000 General Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation  
08/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
08/14/23 – Held at Steering  
09/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0  
**09/27/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0**
- APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**
6. [F31.252](#)  
\$860,565.20
- ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); 001348: EV Infrastructure Grant; Purchase and Installation of 20 Dual-Port Level 2 Chargers and 2 Dual-Port DC Fast Chargers to be Located at Stamford Government Center [Source of Funds: \$559,367.38 State Grant; \$301,197.82 Bond (City)]  
08/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
08/07/23 – Approved by Planning Board  
08/10/23 – Held by Board of Finance  
08/14/23 – Held at Steering  
09/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0  
**09/27/23 – Recommended to Steering by Committee 8-0-0**
- RECOMMENDED TO STEERING**
7. [F31.251](#)
- RESOLUTION**; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by Adding an Appropriation of \$860,565.20 for the EV Infrastructure Grant Project and Authorizing \$301,197.82 General Obligation Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation  
08/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
08/14/23 – Held at Steering  
09/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0  
**09/27/23 – Recommended to Steering by Committee 8-0-0**
- RECOMMENDED TO STEERING**

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| <p>8. <a href="#">F31.263</a><br/>\$162,480.00</p>  | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); CP56174; Citywide Signals; Balance of Zoning Contribution from the Development at 100 Tresser Blvd for the Replacement of the Traffic Signal at Washington and Tresser Boulevards [Source of Funds: 100% Private Contributions].<br/>07/24/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>08/29/23 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a><br/>09/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/><b>09/27/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0</b></p>  | <p><b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>          |
| <p>9. <a href="#">F31.264</a><br/>\$563,212.00</p>  | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); CP1461; South End Transportation Improvement Plan; Transform Pacific Street into a Complete Street by Adding a New Raised Crosswalk, a Raised Intersection, and Several Bump Outs to Slow Traffic, Increase Pedestrian Safety, and Expand Sidewalk Space [Source of Funds: 100% State Grant].<br/>07/28/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>08/29/23 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a><br/>09/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/><b>09/27/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0</b></p>   | <p><b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>          |
| <p>710. <a href="#">F31.228</a><br/>\$68,755.00</p> | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); EPA Air Quality; 31 Month Air Quality Monitoring Grant from the EPA; Program will focus on NO<sub>2</sub>, Particulate Matter and Ozone (Source of Funds: 100% grant funded).<br/>05/30/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>06/08/23 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/>06/12/23 – Held at Steering<br/>07/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/>07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0<br/>08/07/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board<br/>08/28/23 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0<br/>09/05/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board<br/><b>09/27/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0</b></p> | <p><b>APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 27-10-0</b></p> |

**As a Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health**

A motion to recommit Item No. 10 to Steering was made by Rep. de la Cruz, seconded by Rep. Pollack, and failed by a vote of 16-19-2. (Reps. Berns, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Grunberger, Matheny, Moore, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, and Walston in favor; Reps. Adams, Bewkes, Fedeli, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Jacobson, Ley, Mays, Miller, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Sandford, Shaw, Shinn, Tomas, Dakary Watkins, David Watkins, and Weinberg opposed; Reps. Boeger and Roqueta abstaining).

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<sup>7</sup> Video Time Stamp 00:32:50 F31.228 DISCUSSION AND VOTE

A motion to approve Item No. 10 was made by Rep. Boeger, seconded by Rep. Miller, and approved by a vote of 27-10-0. (Reps. Adams, Bewkes, Boeger, Cottrell, Fedeli, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Sandford, Shaw, Shinn, Tomas, Dakary Watkins, David Watkins, and Weinberg in favor; Reps. Berns, Campbell, Coleman, de la Cruz, Moore, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, and Walston opposed).

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| <p>11. <a href="#">F31.241</a><br/>\$210,750.00</p> | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Resiliency and Climate Adaptation Implementation; Identify Actionable Next Steps and Potential Funding Mechanisms; Includes West Side, Waterside and Downtown Neighborhoods; GIS-based Tree Inventories will be Included (Source of Funds: 100% State Grant).<br/>07/06/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>06/27/23 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a><br/>07/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/>07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0<br/>08/07/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board<br/>08/28/28 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 10-0-0<br/><b>09/27/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0</b></p> | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p> |
| <p>12. <a href="#">F31.236</a></p>                  | <p>REVIEW: Methodology for Establishing Valuation of Commercial Properties for Real Estate Tax Purposes and Comparison of Actual Sale Amounts Versus Appraised Value Amounts for the Last 10 Years.<br/>06/07/23 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz, Sherwood, Patterson, Bewkes, Stella, Watkins, Tomas, and Figueroa<br/>06/26/23 – Held by Committee 9-0-0<br/>07/24/23 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0<br/>08/28/28 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 10-0-0<br/><b>09/27/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 8-0-0</b></p>  | <p><b>RECOMMITTED<br/>TO STEERING</b></p>            |
| <p>13. <a href="#">F31.267</a></p>                  | <p>REVIEW; Legal Fees Related to Charter Revision Commission.<br/>08/14/23 - Submitted by Reps. Goldberg and Miller<br/><b>09/27/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 8-0-0</b></p>   | <p><b>RECOMMITTED<br/>TO STEERING</b></p>            |

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 5, 8, 9 and 11 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.



## **<sup>8</sup>LEGISLATIVE & RULES**

### **COMMITTEE:**

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**Phil Berns, Chair**

**Sean Boeger, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Thursday, September 28, 2023

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Berns reported that the Legislative and Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Berns, Vice Chair Boeger, and Committee Member Reps. Cottrell, Fedeli, Jacobson, Matheny, and Miller and Sherwood. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Cottrell and Pierre-Louis. Also present were Reps. Adam, Coleman, Garst, Goldberg, Mays, Morson, Pavia, Stella, Summerville, and Weinberg; Chris Dellaselva, Assistant Corporation Counsel; and Jon Gottlieb; Rippowam Corporation.

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| 1. <a href="#">LR31.054</a> | <u>ORDINANCE</u> <u>for public hearing and final adoption</u> ;<br>Concerning a Tax Abatement Agreement among the City of Stamford and Oak Park 1 Limited Partnership and the Housing Authority of the City of Stamford for 61 Below-Market Units Located at Ursula Place, Stamford, CT.<br>06/27/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br>07/27/23 – Approved by Committee 5-0-1<br><b>09/28/23 – Public Hearing Held and Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b> | <b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b>  |
| 2. <a href="#">LR31.056</a> | <u>RESOLUTION</u> <u>and public hearing</u> ; Approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Stamford and SMTG LLC for 560 Atlantic Street, Stamford, CT.<br>08/11/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br>09/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br><b>09/28/23 – Public Hearing Held and Approved by Committee 5-0-2</b>  | <b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b> ( <i>Reps. Berns, Coleman, Cottrell, Gilbride, Sherwood, and Stella abstaining</i> ) |
| 3. <a href="#">LR31.057</a> | <u>RESOLUTION</u> <u>and public hearing</u> ; Approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Stamford and SMTG LLC for 13 Manhattan Street, Stamford, CT.<br>08/11/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br>09/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br><b>09/28/23 – Public Hearing Held and Approved by Committee 5-0-2</b>  | <b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b> ( <i>Reps. Berns, Coleman, Cottrell, Gilbride, Sherwood, and Stella abstaining</i> ) |

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<sup>8</sup> Video Time Stamp 01:22:58 LEGISLATIVE & RULES REPORT



94. [LR31.055](#) APPROVAL; Agreement between City of Stamford and Steven G. Mednick for Legal Advisory Services under RFP No. 881 [Estimated Total Cost: \$177,000]. **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 22-13-1**  
 07/31/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
 08/10/23 – Held by Board of Finance  
 08/14/23 – Held at Steering  
 09/14/23 – Deemed Approved by Board of Finance due to Inaction (Code §23-18.4)  
**09/28/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 7-0-0**

A motion to bring Item No. 4 to the floor was made by Rep. Goldberg and seconded by Rep. Morson.

A motion to approve Item No. 4 was made by Rep. de la Cruz, seconded by Rep. Garst, and approved by a roll call vote of 22-13-1 (Reps. Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Garst, Matheny, Moore, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saffic, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Dakary Watkins, David Watkins, and Walston in favor; Reps. Adams, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Mays, Miller, Morson, Pollack, Sandford, Shaw, and Weinberg opposed; Rep. Ley abstaining).

5. [LR31.048](#) APPROVAL; Amending the Rules of the Board to Allow the Public Comment Period prior to the Filling of a Vacancy. **RECOMMITTED TO STEERING**  
 02/09/23 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood  
 03/29/23 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0  
 04/25/23 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0  
 05/23/23 – FAILED in Committee 4-4-0  
 06/05/23 – Recommitted to Committee by Full Board  
 06/26/23 – Held by Committee 9-0-0  
 07/10/23 – Held at Steering  
 08/14/23 – Held at Steering  
**09/28/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 7-0-0**

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<sup>9</sup> Video Time Stamp 02:00:04 LR31.055 DISCUSSION AND VOTE

6. [LR31.040](#) APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure re: Use of Virtual Meeting Licenses by Representatives. **RECOMMENDED TO STEERING**  
 11/29/22 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell  
 12/12/22 – Moved to Pending  
 03/29/23 – Recommended to Steering 6-0-0  
 04/25/23 – Recommended to Steering 8-0-0  
 05/23/23 – Recommended to Steering 8-0-0  
 06/26/23 – Held by Committee 8-0-0  
 07/10/23 – Held at Steering  
 08/14/23 – Held at Steering  
**09/28/23 – Recommended to Steering by Committee 7-0-0**
- <sup>107</sup>. [LR31.053](#) APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure to Delete Board Section V. Rules of Procedure, Subsection C. Motions. **RECOMMENDED TO STEERING BY ROLL CALL VOTE 20-17-1**  
 06/07/23 – Submitted by Rep. Boeger  
 06/26/23 – Held by Committee 3-2-2  
 07/10/23 – Held at Steering  
 08/14/23 – Held at Steering  
**09/28/23 – Approved by Committee 4-3-0**

A motion to recommit Item No. 7 to Steering was made, seconded, and approved by a roll call vote of 20-17-1 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Coleman, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Garst, Matheny, Moore, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Dakary Watkins, and Walston in favor; Reps. Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Mays, Miller, Morson, Pavia, Pollack, Roqueta, Sandford, Shaw, Shinn, David Watkins, and Weinberg opposed; Rep. Campbell abstaining).

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

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

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

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<sup>10</sup> Video Time Stamp 01:30:23 LR31.053 DISCUSSION AND VOTE

**<sup>11</sup>LAND USE/URBAN**

**REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

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**Bradley Bewkes, Chair**

**Nina Sherwood, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Thursday, September 28, 2023

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Bewkes reported that the Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above.

1. [LU31.029](#)      **ORDINANCE for publication;** Adopting a New Fee Schedule for Land Use Applications.      **RECOMMENDED TO STEERING**  
03/17/23 – Submitted by Director Blessing  
04/19/23 – Recommended to Steering 10-1-0  
06/12/23 – Held at Steering  
07/10/23 – Held at Steering  
08/14/23 – Held at Steering  
**09/28/23 – Held by Committee 10-0-0**
  
2. [LU31.031](#)      **RESOLUTION;** Amending Resolution No. 4085, as Amended by Resolution Nos. 4101, 4128, And 4204 Concerning the Appointment of a South End Historic District Study Committee.      **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (Rep Ley abstaining)**  
08/09/23 – Submitted by Rep. Bewkes  
08/14/23 – Held at Steering  
**09/28/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-2**
  
3. [LU31.032](#)      **APPROVAL;** Agreement with AT&T/Verizon re Placement of 5G Equipment on City-Owned Utility Poles in Municipal Right-of-Way.      **RECOMMENDED TO STEERING**  
09/05/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
**09/28/23 – Recommended to Steering by Committee 10-0-0**

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<sup>11</sup> Video Time Stamp 03:35:52 LAND USE/UR REPORT

**Possibly in Executive Session:**

4. [LU31.019](#)      REVIEW; Status of Property at 21 Pulaski Street.      **RECOMMITTED TO STEERING**  
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  
04/19/23 – Recommitted to Steering 11-0-0  
06/12/23 – Held at Steering  
07/10/23 – Held at Steering  
08/14/23 – Held at Steering  
**09/28/23 – Held by Committee 10-0-0**
5. [LU31.026](#)      REVIEW; Smoke Shop Signage - Violations by      **RECOMMITTED TO STEERING**  
Current Retail Locations and Possibility for  
Additional Regulations.  
01/04/23– Submitted by Rep. Gilbride  
02/22/23 –Report Made & Recommitted to Steering  
by Committee 8-0-0  
04/19/23 – Held  
06/12/23 – Held at Steering  
07/10/23 – Held at Steering  
08/14/23 – Held at Steering  
**09/28/23 – Held by Committee 10-0-0**

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

**<sup>12</sup>OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:**

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**Virgil de la Cruz, Chair**

**Carmine Tomas, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Monday, September 18, 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 Member Reps. Coleman, Ley, Stella, Tomas, Dakary Watkins, and David Watkins. Also in attendance were Reps. Goldberg, Matheny, Mays, Pavia, Summerville, and Weinberg; Lou Casolo, Engineering Department; Alice Knapp, Ferguson Library; Chris Dellaselva, Law Department; Nancy Freedman, Stamford Animal Shelter Alliance; Matthew Quiñones, Director of Operations; Tom Turk, Traffic & Road Maintenance Supervisor.; Ann Brown, WPCA; Erin McKenna, Senior Parks Planner; Ron Markey, Landscape Specialist; and Dan Colleluori, Director of Recycling & Sanitation, Elda Sinani, OPM Director; .and Warren Freedenfeld, Rauhaus Freedenfeld & Associates LLP .

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<sup>12</sup> Video Time Stamp 03:39:06 OPERATIONS REPORT

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| 1. <a href="#">O31.032</a> | <p>APPROVAL; Agreement between City of Stamford and Silver, Petrucelli &amp; Associates, Inc. for Engineering Design Services for HVAC Upgrades at Ferguson Library DiMattia Building under RFP No. 882 .[Compensation \$109,160, as set forth in Exhibit A]<br/> 08/17/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/> 09/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/> <b>09/18/23 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b></p>   | <p><b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b> (Rep. Cottrell abstaining)</p> |
| 2. <a href="#">O31.033</a> | <p>APPROVAL; Revised Agreement between City of Stamford and Rauhaus Freedenfeld &amp; Associates LLP for Architectural/Engineering Design Services for New Animal Control Center under RFP No. 885 [Cost - \$320,300 with additional costs as described in contract documents] .<br/> 08/31/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/> 09/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-1-0<br/> <b>09/18/23 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b></p>   | <p><b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b> (Rep. Cottrell abstaining)</p> |
| 3. O31.031                 | <p>REVIEW; A Plan of How to Provide the Residents of the North Side of Stamford Access to the Public City Water and to Stamford’s Sewer System.<br/> 08/09/23 – Submitted by Rep. Stella<br/> <b>09/18/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering 6-1-0</b></p>   | <p><b>RECOMMITTED TO STEERING</b></p>                                   |
| 4. O31.034                 | <p>REVIEW; Administration Plans to Pursue a Tree Preservation and Planting Program in Accordance with Resolutions 4130 And 4148, Including Additional Appropriations as Required. and Pursuit of all Possible Grant Sources such as Available Through the Inflation Reduction Act, The U. S. Forestry Service, et. al.<br/> 09/06/23 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz, Grunberger, Saftic, Sherwood, and Stella<br/> <b>09/18/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering 6-0-1</b></p> | <p><b>RECOMMITTED TO STEERING</b></p>                                   |
| 5. O31.035                 | <p>REVIEW; Procedures and Communication to Residents Regarding Paving City Streets.<br/> 09/06/23 – Submitted by Reps. Matheny and Mays<br/> <b>09/18/23 – Report Made</b></p>  | <p><b>REPORT MADE</b></p>   |

6. [O31.036](#) REVIEW; Road Paving Plans with Consideration to Using Permeable and Light Colored Paving Products, such as Permeable White Asphalt, to Reduce Flooding Potential, Relieve Capacity of Storm Water Drains, Offset Global Warming, and Reduce the Urban Heat Island Effect.  
09/06/23 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz  
**09/18/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0** **RECOMMITTED TO STEERING**
7. [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 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 6-0-0  
03/13/23 – Moved to Pending  
05/15/23 – Report Made & Recommitted to Steering by Committee 7-0-0  
06/12/23 – Moved to Pending  
**09/18/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0** **RECOMMITTED TO STEERING**

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

**<sup>13</sup>PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE:**

[Attendance & Votes](#)  
[Minutes](#) & [Video \(Pt 1 & Pt 2\)](#)

**Jeffrey Stella, Chair**  
**Eric Morson, Vice Chair**  
Meeting: Thursday, September 21, 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. Berns, Campbell, Garst, Pavia, and Pollack. Absent or excused were Reps. Coleman and Roqueta. Also present were Reps. Adams, Curtis, de la Cruz, Goldberg, and Summerville; Lou DeRubeis, Director Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Tom Cassone and Dana Lee, Law Dept.; Fire Chief

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<sup>13</sup> Video Time Stamp 03:43:33 PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH REPORT

Trevor Roach; Grants Officer Anita Carpenter; and members of the public.

1. [PS31.047](#)      ORDINANCE for publication; Amending [Chapter 242 of the Code of Ordinances](#) Adding § 242-5 Prohibiting the Possession of Firearms and Explosives in Government Buildings and Polling Places.  
09/05/23 – Submitted by Lou DeRubeis  
**09/21/23 – Approved by Committee, as Amended, 5-0-1**      **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA** (*Reps. Adams, Boeger, Sherwood, and Tomas abstaining*)
  
2. [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  
03/06/23 – Recommitted to Steering at Board Meeting by Unanimous Voice Vote  
03/13/23 – Moved to Pending  
04/20/22 – Held by Committee 6-0-0  
05/18/22 – No Action Taken  
06/13/22 – Moved to Pending  
05/18/23 – Report Made  
06/05/23 –Recommitted to Steering by Full Board  
06/12/23 – Moved to Pending  
08/24/28 – No Action Taken  
**09/21/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering, 6-0-1**      **RECOMMITTED TO STEERING**
  
3. [PS31.030](#)      REVIEW; Health Risks related to use of PFAs (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) in Public Safety Agencies PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and all Other Safety Equipment, as well as to the Environment.  
09/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Stella and Curtis  
10/19/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee  
11/14/22 – Moved to Pending  
08/24/28 – No Action Taken  
**09/21/23 – Report Made and Held 7-0-0**      **RECOMMITTED TO STEERING**



**Possibly in Executive Session:**

4. PS31.039      REVIEW; of How the City of Stamford is Handling      **REPORT MADE**  
the Presumed Occupational Cancer within the Fire  
Department  
04/05/2023 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Curtis,  
Watkins, Campbell, Baxter, Figueroa, Matheny,  
Boeger, Pierre-Louis, Pavia, Roqueta, de la Cruz,  
Tomas, Sherwood and Garst.  
04/20/23 – Held  
05/18/23 – Held by Committee  
06/12/23 – Moved to Pending  
08/24/28 – No Action Taken  
**09/21/23 – Report Made**
5. PS31.048      REVIEW; Stamford’s Ban of Plastic Straws and the      **RECOMMITTED TO**  
Safety of Paper Straws.      **STEERING**  
09/06/23 – Submitted by Rep. Stella  
**09/21/23 – Held**

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

**PARKS & RECREATION  
COMMITTEE:**

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

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

**<sup>14</sup>EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

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

**Megan Cottrell, Chair**  
**Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair**  
Meeting: Tuesday, September 26, 2023  
6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Cottrell reported that the Education Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Cottrell and Committee Member Reps. Jean-Louis, Mays, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, Shinn, and Weinberg. Also in attendance were Megan Gearhart, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation; Richard Cerone, Athletic Director, Westhill High School; Charles Warrington, Colliers International; Craig De Jong and Kemp Morhardt, S/L/A/M; Richard Robinson, Pullman & Comley, LLC; Chris Dellaselva, Law Dept.; Katherine LoBalbo, Director of School Construction; and Lou Casolo, City Engineer.

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<sup>14</sup> Video Time Stamp 03:46:51 EDUCATION REPORT

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| 1. E31.019                 | REVIEW; Cost/Benefit Analysis of Having a Pool at Westhill High School.<br>05/02/23 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell<br>05/25/23 –Held by Committee<br>07/10/23 – Moved to Pending<br><b>09/26/23 – Report Made &amp; Held 6-0-0</b>  | <b>RECOMMITTED TO STEERING</b>        |
| 2. <a href="#">E31.023</a> | APPROVAL; Agreement between City of Stamford and the S/L/A/M Collaborative, Inc. for the Westhill High School Construction Project (Under RFP No. 2023.0030).<br>08/31/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br>09/14/23 – To be Considered by Board of Finance<br><b>09/26/23 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0</b>  | <b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b> |
| 3. <a href="#">E31.024</a> | APPROVAL; Amendment No. 1 to Agreement between City of Stamford and BBS Architects & Engineers, PC for Design Services for Window & Floor Replacement at Springdale Elementary School (Under RFP No. 807).<br>08/31/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br>09/14/23 – To be Considered by Board of Finance<br><b>09/26/23 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0</b> | <b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b> |

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

**<sup>15</sup>HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/**

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

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

**Mavina Moore, Co-Chair**

**Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair**

Meeting: Tuesday, September 26, 2023

6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Roqueta reported that the Housing/Community Development/Social Service Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Moore and Roqueta and Committee Member Reps. Campbell, Ley, Pollack, Walston, and Dakary Watkins. Also present were Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Figueroa, Garst, Matheny, Pavia, Sherwood, and Stella; Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief; and Emily Gordon, Affordable Housing Manager.

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<sup>15</sup> Video Time Stamp 03:49:03 HCD/SS REPORT

1. [HCD31.043](#) REVIEW; How Many Affordable Housing Units has Stamford Gained in the last 5 Years through New Development and How Many New Developments have used Fee-in-Lieu. **REPORT MADE**  
08/09/23 – Submitted by Reps. Figueroa, Stella, and Campbell  
**09/26/23 – Report Made**

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:** **David Watkins, Chair**  
**Terry Adams, Vice Chair**

Chair Watkins stated that there was no meeting of the Transportation Committee and no report.

**<sup>16</sup>STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE:** **Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair**  
**Jonathan Jacobson, Vice Chair**  
[Attendance](#)  
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#) Meeting: Wednesday, September 20, 2023  
7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Pierre Lous reported that the State & Commerce Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Pierre-Louis and Committee Member Reps. Goldberg, Ley, Miller and Walston. Also in attendance were Reps. Adams, Roqueta and Summerville; Kevin Peraino, Isis-Rae Goulbourne and Jodi Gutierrez, Stamford Partnership.

1. SC31.013 REVIEW; Stamford Partnership. **REPORT MADE**  
04/13/23 – Submitted by Rep. Pierre-Louis  
06/21/23 – Held by Committee 4-0-0  
07/10/23 – Moved to Pending  
**09/20/23 – Report Made**

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

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

Co-Chair Bewkes stated that there was no meeting of the Charter Revision Committee and no report.

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<sup>16</sup> Video Time Stamp 03:50:04 STATE & COMMERCE REPORT

**OUTSIDE COUNSEL COMMITTEE:**

**Jeff Curtis, Chair**

Rep. Sherwood stated that there was no meeting of the Outside Counsel Committee and no report.

**HIGH RIDGE LITIGATION PROPOSED  
RESOLUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE:**

**Jeff Curtis, Chair  
Bradley Bewkes, Vice Chair**

Vice Chair Bewkes stated that there was no meeting of the High Ridge Litigation Proposed Resolution Review Committee and no report.

**<sup>17</sup>MINUTES**

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| 1 | <a href="#">APPROVAL</a> : September 5, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b><br><i>(Reps. Berns and<br/>Sherwood<br/>abstaining)</i> |
| 2 | <a href="#">APPROVAL</a> : September 6, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes. | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b><br><i>(Reps. Berns and<br/>Sherwood<br/>abstaining)</i> |

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

Rep. Sherwood adjourned the meeting at 11:53 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#).

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<sup>17</sup> Video Time Stamp 03:51:28 MINUTES APPROVAL