

*The Regular Meeting of the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. and was held remotely.*

# MINUTES

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

**INVOCATION:** Delivered by Kieran Edmondson [2<sup>nd</sup> District].

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

**<sup>1</sup>ROLL CALL:** Conducted by Clerk Cottrell. There were 32 members present, 7 members absent or excused, and 1 vacancy (Reps. Adams, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Grunberger, Jacobson, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Shinn, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, David Watkins, and Weinberg were present; Reps. Curtis, Goldberg, Jean-Louis, Ley, Roqueta, Saftic, and Dakary Watkins were absent or excused). Reps. Jean-Louis, Roqueta, and Saftic joined the meeting immediately after roll call for a total of 35 members present and 4 members absent or excused. Rep. Patterson left the meeting at 9:38 p.m. and rejoined at 10:23 p.m.; Rep. Shaw left the meeting at 10:46 p.m.; Rep. Sandford left the meeting at 11:42 p.m.

**VOTING MACHINE STATUS:** Not applicable

**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 (Rep. Sherwood abstaining).

**<sup>2</sup>MOMENTS OF SILENCE:** For the late: Victims of the attacks against Israel and the conflict in Gaza , Victims of the Lewiston, Maine shootings, Derrick Lateef Edmondson, and George W. Patterson from the 31st Board of Representatives; and Peter Nanos from President Curtis and Rep. Fedeli.

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

1. The deadline for the Steering Committee Agenda Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at noon

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2. The Steering Committee meeting will be on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
3. Next month's Regular Board Meeting will be on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.
4. Representatives Cottrell, Boeger and Grunberger are celebrating Birthdays this month.
5. The invocation for the November Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the 3<sup>rd</sup> District (Rep. Adams and Graham). Representatives are responsible for notifying the Board office with the name of the person doing the invocation.
6. There will be I.D.E.A.S. (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accessibility Strategies) for all Board members on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Ferguson Library or on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Harry Bennett Branch. Food will be provided. Please R.S.V.P. to the Board office.
7. The Board of Representatives holiday party will be on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.
8. The Board office will be closed on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.

#### **4FILLING OF VACANCY:**

1. Vacancy in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District (Rep. Coleman's Resignation)

**APPROVED BY  
ROLL CALL VOTE  
30-0-3**

Majority Leader Sherwood read the resignation letter from Rep. Coleman

October 3, 2023

There are two overriding reasons for this communication. One is to tender my resignation from the Stamford Board of Representatives. The other, pursuant to Section C1-80-2 of the City of Stamford's Charter, is to present my choice and exercise my right to name Chanta Graham to complete my term on Stamford's Board of Representatives. Ms. Graham's Resume is attached.

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It has been an honor and a privilege to serve my community, voicing our concerns, campaigning for our rights, and facing the many challenges my constituents have faced and continue to face. I have sought to safeguard and improve our quality of life.

I am thankful for the unwavering support of my constituents in District #3, for 14 years and more.

I am also thankful for this community's energy, strength, and prayers.

It has been my privilege to contribute the following, some of which are continuing while others, in the works:

- Support for my constituents, including elderly (Covid testing and vaccines, Senior Center, Visiting Nurses)
- Silver Source
- F.I.S.H.
- Americans With Disabilities
- Community Giveback Days (Health Fairs, Workshops)
- Board of Directors of CAAWC (Connecticut Action Association of Western Connecticut)  
(Presently serving as Secretary and on the Finance and Fundraising Committees)
- Working with CEO Ted Ferrone and the Events Coordinator of Building and Land Technology (BLT)
- Voter Registration
- City/Hoops (Creating Positive Change Today for Tomorrow's Future Leaders)

Ongoing projects include:

- Lathon Wider Community Center repairs and upgrades. This includes repairing severely deteriorated outside courts and lighting, working to repair poorly maintained spaces (making whole the gymnasium, including new wall padding, replacing basketball hoops that have not been replaced for more than 50 years, upgrading an outdated men's room, and other projects.
- I and members of this community have spent many hours in meetings to secure grants from the State Department of Transportation, as well as meetings with past and present mayors, local stakeholders, and contractors to secure Community Grant Funds.
- Worked to help constituents secure home ownership through the Community Land Trust of the Housing Development Fund (HDF).

Ms. Graham, along with her daughter and mother, are valuable, active volunteers in this Community. They are well known for their help and work with others in the District. Chanta comes with the approval and support of my fellow representative, Terry Adams. I ask that Ms. Graham be appointed to my Board seat by October 16, 2023.

In my years as one of the Representatives in District #3, also known as "the South End," I have had the opportunity to help, direct, support and befriend many. I was asked by members of the community, "Do you write down all that you do for us? Do you keep

track?” My response was “No, I’ve learned how to pick and choose our battles.” I’ve encouraged others to do the same.

Those battles help win the wars. I believe I've had a civic opportunity and I've done my best to meet the challenges. We members of the Board of Representatives are responsible for all the citizens of Stamford. We are the front line, the first responders. Please work to ensure, preserve, and protect for everyone, their right to a decent and equitable quality of life.

Sincerely,  
Elise Coleman

Majority Leader Sherwood called for nominations to fill the vacancy in the 3rd District.

Rep. de la Cruz nominated Chanta Graham; said nomination was seconded by Rep. Adams. There being no further nominations, the motion to approve Chanta Graham to fill the vacancy in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District was approved by a roll call vote of 30-0-3 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Grunberger, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Sherwood, Shinn, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston and David Watkins in favor; Reps. Mays, Shaw, and Weinberg abstaining).

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

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

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| 1. | <a href="#">RESOLUTION</a> ; Congratulating the Terry Conners Ice Rink on its 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary.<br>10/04/23 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood                     | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
| 2. | <a href="#">RESOLUTION</a> ; Congratulating the Stamford (Sharks) Youth Hockey Association on its 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary.<br>10/04/23 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |

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

**<sup>6</sup>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:** Kieran Edmondson spoke about providing x-ray devices to the police and not providing alcohol or marijuana to people under age 21; Elsa Mekonen spoke about open spaces and the Mayor’s Strategic Plan; Jennifer Bramlette, Neil Sherman, David Adams, and Joe Sandri spoke about 5G.

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# STANDING COMMITTEES

## STEERING COMMITTEE:

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

Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 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).

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

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

**Denis W. Patterson, Chair**  
**Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair**  
Meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 2023  
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. Adams, Boeger, Campbell, Garst, Goldberg, Jacobson, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Sherwood, Stella, and Dakary Watkins.

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| 1. A31.091 | <b>Stamford Golf Authority</b><br>John Masi (R)                      Repl. Vacancy<br>Stamford, CT<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2025<br>10/04/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br><b>10/17/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0</b> | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 2. A31.092 | <b>Zoning Board (Alternate)</b><br>Jeffrey Gatz (R)                      Repl. Vacancy<br>Stamford, CT<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2025<br>10/04/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br><b>10/17/23 – Withdrawn</b>               | <b>WITHDRAWN</b>                              |
| 3. A31.093 | <b>Zoning Board</b><br>Bianca Shinn (D)                      Repl. Vacancy<br>Stamford, CT<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2025<br>10/4/2023 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br><b>10/17/23 – Held by Committee 5-3-1</b>            | <b>HELD</b>                                   |

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

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**<sup>8</sup>FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

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

**Sean Boeger, Co-Chair**

**Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair**

Meeting: Monday, October 23, 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-Chair Miller; and Reps. Fedeli, and Morson; in attendance remotely were Co-Chair Boeger, and Committee Member Reps. Garst, Goldberg, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas. Absent was Committee Member Rep. Figueroa. Also in attendance in person were Chief Morris and Assistant Chief Robles, Stamford Fire Department; and Anthony Romano, OPM. Also in attendance remotely were Reps. Adams, Bewkes, de la Cruz, Summerville, and David Watkins; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; Chief Shaw, Stamford Police Department; Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief; Matt Quinones and Josie Carpanzano, Operations Department; Theresa Drew, Youth Services Bureau; Greg Stackpole and Steven Parenti, Assessor's Office; Ben Barnes, Director of Administration; Tom Cassone, Corporation Counsel; and Chris Kerin, Municipal Valuation Services LLC.

1. [F31.269](#)  
\$150,000.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);  
Lathon Wider Site Repurposing; Funds to Hire a  
Consulting Firm to Analyze and Prepare a Report on  
the Repurposing of the Lathon Wider Community  
Center; including Conduct of Public Forums,  
Surveys, and an Architectural Competition (Source  
of Funds: 100% Grant Funded; DECD - State)  
10/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
10/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0  
**10/23/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0**

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2. [F31.270](#)  
\$54,213.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);  
Stamford Police Department; Funds to be used to  
Purchase an Upgraded X-Ray Scanning System for  
the Police Bomb Squad and to contract with a  
Vendor to provide Tactical Arrest and Control  
Procedures Training for Police Officers (Source of  
Funds: 100% Grant Funded; DOJ - Federal)  
09/27/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
10/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0  
**10/23/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-1**

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| <p>3. <a href="#">F31.271</a><br/>\$250,000.00</p>   | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Stamford Police Department; Funds to be used to Purchase 6 Virtual Reality Training Simulators, 2 Portable Training Facilities, 5 Shooting Performance Systems and various supplies for the Stamford Police Academy (Source of Funds: 100% Grant Funded; DOJ - Federal)<br/>09/27/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>10/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0<br/><b>10/23/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-1</b></p> | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p> |
| <p>4. <a href="#">F31.272</a><br/>\$12,000.00</p>    | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Port Security; Funds for 12 new Fuel Injectors for the Fire Department's Vessel (100% Grant Funded)<br/>09/15/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>10/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0<br/><b>10/23/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0</b></p>   | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p> |
| <p>5. <a href="#">F31.273</a><br/>\$125,000.00</p>   | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Youth Services Bureau; Drug Free Communities; Funds for Prevention Activities to Reduce Youth Use of Alcohol and Marijuana (Source of Funds: \$125,000 Grant from CDC with 100% Match Requirement)<br/>10/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>10/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0<br/><b>10/23/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0</b></p>  | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p> |
| <p>6. <a href="#">F31.283</a><br/>\$1,167,462.30</p> | <p>REJECTION; Partial Capital Closeout of SUT II Projects; SUT II Off-Street Parking - \$279,062.62; SUT II – Phase II – Parking Area - \$888,399.68.<br/>10/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>10/10/23 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a><br/>10/11/23 – No Action Taken by Board of Finance<br/><b>10/23/23 – No Action Taken by Committee</b></p>  | <p><b>NO ACTION<br/>TAKEN</b></p>                    |

7. [F31.278](#)  
\$109,020.00
- ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); C65200; Citywide Vehicle Replacement & Upgrade; Funds to Install GPS Monitors Into 370 City Fleet Vehicles to Reduce Operating Expenses via Route Optimization, Reduced Fuel Consumption, Traffic Avoidance Technology, Increased Preventive Maintenance Compliance, Increase Driver Safety Behaviors, Reduce Engine Idling, and Reduce Insurance Cost Up To 35% Per Vehicle (Source of Funds: 100% City Bonds).  
10/02/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
10/10/23 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
10/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0  
**10/23/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0**
- APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**
8. [F31.274](#)
- [RESOLUTION](#); Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by Adding an Appropriation of \$109,020 for the Citywide Vehicle Replacement & Upgrade and Authorizing \$109,020 General Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation.  
10/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
10/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0  
**10/23/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0**
- APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**
9. [F31.279](#)  
\$170,042.62
- ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); C65202; Citywide Equipment Replacement & Upgrade; Route Optimization Will Allow the City to Provide a Data Driven Transparent Analysis of the Efficiency and Safety of our Current Sanitation Routes (Source of Funds: 100% City Bonds).  
10/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
10/10/23 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
10/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0  
**10/23/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0**
- APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**
10. [F31.275](#)
- [RESOLUTION](#); Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by Adding an Appropriation of \$170,042.62 for Citywide Equipment Replacement & Upgrade and Authorizing \$170,042.62 General Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation.  
10/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
10/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0  
**10/23/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0**
- APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**



11. [F31.280](#)  
\$888,399.68

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);  
CP3038 - Government Center Renovations;  
\$435,543.57 - Replacement and Repair of the  
Exterior Concrete and Masonry of the Government  
Center Terrace and Approaching Sidewalks;  
\$302,424.02 - Necessary Improvements within  
Government Parking Structure; \$150,432.09 -  
Remodeling the Building Department Lobby to  
Create a Dedicated Space for all Departments  
Involved in Construction Permitting with Necessary  
Technology (Source of Funds: 100% City Bonds).  
10/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
10/10/23 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
10/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0  
**10/23/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0**

**APPROVED ON  
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12. [F31.276](#)

**RESOLUTION**; Amending the Capital Budget for  
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by Adding an Appropriation of  
\$888,399.68 for the Government Center  
Renovations and Authorizing \$888,399.68 General  
Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said  
Appropriation.  
10/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
10/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0  
**10/23/23 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0**

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13. [F31.281](#)  
\$3,642,938.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);  
CP5241; Storm Water Pump Stations; Emergency  
Power Generators to Power Pumps at Cummings  
and Wampanaw Pump Stations Should the Utility  
Electrical Supply Fail During a Storm; Replacement  
and Upgrade of Pumps and Electrical Equipment at  
Cummings, Wampanaw And Dyke Lane Pump  
Stations. (Source of Funds: Federal Grant:  
\$2,732,203.50; City Bonds: \$910,734.50).  
10/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
10/10/23 – Held by [Planning Board](#)  
10/11/23 – Held by Board of Finance 5-0-0  
10/17/23 – Approved by Planning Board  
**10/23/23 – Held by Committee**

**HELD**

14. [F31.277](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by Adding an Appropriation of \$3,642,938 for the Storm Water Pump Stations and Authorizing \$910,734.50 General Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation.  
10/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
10/11/23 – Held by Board of Finance 5-0-0  
**10/23/23 – Held by Committee** **HELD**
15. [F31.282](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); 001355; Growing Together Stamford; Establish Trees in Public Right-Of-Way Planting Locations in Disadvantaged Downtown Stamford Neighborhoods; Train Youth to Facilitate the stewardship of These Trees (Source of Funds: 100% Federal Grant).  
\$1,000,000.00  
10/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
10/10/23 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
10/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0  
**10/23/23 – Approved by Committee 7-0-1** **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**
16. [F31.252](#) 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)]  
\$860,565.20  
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  
09/27/23 – Recommended to Steering by Committee 8-0-0  
10/11/23 – Held by Board of Finance 5-0-0  
**10/23/23 – Held by Committee** **HELD**
17. [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  
09/27/23 – Recommended to Steering by Committee 8-0-0  
10/11/23 – Held by Board of Finance 5-0-0  
**10/23/23 – Held by Committee** **HELD**

18. [F31.236](#) 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.  
 06/07/23 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz, Sherwood, Patterson, Bewkes, Stella, Watkins, Tomas, and Figueroa  
 06/26/23 – Held by Committee 9-0-0  
 07/24/23 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0  
 08/28/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 10-0-0  
 09/27/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 8-0-0  
**10/23/23 – Report Made & Recommitted to Steering by Committee 7-0-0**
19. [F31.267](#) REVIEW; Legal Fees Related to Charter Revision Commission.  
 08/14/23 - Submitted by Reps. Goldberg and Miller  
 09/27/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 8-0-0  
**10/23/23 – Held by Committee**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 5, 7 through 12, and 15, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**9 LEGISLATIVE & RULES**

**COMMITTEE:**  
[Attendance & Votes](#)  
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**Phil Berns, Chair**  
**Sean Boeger, Vice Chair**  
 Meeting: Tuesday, October 24, 2023  
 7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Berns reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Berns, Vice-Chair Boeger, and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Matheny, Miller, Pierre-Louis, and Sherwood. Reps. Cottrell and Jacobson were excused. Also present was Rep. Summerville; Matt Quinones, Director of Operations; Michael Fernandes, Assistant Superintendent of Student Support; Chris Dellaselva, Legal Dept.; and members of the public.

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| 1. <a href="#">LR31.058</a> | <p><b>RESOLUTION</b> and public hearing; Approving a License and Use Agreement by and between the Boys &amp; Girls Club of Stamford and the Stamford Public Schools (Use of Classroom Space for SPS' Steps Program).</p> <p>09/19/23 – Submitted by Ryan Fealey<br/> 09/26/23 – Approved by Planning Board<br/> 10/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0<br/> <b>10/24/23 – Public Hearing Held and Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b></p>   | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p>    |
| 2. <a href="#">LR31.059</a> | <p><b>RESOLUTION</b> and public hearing; Approving a Lease by and between the Honorable James A. Himes and the City of Stamford for 996 ft<sup>2</sup> of Office Space on the 10<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Government Center.</p> <p>09/22/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/> 10/10/23 – Approved by Planning Board<br/> 10/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-1-0<br/> <b>10/24/23 – Public Hearing Held and Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b></p>  | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p>    |
| 3. <a href="#">LR31.060</a> | <p>REVIEW; Potential Ordinance to Stop Loud and Excessive Exhaust Pollution (SLEEP).</p> <p>09/27/23 – Submitted by Rep. Jacobson<br/> <b>10/24/23 – Held by Committee</b></p>   | <p><b>HELD</b></p>                                      |
| 4. <a href="#">LR31.048</a> | <p>APPROVAL; Amending the Rules of the Board to Allow the Public Comment Period prior to the Filling of a Vacancy.</p> <p>02/09/23 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood<br/> 03/29/23 – Recommended to Steering 6-0-0<br/> 04/25/23 – Recommended to Steering 8-0-0<br/> 05/23/23 – FAILED in Committee 4-4-0<br/> 06/05/23 – Recommended to Committee by Full Board<br/> 06/26/23 – Held by Committee 9-0-0<br/> 07/10/23 – Held at Steering<br/> 08/14/23 – Held at Steering<br/> 09/28/23 – Recommended to Steering by Committee 7-0-0<br/> <b>10/24/23 – Approved by Committee 4-3-0</b></p> | <p><b>APPROVED BY<br/>ROLL CALL VOTE<br/>28-7-0</b></p> |

A motion to approve Item No. 4 was made, seconded, and approved by a roll call vote of 28-7-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Graham, Grunberger, Jean-Louis, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Shinn, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston and Weinberg in favor; Reps. Fedeli, Jacobson, Miller, Morson, Sandford, Shaw, and David Watkins opposed).

5. [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 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0  
 04/25/23 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0  
 05/23/23 – Recommitted 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 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 7-0-0  
**10/24/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 7-0-0**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 and 2, 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.

<sup>10</sup>**LAND USE/URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** **Bradley Bewkes, Chair**  
**Nina Sherwood, Vice Chair**  
[Attendance & Votes](#)  
[Minutes & Video](#)  
 Meeting: Wednesday, October 18, 2023  
 7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Bewkes reported that the Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Bewkes and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Campbell, Garst, Grunberger, Matheny, Mays, Sherwood, Summerville, and Tomas. Excused was Committee Member Rep. de la Cruz. Also present were Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Figueroa, Goldberg, Jacobson, Moore, Pollack, Stella, and Walston; Burt Rosenberg, Law Department; Judge Robert Holzberg; Attorney Alfred Smith; Rob Brown, M.D.; B. Blake Levitt, Dr. Devra Davis, and Theodora Scarato, Environmental Health Trust; Kent Chamberlain, University of New

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Hampshire; and Joseph Sandri, National Spectrum Management Association.

**Possibly in Executive Session:**

1. [LU31.032](#) APPROVAL; Agreement with AT&T/Verizon re **FAILED BY ROLL  
CALL VOTE 5-21-8**  
Placement of 5G Equipment on City-Owned Utility  
Poles in Municipal Right-of-Way.  
09/05/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
09/28/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee  
10-0-0  
**10/18/23 – FAILED in Committee 1-8-0**

A motion to recommit Item No. 1 to Steering was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 12-23-1 (Reps. Adams, Fedeli, Gilbride, Jacobson, Mays, Miller, Morson, Pollack, Sandford, Shaw, David Watkins, and Weinberg in favor; Reps. Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Garst, Graham, Grunberger, Jean-Louis, Matheny, Moore, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Shinn, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, and Walston opposed; Rep. Cottrell abstaining.)

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and failed by a roll call vote of 5-21-8 (Reps. Adams, Mays, Miller, Sandford, and Weinberg in favor; Reps. Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Garst, Grunberger, Jean-Louis, Matheny, Moore, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, and Walston opposed; Reps. Cottrell, Fedeli, Gilbride, Graham, Jacobson, Morson, Shinn, and David Watkins abstaining).

2. LU31.033 REVIEW; Update on Upcoming Projects Planned by **RECOMMITTED TO  
STEERING**  
the Mill River Collaborative.  
10/05/23– Submitted by Rep. Adams  
**10/18/23 – Recommitted to Steering by  
Committee 10-0-0**

**<sup>11</sup>OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:**

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

**Virgil de la Cruz, Chair**  
**Carmine Tomas, Vice Chair**  
Meeting: Monday, October 16, 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. Boeger, Ley, Tomas, Dakary Watkins, and David Watkins. Also in attendance were Rep. Adams; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; and Matthew Quiñones, Director of Operations.

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| 1. <a href="#">O31.037</a> | APPROVAL; Agreement between City of Stamford and Aquarion Water Company for Paving Restoration in Shippan Area pursuant to Bid Waiver [Agreement Amount: \$320,491.20]<br>09/29/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br>10/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0<br><b>10/16/23 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0</b>  | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 2. 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.<br>09/06/23 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz<br>09/18/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0<br><b>10/16/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering by Committee 6-0-0</b> | <b>RECOMMITTED TO<br/>STEERING</b>            |
| 3. O31.038                 | REVIEW; Status of plans to replace multiple gas fired HVAC units with fewer heat pumps units and installation of solar panels on the roof of the Yerwood Community Center.<br>10/05/23 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz<br><b>10/16/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering by Committee 5-0-0</b>  | <b>RECOMMITTED TO<br/>STEERING</b>            |
| 4. O31.018                 | REVIEW; West Main Street Bridge.<br>08/03/22 – Submitted by Director Quinones<br>08/15/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 7-0-0<br>09/12/22 – Moved to Pending<br>12/29/22 –Held by Committee 9-0-0<br>01/09/23 – Moved to Pending<br><b>10/16/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering by Committee 5-0-0</b>   | <b>RECOMMITTED TO<br/>STEERING</b>            |

5. [O31.001](#) REVIEW; Administration plans to Develop Short and Long Term Plan to Mitigate the Impact of Severe Storm and Rain Events as expressed in [Resolution 4113](#). **RECOMMITTED TO STEERING**
- 12/08/21 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz and Berns  
12/20/21 – Held by Committee 9-0-0  
01/31/22 – Held by Committee  
03/03/22 – Held by Committee 5-0-0  
03/11/22 – Moved to Pending  
04/27/22 – Held by Committee 7-0-0  
06/20/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 9-0-0  
07/11/22 – Moved to Pending  
07/31/23 – Report Made  
08/07/23 – Held by Full Board  
08/14/23 – Moved to Pending  
**10/16/23 –Recommitted to Steering by Committee 6-0-0**

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

**<sup>12</sup>PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE:**  
[Attendance & Votes](#)  
[Minutes & Video](#)

**Jeffrey Stella, Chair**  
**Eric Morson, Vice Chair**  
Meeting: Thursday, October 26, 2023  
6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Stella reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Stella, Vice Chair Morson, and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Garst, and Pavia. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Campbell, Pollack, and Roqueta. Also present were Rep. Adams, de la Cruz, Grunberger, and Mays; Lou DeRubeis, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Dana Lee, Attorney; Rex Morris, Interim Chief Stamford Fire Dept.; and Jody Bishop-Pullan, Director of Health.

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1. [PS31.047](#) ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption; Amending [Chapter 242 of the Code of Ordinances](#) Adding § 242-5 Prohibiting the Possession of Firearms and Explosives in Government Buildings and Polling Places. **RECOMMENDED TO STEERING BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**  
 09/05/23 – Submitted by Lou DeRubeis  
 09/21/23 – Approved by Committee, as Amended, 5-0-1  
**10/26/23- Public Hearing Held and Approved by Committee, as Amended, 4-0-1**

A motion to recommit Item No. 1 to the Steering Committee was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. [PS31.002](#) REVIEW; Administration Plans to pursue Air Quality Monitoring as Proposed in [Resolution 4081](#). (Previously PS30.092) **RECOMMENDED TO STEERING**  
 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 – Recommended 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 – Recommended to Steering by Full Board  
 06/12/23 – Moved to Pending  
 08/24/28 – No Action Taken  
 09/21/23 – Report Made and Recommended to Steering, 6-0-1  
**10/26/23- Report Made and Recommended to Steering 5-0-0**

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. **HELD**  
 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  
**10/26/23- Held by Committee 5-0-0**

4. PS31.048      REVIEW; Stamford’s Ban of Plastic Straws and the      **HELD**  
Safety of Paper Straws.  
09/06/23 – Submitted by Rep. Stella  
09/21/23 – Held  
[10/26/23- Held by Committee 5-0-0](#)

**PARKS & RECREATION  
COMMITTEE:**

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

Chair Matheny reported that there was no meeting of the Parks and 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 Roqueta reported that there was no meeting of HCD/SS Committee and no report.

**<sup>13</sup>TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:**

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

**David Watkins, Chair**  
**Terry Adams, Vice Chair**  
Meeting: Wednesday, October 25, 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. Grunberger, Gilbride and Sandford. Committee Member Reps. Moore and Shinn were absent. Also present were Frank Petise, Transportation Bureau Chief; Luke Buttenwieser, Transportation, Traffic and Parking Bureau; Chris Dellaselva, Legal Department; and Mark Vertucci, Fuss and Oneill.

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| 1. <a href="#">T31.023</a> | APPROVAL; Agreement between City of Stamford and The Street Plans Collaborative for a Traffic Engineering Consultant for Stamford Vision Zero Action Plan [total cost not to exceed \$249,820]<br>09/28/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br>10/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0<br><b>10/25/23 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0</b> | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 2. <a href="#">T31.024</a> | APPROVAL; Changing the Designation of Greenwich Avenue between Pulaski Street and Selleck Street to a One-Way Southbound Street under <a href="#">Code §231-72</a> .<br>09/29/23 – Submitted by Frank Petise<br><b>10/25/23 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0</b>   | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |

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

**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**

**OUTSIDE COUNSEL COMMITTEE:** Jeff Curtis, Chair

Rep. Sherwood reported 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

Rep. Sherwood reported that there was no meeting of the High Ridge Litigation Committee and no report.

## <sup>14</sup>MINUTES

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[APPROVAL](#); October 2, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

**APPROVED BY  
UNANIMOUS  
VOICE VOTE**  
*(Reps. Sherwood  
abstained)*

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

Majority Leader Sherwood adjourned the meeting at 11:53 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#).

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