

The Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 8:00 p.m., remotely on Zoom.com.

MINUTES

President Curtis called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

INVOCATION: Delivered by Rabbi Moshe Shemtov [16th District].

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

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk Cottrell. There were 33 members present and 7 members absent or excused at the time of the roll call (Reps. Adams, Baines, Berns, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg (left at 8:57 p.m.), Graham, Grunberger, Kuczynski, Matheny, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Shaw, Sherwood (joined at 9:12 p.m.), Stella (left at 9:00 p.m.) Strain, Summerville (joined at 8:26 p.m.), Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg, and Williams were present; Reps. Ley, Moore, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, absent or excused).

VOTING MACHINE STATUS:

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late: Former Representative Philip J. Giordano, and former President Jimmy Carter from the 31st Board of Representatives; and Ina Cameron Winn from Rep. Summerville.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The deadline for the Steering Committee Agenda is Wednesday, January 8th at 5:00 p.m.
2. The Steering Committee meeting will be on Monday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m.
3. The next regular Board meeting will be on Monday, February 3rd at 8:00 p.m.
4. The Board office will be closed on Monday, January 20th.
5. Representative Berns is celebrating his birthday this month.
6. The invocation for the February Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the 17th District (Reps. Fedeli and Pavia). Representatives are responsible for notifying the Board office with the name of the person doing the invocation.
7. If you need assistance with Zoom during the meeting, please call: [REDACTED] to speak with IT. Please do not call other members of the Board or the Board office. If you are having problems speaking or hearing with your computer, you can always access the meeting through a telephone by dialing the phone number on the Agenda - 1-646-558-8656, and using the Webinar ID on the agenda: **814 7054 1826**. Please call or text IT at

██████████ or text the Clerk at 475-489-5435 to let us know you are coming on, with the phone number you are using, and we will make sure you are able to speak during the meeting.

8. If you do not respond during a roll call vote, your name will be called 2 more times after the conclusion of the vote. If you do not respond, you will be assumed to have left the meeting and your name will not be called on the next roll call vote.
9. If you decide to leave the meeting, you must text the Clerk when you leave. If you need to leave the meeting for a short period, text the Clerk when you leave and return. Members who do not text the Clerk when they leave the meeting will be presumed to be present for all consent items.

A motion to change the Agenda order for the Public Participation Session to go before Honorary Resolutions was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

The following people spoke during the session: Kieran Edmondson, Susan Halpern, Michael Hyman, Andy George, Richard Freedman, Shelley Michelson, James Fleischer, Mike Pappa, Dave Adams, and Philip Magalnick.

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

1. [RESOLUTION](#); Honoring Jackie Heftman on her more than thirty years of dedicated volunteer leadership to the people of Stamford, including 5 years on the Urban Redevelopment Commission, 10 years on the Zoning Board and 16 years on the BOE.
12/04/24 – Submitted by Reps. Morson, Weinberg and Patterson
- FAILED BY A
ROLL CALL
VOTE OF 23-4-6**

A motion to approve the resolution honoring Jackie Heftman was made, seconded and failed by a roll vote of 23-4-6. (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blank, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Matheny, Mays, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Shaw, Vandervoort, Watkins, Weinberg, and Williams in favor; Reps. Campbell, Figueroa, Stella, and Walston opposed; and Reps. Boeger, Graham, Kuczynski, Strain, Summerville, and Tomas abstained.)

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE:

Meeting: Monday, December 9, 2024
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

A motion to waive the Steering Committee report was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

[Attendance](#)
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Denis W. Patterson, Chair

Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair

Meeting: Tuesday, December 17, 2024

6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by
webinar

Chair Patterson reported that the Appointments Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Shaw, and Committee Member Rep. Baines. Also in attendance were Reps. Goldberg and Weinberg. Absent or excused were Reps. Figueroa, Grunberger, Kuczynski, Pavia, Summerville, and Walston.

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| 1. A31.158 | Golf Commission
Robert Judge (R) Reappointment
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/1/2027
11/6/2024 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons
11/19/2024 – No Action Taken
12/17/2024 – No Quorum No Action Taken | APPROVED BY A
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE
<i>(Reps. Figueroa and
Walston abstained)</i> |
| 2. A31.161 | Golf Commission
Angelo Ripegno (R) <i>Repl. Vera (R) Exp. 12/1/23</i>
Term Expires: 12/1/2027
Stamford, CT 06902
12/04/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/17/2024 – No Quorum No Action Taken | NO ACTION
TAKEN |
| 3. A31.162 | Civil Citation Officers - Environmental Health
Ebrima Jobe, Director of Environmental Health and
Inspections
12/04/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/17/2024 – No Quorum No Action Taken | APPROVED BY A
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE
<i>(Reps. Figueroa and
Walston abstained)</i> |
| 4. A31.163 | Civil Citation Officers - Environmental Health
Tiziana Covacci, Deputy Director of Environmental
Health and Inspections
12/04/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/17/2024 – No Quorum No Action Taken | APPROVED BY A
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE
<i>(Reps. Figueroa and
Walston abstained)</i> |

A motion to approve items 1, 3 and 4 was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

[Attendance & Votes](#)
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Sean Boeger, Co-Chair

Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair

Meeting: Monday, December 30, 2024

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

Co-Chair Fedeli reported that the Fiscal Committee met as indicated above.

In attendance were Co-Chair Fedeli and Committee Member Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Tomas, and Vandervoort. Also in attendance were Reps. Adams, de la Cruz, Summerville, and Williams; Bill Brink, Stamford Water Pollution Control Authority Executive Director; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer, and Ann Brown, Stamford Water Pollution Control Authority Supervising Engineer. Absent or excused were Co-Chair Boeger, Reps. Morson, Pierre-Louis, and Shaw.

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| 1. F31.489
\$2,000,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
Project: C22046 Perna Lane Area Sewers; Water
Pollution Control; Complete installation of sanitary
sewers, pump stations and force mains in the Phase 1
are of the Perna Lane Sewer Project.
11/18/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/12/24 – Item Withdrawn | WITHDRAWN |
| 2. F31.490 | RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal
Year 24/25 Water Pollution Control Project C22046 Perna
Lane Sewers.
11/18/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/12/24 – Item Withdrawn | WITHDRAWN |
| 3. F31.491
\$350,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
Project: CP4242 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation; Water
Pollution Control; to rehabilitate sanitary sewers and
manholes to extend their useful life and remove infiltration
and inflow.
11/18/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/12/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0
12/30/24 – Committee Approved 5-0-1 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 4. F31.492
\$250,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
Project: CP5241 Storm Water Pump Stations;
Operations, Stormwater Management; for capital
improvements at the three storm water pump stations that
make up the Stamford Hurricane Barrier: Dyke Lane,
Wampanaw and Cummings Pump Stations.
11/18/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/12/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0
12/30/24 – Committee Approved 7-0-0 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 5. F31.493 | RESOLUTION; Amending the capital budget for Fiscal | APPROVED ON |

YR 24/25 by adding an appropriation of \$250,000 for the Storm Water Pump Stations Project and authorizing \$250,000 General Obligation bonds of the City to meet said appropriation.

11/18/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

12/12/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0

12/30/24 – Committee Approved 7-0-0

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6. [F31.494](#)
\$1,423.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); This additional amount is to reflect the actual award amount. Funds will be used for Stamford Police Department; Click it Ticket Overtime and FICA.

11/18/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

12/12/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0

12/30/24 – Committee Approved 6-0-1

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (Reps. Boeger and Figueroa abstained)

7. [F31.495](#)

RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) for the John Boccuzzi Park Phase 2 Project #CP3159 (formerly #012662)

11/26/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

12/30/24 – Committee Approved 7-0-0

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

8. [F31.496](#)

RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Services (FS) for the IRA Growing Together Stamford Project

11/26/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

12/30/24 – Committee Approved 7-0-0

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item 3-8, was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

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Phil Berns, Chair

Sean Boeger, Vice Chair

Meeting: Thursday, January 2, 2025

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Berns reported that the Legislative and Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Phil Berns, Vice-Chair Boeger and Committee Member Reps. Blank, Cottrell, Fedeli, Matheny, Pierre-Louis, and Vandervoort. Also in attendance were Reps. Adams, Strain, Summerville, Walston, and Weinberg; Peter Gould, Park Police Coordinator; Greg Stackpole, Tax Assessor and Jonathan Gottlieb, President, Rippowam Corporation. Absent or

excused was Representative Sherwood.

1. [LR31.088](#) ORDINANCE for public hearing and Final Adoption;
Concerning a Tax Abatement Agreement among the City
of Stamford and Oak Park 2 Limited Partnership and the
Housing Authority of the City of Stamford for 43 Below-
Market Units Located at Ursula Place, Stamford, CT.
10/16/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/26/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0
01/02/25 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0 **APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA**

2. [LR31.077](#) ORDINANCE for public hearing and Final Adoption;
Concerning the definition and regulation of the use of
Motorized Recreational Vehicles
07/09/24 – Submitted by Rep. Boeger and Curtis
07/15/24 – Held at Steering
08/12/24 – Held at Steering
10/01/24 – Recommitted to Steering
10/29/24 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
11/26/24 – Amended by Committee 8-0-0
11/26/24 – Approved as Amended for Publication by
Committee 8-0-0
01/02/25 – Approved as amended by Committee 8-0-0 **APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA**

3. [LR31.076](#) ORDINANCE for public hearing and Final Adoption;
Concerning the definition and regulation of the use of
External Loud Speakers.
07/09/24 – Submitted by Rep. Boeger
07/15/24 – Held at Steering
10/01/24 – Recommitted to Steering
10/01/24 – Recommitted to Steering
10/29/24 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
11/26/24 – Amended by Committee 7-0-0
11/26/24 – Approved for Publication by Committee 7-0-0
01/02/25 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0 **APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
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A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item 1-3, was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

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Mary Fedeli, Chair

Bobby Pavia, Vice Chair

Meeting: Monday, December 16, 2024

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Fedeli reported that the Personnel Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Fedeli, Vice Chair Pavia and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Berns, Cottrell, Figueroa,

excused was Rep. Roqueta.

1. [PS31.059](#) ORDINANCE for public hearing and Final Adoption; concerning an amendment to chapter 72 Alcoholic Beverages, Section 72-2, Sale and Consumption on Municipal Property
11/27/24 – Submitted by Rep. Boeger
11/27/24 – Approved by Committee 7-0-1
12/16/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

**APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA** (*Rep.
Adams abstained*)

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

**PARKS & RECREATION
COMMITTEE:**

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Jennifer Matheny, Chair

Daniel R. Sanford, Vice Chair

Meeting: Thursday, December 19, 2024

7:00 p.m. –By webinar

Chair Matheny reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Matheny, Vice-Chair Sanford, and Committee Member Reps. de la Cruz, Gilbride, Kuczynski, and Weinberg. Also in attendance were Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Chair Sherwood, Co-Chair Tomas and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Campbell, Camporeale, Mays; and Melanie Hollas, Parks & Recreation Commission Chair. Absent or excused were Reps. Grunberger, Saftic, and Summerville.

1. [PR31.038](#) RESOLUTION; A Resolution of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford Supporting the Zoning of City Parks as Dedicated Parkland
11/25/24 – Submitted by Reps. Tomas, Sherwood and Matheny
12/16/24 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0

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Secondary Committee: Land Use/UR Committee

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

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

