

The Regular Meeting of the 27th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, August 7, 2006 in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, 4th Floor, Stamford, Connecticut.

MINUTES

President David Martin called the meeting to order at 9:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: By John Zelinsky

“Let us all bow our heads and pray. Dear Lord, our God, work with love on the people in this community. Keep them safe in Your service; bless them and their friends and family. Heavenly Father, we ask the blessings of Your love for all of the members of this Board. Please give us the wisdom this evening to vote on all the business items before us to do what is best for our constituents and residents of our great City of Stamford. Please God watch over our police officers, firefighters, EMS workers, city employees, elected officials and residents and keep them safe from harm. Please, also keep our military personnel out of harm’s way. Thank you, God. Amen.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President David R. Martin

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There were 38 members present and 2 absent/excused (Reps. C. Martin and Nowakowski). (Note: Rep. Lodato arrived after roll call.)

VOTING MACHINE STATUS: The machine was in good working order.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late: John T. Considine by the 27th Board of Representatives; Charlene Jones by Rep. Boccuzzi; Anthony J. DeVito by Reps. Giordano and Fedeli; Clotilda Cогnetta, John J. Yorfino, Sr., Thomas R. Good, III, Lucille B. Ferullo and Millie M. Gallasso by Rep. Giordano; Kasimier Podlaski, Matthew Lorasso, Jr., Luis F. Carmona and Andrei Slipyi by Rep. Zelinsky.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. President Martin wished Reps. Giordano, Rauh, Lombardo, Adams and Young a happy birthday.
2. President Martin announced the resignation of Jennifer Wick, Legislative Aide.

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

1. [SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION](#);
commemorating Joseph Peter Cottone's service
to the City of Stamford.
07/01/06 – Submitted by Rep. Figueroa **APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**
2. SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION;
congratulating Dr. Henry Zalichin for his fifty
years of service in the City of Stamford.
07/10/06 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky **HELD**

Suspension of Rules

Rep. Skigen moved to suspend the rules to take up Item No. 3 below that did not appear on the Agenda. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. [SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION](#);
thanking Antonio Iadarola for his service to the
City of Stamford. **APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**
08/07/06 – Submitted by 27th Board of Reps.

Rep. Skigen stated that while we may be upset that Antonio is leaving, the service he has provided to this Board and to the City has been outstanding. Rep. Skigen would like to have a resolution to present to him at the upcoming dinner in his honor.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Meeting: Monday, July 10, 2006
[\(Attendance\)](#) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room
[\(Report\)](#)

Majority Leader Boccuzzi moved to waive the Steering Committee Report; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: Annie M. Summerville, Chair

[\(Attendance\)](#)

[\(Votes\)](#)

[\(Report\)](#)

John J. Boccuzzi, Vice Chair

Meeting: Tuesday, August 1, 2006

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Vice Chair Boccuzzi reported that the Appointments Committee met on Tuesday, August 1, 2006. Present were Vice-Chair Boccuzzi and Committee Member Reps. Aposporos, Blackwell, Layton, Munger, DePina and Molgano. Excused were Chair Summerville and Nowakowski.

1. [A27.048](#) **Smith House Board of Directors** **APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**
Fred Pierre-Louis (R) Repl. D'Andrea
181 Sun Dance Road (Term Exp.
12/31/6)
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 12/31/06
06/27/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
08/01/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0

2. [A27.047](#) **Health Commission** **APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**
Kenneth Cutler, Jr., MD (R) Repl. McCabe
293 Rocky Rapids Road (Term Exp. 12/1/6)
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/01/09
06/27/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
08/01/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0

3. [A27.049](#) **Urban Redevelopment Commission** **APPROVED BY
MACHINE VOTE
34-3-0**
Robert S. Robins (R) Repl. Jewell
64 Pond Road (Term Exp. 12/1/3)
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 12/01/08
06/27/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
08/01/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0

Vice Chair Boccuzzi moved item No. A27.49; said motion was seconded. Mr. Boccuzzi stated that Mr. Robins has lived in Stamford for three years, but he has a great deal of experience in urban renewal. He previously lived in New Orleans, having served on a local committee after the hurricane. He was well-informed, and although he has only lived here for approximately three years, his experience and background well qualifies him for the Urban Redevelopment Commission.

Rep. White stated that he does not feel that anyone should be appointed to a land use board that has only lived in Stamford for three years, especially the Urban Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Robins doesn't know the history of Stamford, and this could lead to errors on his part by not knowing the history of what has gone on over the

last 40 years with the Urban Redevelopment Commission. Rep. White stated he will vote no on this appointment.

The motion was approved by a machine vote of 34-3-0 (Reps. Adams, Aposporos, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Greenberg, Heaphy, Hunter, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, D. Martin, McCullen, Mirkin, Mitchell, Molgano, Munger, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Coppola, Berns, and White opposed.) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 728](#)). (Note: Rep. Lodato arrived for this vote and requested his vote be recorded as yes.)

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| 4. A27.044 | Stamford Golf Authority
Antonio Conte (R)
71 Barmore Drive East
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 01/01/09
06/27/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
08/01/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0 | Reappointment
(Term Exp. 1/1/6) | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 5. A27.045 | Stamford Golf Authority
William R. Lombardo (R)
96 Boxwood Drive
Stamford, CT 06906
Term Expires: 01/01/09
06/27/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
08/01/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0 | Reappointment
(Term Exp. 1/1/6) | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 6. A27.046 | Economic Development Commission
Barry Haines (R)
36 Fairland Street
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 12/01/07
06/27/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
08/01/06 – Held in Committee | Repl. Choate
(Term Exp. 12/1/4) | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 5 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Summerville thanked Vice Chair Boccuzzi for the wonderful job he did in her absence at the Appointments Committee.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: **Randall M. Skigen, Chair**
(Attendance) **Linda Cannady, Vice Chair**
(Votes) Meeting: Monday, July 24, 2006
(Report)

6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Skigen reported the Fiscal Committee met on Monday, July, 24, 2006. Present were Chair Skigen and Vice Chair Cannady and Committee Member Reps. Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Hunter and Mitchell; excused were Reps. Lyons and Mirkin. Also present were Clerk of the Board Summerville and Committee Members Heaphy, Molgano, Pia, Rauh and Zelinsky as well as many members of the public (see attached [sign-in/speakers](#) list).

Chair Skigen added that Rep. Heaphy was present at the meeting and spoke during the public hearing portion of the meeting. She expressed her concerns regarding traffic at the sight and her hope that traffic will be the first thing that is looked at.

1. F27.139 \$1,000,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); for public hearing; Engineering; School Readiness Expansion; to fund Phase I, II and III reports on environmental conditions of the property known as the Edward Hunt Recreation Complex on Courtland Avenue. 05/26/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 06/06/06 – Approved by Planning Board 06/12/06 – Approved by Board of Finance 06/26/06 – Held in Committee 8-0-0 & public hearing approved 07/24/06 – Failed in Committee 3-4-2	Approved \$500,000 by Machine vote 36-1-0 \$500,000 held in Committee by a Unanimous Voice Vote
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Secondary Committee: Education

\$250,000 approved 4-2-0

Chair Skigen stated this is not a full description of what was proposed. What was proposed included a site plan, site survey, traffic survey and construction plans and architectural drawings. There was a lengthy public hearing and lengthy committee discussion on this matter. Chair Skigen moved the item; said motion was seconded.

The Education Committee reported that it recommended the sum of \$250,000 by a vote of 4-2-0.

Chair Skigen stated that after extensive discussions with members of the Board, he would move to divide the question as follows: \$500,000 to be appropriated (\$135,000 for environmental studies, \$15,000 for a site survey, \$300,000 for a site plan and schematic drawings and \$50,000 for traffic survey); the second part of the motion will be to hold \$500,000 in committee. Said motion was seconded.

Chair Skigen stated that this is an attempt to find out if this is an appropriate site for this program. A number of members, including the representatives of the district, expressed

valid concerns regarding the feasibility of this site. This will allow environmental work, which will need to be done regardless of what the City decides to do with this building. This will also allow for a site survey and a traffic survey, which are desperately needed for this location; it will also allow for a site plan and schematics so we will be able to try and get our name on a list for the \$18 million in pre-k funding that the State has set up for this year. There is a December 1st deadline to apply for those funds, and it is hopeful that these funds sufficient to allow Stamford to get its name on the list. If we find out that the site is feasible and we address the traffic issues and come up with a plan that will work at this park, then it would be the intention to come back for the additional \$500,000, after we have had a chance to review the work to that point.

Rep. Mirkin stated that the Mayor requested \$20,000 for a traffic survey in his letter and noted that the Committee allotted \$50,000 for this survey. Chair Skigen responded that the Committee was concerned that \$20,000 was not sufficient to hire a consultant who would need to work with the State; the State is currently looking at Exit 9 – the Courtland Avenue Corridor and the East Main Street Corridor. While the administration feels \$20,000 will meet the needs, the Committee felt this is not an adequate amount of funds. If they don't need the funds, they won't use the funds.

Rep. Day stated that everybody agrees on the merits of the school readiness program and the need to expand it. The only issue is whether the site is appropriate as a location. The problems/concerns cited are the possible taking of park property or other effects that might accrue to the park and the traffic concerns. It is his opinion that this proposal may in fact be the solution to those problems rather than a complication of them. Whether he is right or wrong cannot be determined until at least some amount of money needs to be spent exploring it. Mr. Day is not in favor of just giving up on expanding the program at this site with the possibility of substantially improving the quality of the park and making the building have some use. The building there is an embarrassment to the City; it has been abandoned for 30 years.

Rep. Day stated another concern is whether we are spending money on a project that is never going to materialize, and the compromise proposed goes a long way toward providing some comfort in that regard. Rep. Day is confident that our Engineering Department will not spend more money than is absolutely necessary, and this will be a stepped process. He urges his fellow representatives to support this compromise as it keeps the program alive. Further, we know that the State is planning on spending a lot of money on that intersection, and there is a chance that some of the state money already set aside for this project may actually be accelerated. He feels this is an important issue for this Board to get behind.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Skigen moved to approve the first part of the divided question (the appropriation of \$500,000); said motion was seconded.

Rep. Heaphy stated that she supports this compromise proposal because she believes it does address the concerns of the neighborhood, particularly about the congestion.

Rep. Figueroa stated that, as the representative for District 8, she is in favor of approving the \$500,000 allocation with the understanding that should the studies come back in favor of the proposed program, no parkland shall be taken away from the community to fulfill CLC's proposal.

Rep. Heaphy stated she is in support of Rep. Figueroa's remarks.

The motion was approved by a machine vote of 36-1-0 (Reps. Repts. Adams, Aposporos, Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Greenberg, Heaphy, Hunter, Larobina, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, D. Martin, McCullen, Mirkin, Mitchell, Molgano, Munger, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, Young, White and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Layton opposed.) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 729.](#))

Chair Skigen moved to hold \$500,000 in committee. Said motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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| 2. F27.146
\$12,900.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);
DUI Enforcement Memorial/4 th of July; to perform
DUI patrols and sobriety checkpoints during
holidays; requires 25% city match.
06/27/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
07/12/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
07/24/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0 | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA (Rep.
<i>Franzetti
abstaining</i>) |
| 3. F27.145
\$9,786.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);
Youth Advisory Committee; to fund mini-grants to 3
community centers to initiate programs designed to
deter violence and promote positive youth
development; funds to pay for 3 officers and 1
custodian to attend 4 public forum events at high
schools.
06/21/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
07/12/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
07/24/06 – Committee approved 5-0-1 | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 4. F27.144
\$1,123.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);
STD Clinic Grant; non-capital computer equipment;
to bring grant account line up to approved funding
levels.
06/14/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
07/12/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
07/24/06 – Committee approved 6-0-0 | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |

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| 5. F27.148
\$400.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Youth Services Bureau; Direct Service Grant; for a statewide youth forum.
07/07/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
08/10/06 – To be considered by Board of Finance
07/24/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0 | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 6. F27.149
\$250.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Project Music Donation; represents \$250 donation to provide instruments for needy children.
07/07/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
08/10/06 – To be considered by Board of Finance
07/24/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0 | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 7. F27.147 | APPROVAL; of a contract with JP Morgan Chase Bank for banking products and services.
07/06/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
07/12/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
07/24/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0 | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2 through 7 was approved by unanimous voice vote (*Rep. Franzetti abstaining on Item No. 2*).

LEGISLATIVE & RULES

COMMITTEE: James D. Diamond, Chair
([Attendance](#)) Arthur Layton, Vice Chair
([Votes](#))

Meeting: Monday, July 17, 2006

([Report](#))

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Diamond reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday, July 17, 2006. Present were Committee Chair Diamond and Vice Chair Layton and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Day, Esposito, Heaphy, Lodato, Martin and Zelinsky; also present were Reps. DeLuca and Giordano; Linda O'Hara of the Lower County Food Bank, Al Barbarotta of Operations; Joe O'Callaghan of Stamford Public Schools, Patricia Parry; and William Forker of the Assessor's Office. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Lombardo and Mitchell.

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| 1. LR27.019 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for public hearing & final adoption ; amending Sections 6-55 and 6-66 | APPROVED ON
CONSENT |
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of the Code of Ordinances to provide for changes in the composition of the Smith House Board of Directors.

05/25/06 – Submitted by Rep. DeLuca

06/19/06 – Committee approved 10-0-0 for publication

07/05/06 – Approved for publication by Board

07/17/06 – Committee approved 9-0-0

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2. [LR27.018](#)

PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for **public hearing & final adoption**; amending Section 156-17, Litter and Handbills to include suspension or revocation of dumping license as provided for in Section 137-14.

04/27/06 – Submitted by Rep. Skigen & President Martin

06/05/06 – No action

06/19/06 – Committee approved 10-0-1 for publication

07/05/06 – Approved for publication by Board

07/17/06 – Committee approved 9-0-0

**APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

3. [LR27.006](#)

PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for **public hearing and final adoption**; amending the Ethics Ordinance.

12/06/05 – Submitted by President Martin, Rep. Lyons and Jim Rubino

12/19/05 – Held in Committee 10-0-0

01/23/06 – Held in Committee 11-0-0

02/27/06 – Amended by Committee & Held

03/06/06 – Held in Committee

03/20/06 – Committee approved amendment 6-1-1; Held in Committee 8-0-0

04/03/06 – Held in Committee

04/24/06 – Committee approved for publication 4-2-0 (as amended – see report)

05/01/06 – Returned to Committee

06/05/06 – No action

06/19/06 – Committee approved 8-2-1 for publication

07/05/06 – Approved for publication by Board (as amended)

07/17/06 – Committee approved 8-1-0 (as amended)

**APPROVED FOR
REPUBLICATION
BY UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE (as
amended)**

Chair Diamond moved item no. LR27.006; said motion was seconded. Chair Diamond noted that a public hearing was held, and the Committee voted 8-1-0 to approve with amendments:

Chair Diamond moved a first amendment; i.e., the addition of the word *official* before the word *business* in Section 19-3(2). Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Diamond moved a second amendment to the ordinance; i.e., inserting the words *may knowingly accept, nor may* in the first sentence after the words *No officer or employee* and inserting the words *with said officer's or employee's express or implied consent,* after the words *household of an officer or employee knowingly accept* in the first sentence of Section 190-9.B. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

President Martin stated that while the changes are largely grammatical, there were people who were changing their votes and in fact implying materiality of the changes; therefore it is his ruling that the ordinance requires republication.

Chair Diamond moved item No. LR27.006 for republication. Said motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

4. [LR27.023](#) **RESOLUTION & public hearing**; approving a purchase and sales agreement between the City and John F. Thorne and Letitia Passero Taylor for the City's purchase of 44 George Street.
06/29/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
07/11/06 – Approved by Planning Board
07/12/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
07/17/06 – Committee approved 9-0-0
- APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

Rep. DePina left the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

5. [LR27.024](#) **RESOLUTION & public hearing**; approving a lease agreement between the City and St. Luke's Community Services, Inc. for the City's leasing of a portion of 141 Franklin Street for an alternative high school.
06/29/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
07/12/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
07/17/06 – Committee approved 5-2-2 (as amended)
07/25/06 – Approved by Planning Board
- FAILED BY
MACHINE VOTE
13-23-1**

Chair Diamond moved to approve Item No. LR27.024; said motion was seconded. Chair Diamond stated that it was the intention of the City to lease a portion of the building, paying approximately \$10,381 each month for an alternative high school facility. This has been approved by both the Board of Finance and the Planning Board.

Rep. Lyons stated that this is an item that is controversial and somewhat divisive. He visited the existing facility when it was functioning during the school year and observed a school that was working and children that were working. He realizes that the location is an issue for some, and there is going to always be a “not in my backyard” attitude. He stated he will support the item, believes we owe it to the children who attend the school – whether they are mainstream public education students or non mainstream public education students, whether they have physical disabilities or social-emotional or behavioral disabilities – we have an obligation to educate them. Rep. Lyons stated that this Board needs to think seriously about this item for the 50-60 youth, who are under our direct control as to whether we grant this lease for the upcoming school year.

Rep. Lyons stated he has heard the local representatives speak, and he understands their concerns. His district has numerous city operations and facilities that he would love to have relocated elsewhere in the City, but that is not the way things work. He has heard comments regarding the timeliness of this matter. He is looking at a 60-page lease, with schematics, deeds and property boundaries that was sent to our Board on 6/28/6 and was stamped 6/29/6. He is not certain when the school year ended or when Dr. Starr’s administration got involved in this project, but he does believe that it is a time sensitive matter. He has heard the conversation among representatives that believe we have been backed into a corner and that this is not our problem, that it is the Board of Education’s problem, it is city management’s problem and that someone dropped the ball. But, he stated he knows how the Legal Department works, and this just didn’t get sent to the Law Department one week prior, so clearly there were deliberations and due diligence made resulting in this being entered into good faith on both sides.

Rep. Lyons stated he intends to support the item, and he believes there are some very serious adverse consequences if we do not approve the lease.

Rep. Diamond stated that the Committee did amend the lease by adding a phrase that if there was to be a renewal that it must require approval by this Board.

Rep. Giordano stated that he and Carolyn Young, who represent the 10th District, where St. Luke’s Lifeworks is located, were never consulted by the Board of Education or St. Luke’s about their proposal for the alternate high school. He presented a petition signed by 29 residents of North Street Condominiums, who reside directly across the street from St. Luke’s Lifeworks, and they are opposed to the proposal. He has a letter from Murphy’s Townhouse Café, Giovanni’s Deli and Franklin Liquors, all business owners who are directly across the street from St. Luke’s, and they are also opposed to this. Rep. Giordano stated he would be voting against this proposal.

Rep. Molgano stated that he did some research and spoke with Dr. Starr and he spoke with Sgt. Kennedy of the Police Department. There are two groups of students who are not in the same program. One group was at the Westhill Program, and they will not be attending the proposed program at Franklin Street; they will be attending school at the Yerwood Center this fall until their site is renovated. Secondly, regarding the report of police calls at the site at 159 Colonial Road, there are several incidents listed called

“alarms.” These were not fire alarms; these were security system triggers which had nothing to do with the high school kids in attendance. He added that he hopes that this Board, the Superintendent and the Board of Education are resourceful enough to work together to do all that can be done to prove that this program can be a success. There can truly not be any child left behind in Stamford’s public school system.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that he is opposed to this lease. He looked at the surrounding area, parking and congestion. We all know and we complain when something is going into our neighborhoods, and this is a fact of life. He stated that the mix that is going to be in that building is not good. Currently, there are unwed mothers and children, mothers who are trying to get back on their feet and improve themselves. What you are doing by bringing the alternate high school in is putting in the same building teenagers who the Board of Education themselves agree (when they expelled them) that they couldn’t handle. Rep. Boccuzzi asked how we can expect no harm will come to the people who are there right now. When the Board of Education suspended these children, they didn’t have a place to send them; at that time they should have had a place for them to go, and they have relied on different organizations to take them in and house them. There are 2-3 instances where the property owner refused to renew the lease with the City. We are not going to solve this problem by putting one out of control group with another group who is trying to do better with their lives. Mr. Boccuzzi stated that he has a problem because both groups will be working against each other. He understands that these children have to be educated, but we need to find a permanent place for these children. He will vote against the lease.

Rep. Hunter stated we cannot afford to abandon these children. We either bring them into the school and try to teach them or we send them out into the street and abandon them. This type of student has been a problem for generations, and they will continue to be as there are a certain number of kids who will have some problems and that is inevitable. The Board of Education and the city administration need to find a permanent place for this group as they are not going away. By turning them out in the street, we create a much greater potential for problems rather than having them in a situation where there is a much more favorable student-teacher ratio than there is in high school and where they have a much higher chance of succeeding and in teaching these kids how to behave and to read and to write and do arithmetic. He believes the Board should support this lease.

Rep. Rauh stated that she agrees that this is a distressful situation to be faced now that once again we are at the last minute having to make arrangements for students. We were aware that the Agudath Sholom property was not going to be available beyond the one year lease. However, to vote this down is punishing the very students who have had and have a number of problems, and we need to help them and address this in the short term. If we look at the Academy, which is the Domus facility on North Street, it is well supervised, the students who attend there are not free to come and go on their own – they are all on the bus – the discipline in that program is exemplary, and in the short haul, we need to come up with this. We need to remember that these youngsters cannot be in a public education facility, so it has to be city-owned property or leased

property. There is a provision in this year's budget for \$150,000 to be used for rent. It is very unfortunate that once again we are against the wall due to the Board of Education, but she will support the lease.

Rep. White stated he agrees with Rep. Boccuzzi in that he sees a real problem in terms of the mix of students and the other people who will be housed in that building. He doesn't know how educationally sound this is for the students or how sound it is for the residents living at the facility. In terms of housing, this program has been a stepchild for at least the last ten years, and a lot of this blame has to be put on former boards of education and administrators in how this was handled. We have sold off surplus schools and surplus property, when it was projected into the late 1980s and into the 1990s that the student population was rising, and we expected more students with special needs. These buildings should have been kept and renovated for these special programs. Now we find ourselves in a bind because of the short-sightedness of the Board of Education and past boards of education and central administration. Rep. White stated he knows they have to be housed someplace because they can't function in a regular high school setting, and he doesn't feel this is the location. So, he cannot support it.

Rep. Berns stated that Rep. Lyons mentioned in caucus that when he visited the school, these kids were busy and were working. He expressed concern that school is beginning in a little over three weeks, and if these kids don't have a place to be, two things can happen: 1) instead of an 8-hour school day, they will at best get the minimal 2-hour program required by the state or federal statutes which means that not only will they be missing out on a lot of schooling but this also raises the question of where they will be the other 6 hours of the day, and 2) he is concerned about students with behavioral and emotional problems being in unsupervised settings, out on the street and potentially causing other problems. In the worst case, we will not be able to meet the 2-hour requirement, which will put the City in violation of state and/or Federal law, which will be an embarrassment to the City regionally, statewide and further abroad. Where are these kids going to be sitting 3 1/2 weeks from today? In school or out on the street?

Rep. Skigen stated that he had an opportunity to talk with the superintendent, and a number of important points are: from a fiscal perspective we spend \$750,000 to provide certified teachers for this program. If we provide the same services through in-home tutoring, the additional cost will be \$1.5 to \$2.0 million, so we are looking at a substantial increase in the Board of Education budget to provide what is a less than an adequate substitute for this program. The superintendent wanted to make the point that there are very few instances this year at Colonial Road and that Agudath Sholom actually wrote a letter talking about what a good program this was. They had issues with their neighbors and issues internally regarding the use of the building because the congregation has other needs. But, they wrote a letter stating that this was a very good program. The Board of Education is working on building a program and a strategy to meet the needs of these students long term, and they are doing that through the new Office of Youth Development.

Rep. Skigen stated he understands the comments about the mix of the homeless and high school kids, and added that Rev. Schuster has spent a good portion of his life building the St. Luke's program, and he would not risk that program by putting this use into the building if he thought it was truly a risk, and he will take Rev. Schuster's word on that. Rev. Schuster, St. Luke's, the Board of Ed and Domus are all working on a collaborative effort to meet the needs of this population. As Rep. Berns pointed out, right now there is no other alternative. Kids are going to be underserved, are going to be on the streets, they may be returned to district schools because there is no other place to put them. If we are not going to put them here, where are we going to do this? As Rep. Lyons said, there is a strong element of "not in my backyard" in this, and if we are not going to have this program, eventually it will be in somebody's back yard. In terms of the timeliness of this, once Agudath Sholom made it clear that they would not be renewing the lease, the Board of Ed spent countless hours to try and find a location that was suitable for this program, and they were successful in doing so with St. Luke's and this lease was brought to us in as expeditious a manner as possible. Rep. Skigen stated we have a legal and a moral obligation to these children, and if we turn this down tonight, we will be sending a very strong message that, as Rep. Molgano said, we will leave children behind, and he urged his colleagues to vote in favor tonight.

Mr. Esposito stated he agrees with most of the speakers in that we must find a better place long term, but by turning this proposal down tonight, we not only don't find a solution, but we create a new problem – what do we do with these children, who are the most needy in our community. He hopes that the Board of Education and the Board's Education Committee and the various Board leaders will take action after September 3rd and start working on that long-term proposal. We are all talking about a long-term solution, and we all need to step up and find that long-term solution. This is Stamford, CT; property and space are hard to come by and we have a lot of money in this town and with all the minds in this room, he is certain we can find the right place. But, turning this particular proposal down doesn't solve that problem. On September 3rd, we need a place for these kids to go, and we cannot allow this failure, which is a failure of all of ours, to not find a permanent place for these children. For this reason, he supports this proposal and hopefully we can begin to work on a more permanent solution.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that this is indeed a difficult issue. There are good arguments on both sides of this question. We do have a legal obligation to house the students in the alternative high school. They deserve a public high school education. However, he does support the two representatives who represent the district where this alternative high school is proposed to be located. The residents – the constituents who elected these two representatives -- are not in favor of this location. We are not abandoning these students, and yes the Board of Education should provide a permanent location, not having three different locations in three years. There has been sufficient time with the school population growing that this should have been addressed clearly before 2 months ago when it was submitted to our Board.

Rep. Lyons stated he has visited both sites, and side-by-side, not thirty feet away, was a nursery school at Agudath Sholom. It was a common building; they shared the

parking lot; they shared the land, and the structure they are going into now is a completely delineated separate structure. Yes, the back of the building has the residential quarters and the check-in desk and the living space and a common room, but to get to the school portion of it, you have to pass through one or two locked doors. You need to enter and leave from the front of the building, so you must be familiar with the layout of both to understand how it will work. As Randy Skigen said, we need to be careful of what we wish for. Rep. Lyons stated we have a \$150,000 solution to a short-term problem. He doesn't know what we have if this is voted down. In fact, it will have to go back to the Planning Board and back to the Board of Finance and maybe back to us. At the very least, this Board should show a little caution with an item this sensitive. Rep. Lyons moved to send the item back to committee for public hearing, adding that there is no reason to defeat this tonight based on the arguments and sentiments involved.

Chair Diamond stated when the Agudath Sholom lease was before the L&R Committee, he received phone calls from the administrators of the preschool, and they were very much against the alternative school continuing at that location. When the lease was presented to us, it was presented without the possibility of it extending beyond that school year. They had deep concerns and reservations, so it was not like that would have continued on in the future.

Rep. Berns stated that during the committee meeting on this, he recalled discussion about the security, and recalled that there were a number of security measures that would be implemented. Second, he thanked Rep. Skigen for pointing out the huge economic costs of turning down this location. Looking at a \$1.5 to \$2.0 million bill to send tutors to houses is something we need to consider. Lastly, he does a certain amount of legal counseling to some of the so-called unwed mothers and their children at St. Luke's Lifeworks, and his experience is that this is a very secure location. This is in fact a shelter for battered women and families, and this shelter has all sorts of precautions and safety and security measures taken to prevent abusive spouses, boyfriends and fathers from getting through to them, and he can't imagine that St. Luke's Lifeworks did not consider seriously the security concerns, so he feels this is a non-issue.

Rep. Zelinsky moved the question; said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 23-13-0. (Reps. Aposporos, Berns, Blackwell, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Esposito, Fedeli, Franzetti, Giordano, Greenberg, Hunter, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Mallozzi, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger, Rauh, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams Boccuzzi, Cannady, Diamond, Figueroa, Heaphy, Lyons II, D. Martin, Mitchell, Pia, Skigen, Summerville and White opposed) (See [RCS Vote Record #730](#)).

The motion to approve the resolution failed by a machine vote of 13-23-1. (Reps. Berns, Day, Esposito, Fedeli, Hunter, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, D. Martin, Molgano, Rauh, Skigen and White in favor; Reps. Adams, Aposporos, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, DeLuca, Diamond, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Greenberg, Larobina,

Lyons, Mallozzi, McCullen, Mirkin, Mitchell, Munger, Pia, Summerville, Young and Zelinsky opposed) (See [RCS Vote Record # 731](#)).

A motion to reconsider Item no. LR27.024 was made and seconded.

A motion to move the question was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

The motion to reconsider failed by a machine vote of 16-21-0. (Reps. Berns, Coppola, Day, Esposito, Fedeli, Hunter, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons II, D. Martin, Molgano, Rauh, Skigen and White in favor; Reps. Adams, Aposporos, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, DeLuca, Diamond, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Greenberg, Heaphy, Mallozzi, McCullen, Mirkin, Mitchell, Munger, Pia, Summerville, Young and Zelinsky opposed) (See [RCS Vote Record #732](#)).

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| 6. LR27.025 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication ;
providing for real property tax exemption for
property leased to a charitable, religious or
nonprofit organization provided such property is
used exclusively by such charitable, religious or
nonprofit organization.
06/30/06 – Submitted by President Martin, Clerk
Summerville and Reps. DeLuca and Day
07/17/06 – Held in Committee 9-0-0 | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
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Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1, 2, and 4 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Mary Lisa Fedeli, Chair

[\(Attendance\)](#)

Pauline S. Rauh, Vice Chair

[\(Votes\)](#)

Meeting: Monday, August 7, 2006

6:45 p.m. – Conference Room #1

Chair Fedeli reported that the Personnel Committee met on Monday, August 7, 2006. Present were Chair Fedeli, Vice Chair Rauh, Committee Member Reps. Boccuzzi, Cannady, Figueroa, Greenberg, Layton, Lodato and Skigen. Also present was Fred Manfredonia.

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| 1. P27.020
(Version 3)
(Version 4) | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication ;
prohibiting the granting of city pensions to pay plan
employees and providing limited defined contribution
pension benefits to pay plan employees.
01/12/06 – Submitted by President Martin & Chair
Fedeli | NO ACTION
TAKEN |
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02/01/06 - Held in Committee
02/15/06 – Placed on Pending Agenda
03/22/06 – Held in Committee 5-0-0
04/03/06 – Held in Committee
04/26/06 – Held in Committee 5-0-0
05/01/06 – Held in Committee
05/24/06 – Held in Committee 7-1-0
06/05/06 – Held by full Board
06/28/06 – Held in Committee 8-0-0 (as amended)
08/07/06 – Held in Committee

2. [P27.024](#) APPROVAL; of a contract with ReliaStar Life Insurance Company for life insurance/accidental death benefits.
05/01/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
05/11/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
05/24/06 – Held in Committee 8-0-0
06/05/06 – Held by full Board
06/28/06 – Held in Committee 8-0-0
08/07/06 – Committee Approved 8-0-1

**APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

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

**LAND USE/URBAN
REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Harry Day, Chair**

[\(Attendance\)](#)

Patrick J. White, Vice Chair

[\(Votes\)](#)

Meeting: Wednesday, July 26, 2006

[\(Report\)](#)

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Day reported that the Land Use-UR Committee met on Wednesday, July 26, 2006. Present were Committee Chair Day, Vice Chair White and Committee Member Reps. Boccuzzi, Greenberg, Lombardo, Mitchell, Summerville and White; excused were Reps. Franzetti and Diamond. Also present were Reps. Adams, Cannady, Figueroa, C. Martin and McCullen; Rachel Goldberg and Gerrie Post of the URC; Donald Gustafson of Shipman & Goodman; Jenn Newman of W&M; Dara Kovel of Jonathan Rose Companies; Jack Tenanti of Jones Lane LaSalle; Bill Hennessey of SHG; Ben Barnes, Director of Administration and Keith Krovar of Studio ABK Architects.

1. [LU27.015](#) [RESOLUTION](#) and **public hearing**; approving a contract for sale of land among the City, the Stamford URC and F.D. Rich Co., Inc. for the
[\(Executive Summary\)](#)

**APPROVED BY
MACHINE VOTE
30-1-1**

Private Redevelopment of ReUse Parcel 36.
 06/07/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
 06/27/06 – Approved by Planning Board
 06/29/06 – No action taken by Committee
 07/05/06 – Committee approved public hearing
 07/12/06 – Approved by Board of Finance 3-0-3
 07/05/06 – Public Hearing approved by Board
 07/26/06 – Committee approved 6-1-0

Chair Day moved item No. LU27.015; said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 30-1-1 (Reps. Adams, Aposporos, Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Greenberg, Heaphy, Hunter, Larobina, Lombardo, Mallozzi, D. Martin, Mirkin, Mitchell, Munger, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. White opposed; Rep. Lodato abstained) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 733](#)).

<p>2. LU27.005 (Mayor's Report) (Director of Admin Report)</p>	<p>RESOLUTION; approving the Report of the Director of Administration and authorization to proceed with the discontinuance of Rockland Court and Rockland Place. 07/07/06 – Submitted by Bill Hennessey 07/11/06 – Approved by Planning Board 07/13/06 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-1-0 07/26/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0</p>	<p>APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA</p>
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Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 2 was approved by unanimous voice vote

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: **John R. Zelinsky, Jr., Chair**
(Attendance) **Scott Mirkin, Vice Chair**
(Votes)
 Meeting: Wednesday, July 19, 2006
(Report)
 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Zelinsky reported the Operations committee met on Wednesday, July 19, 2006. Committee members presenter were Chair Zelinsky, Vice Chair Mirkin, Committee Members: Coppola, Larobina, Lodat, Munger and White. Also present were Rep. Deluca; Tim Curtin, Director of Operations; Jeannette Brown.

<p>1. O27.001</p>	<p>REVIEW; problems at the new public works highway garage. 10/11/05 – Resubmitted by Rep. Mirkin 12/12/05 – Placed on Pending Agenda 01/25/06 – Held in Committee 02/22/06 – Held in Committee</p>	<p>REPORT MADE & HELD IN COMMITTEE</p>
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03/06/06 – Held in Committee
03/13/06 – Placed on Pending Agenda
07/19/06 – Report Made

2. [O27.009](#) APPROVAL; of a contract for building maintenance for the Stamford Government Center with Melillo Maintenance, Inc. **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA** (Rep. DeLuca abstaining)
06/27/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
07/12/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
07/19/06 – Committee approved 7-0-1

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 2 was approved by unanimous voice vote. (Rep. DeLuca abstaining).

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE: Richard Lyons, II, Chair

~~Meeting; Wednesday, August 2, 2006~~

7:00 p.m. — Democratic Caucus Room
Meeting Cancelled

No meeting; no report.

1. [PS27.012](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **for publication;** **NO ACTION TAKEN**
amending Chapter 7 (CCTV Cameras) of the Code of Ordinances to authorize expanded use of CCTV Cameras.
05/25/06 – Submitted by M. Toma, Legal Affairs
06/22/06 – Held in Committee

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Linda Cannady, Co-Chair

[\(Attendance\)](#)

[\(Votes\)](#)

[\(Report\)](#)

Joseph Coppola, Co-Chair

Meeting: Tuesday, July 25, 2006

7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Co-Chair Coppola reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on Tuesday, July 25, 2006. Present were Co-Chair Coppola, Co-Chair Cannady, Committee Reps: Lyons, Fedeli, Pia, White, Greenberg, and Young.

1. [PR27.005](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for **final adoption;** **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
requiring both municipal golf courses to 1) issue

identical permits with photos; 2) that permits contain contact telephone numbers for the golf courses; 3) that revenue from the sale of permits be divided equally between both golf courses.
 04/27/06 – Submitted by Reps. Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Lyons and Skigen
 05/23/06 – Committee approved 7-0-2 for publication
 06/05/06 – Approved for publication 36-2-0
 06/27/06 – Held in Committee 6-0-0
 07/25/06 – Held in Committee 8-0-0

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| 2. PR27.007 | REVIEW; new parking permit program at beaches.
07/05/06 – Submitted by Parks & Recreation Committee
07/25/06 – Report Made | REPORT
MADE |
| 3. PR27.008 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; amending Ordinance No. 136 regarding the Golf Authority.
07/05/06 – Submitted by Parks & Recreation Committee
07/25/06 – Held in Committee 8-0-0 | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |

Reps. Zelinsky, Giordano and White left the floor. Rep. Layton left the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

Suspension of Rules:

Chair Coppola reported that the Committee suspended its rules by a vote of 8-0-0 to take up the following two items.

Chair Coppola moved to suspend the rules; said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 29-3-1. (Reps. Adams, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Fedeli, Franzetti, Greenberg, Heaphy, Hunter, Larobina, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, D. Martin, McCullen, Mirkin, Mitchell, Molgano, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Berns, Esposito, and Figueroa, opposed; Rep. White abstained) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 734](#)).

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| 4. PR27.009 | REVIEW and APPEAL; of the Parks & Recreation Commission’s decision regarding vending machines at Cove Island Park
07/21/06 – Submitted by Reps. Lyons & Summerville
07/25/06 – Report Made | REPORT
MADE |
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Chair Coppola stated that a brief report was provided on Item No. 4

5. [PR27.010](#) RESOLUTION; regarding the use and placement of vending machines at Cove Island Park.
07/21/06 – Submitted by Reps. Lyons & Summerville
07/25/06 – Committee approved 7-0-1

**APPROVED BY
MACHINE
VOTE 26-5-0
(as amended)**

Chair Coppola moved Item no. PR27.010; said motion was seconded.

President Martin stated there is an open issue as to whether this resolution has the force to override the Parks & Recreation Commission. President Martin stated he is not certain if the Board has the power through a resolution; it does have the power through an ordinance. Nevertheless, the resolution is still a message to the Parks & Recreation Commission that they may choose to reconsider, and it may have the force to overturn it. Someone has already discussed putting an ordinance on next month's agenda.

Rep. Esposito asked whether we have the right to hold a review and appeal the rulings of the Parks & Recreation Commission. President Martin replied that it is his intention that if this resolution passes, he is going to invite the submitters of the item as well as the co-chairs of the Parks & Recreation Commission to a meeting to discuss the resolution. If they choose to reconsider, that would be acceptable. He is planning on consulting with the Law Department regarding this issue. He understands that someone will be submitting an ordinance that would in essence clarify this matter.

Rep. Esposito stated it is his understanding that this dispute arose as to whether or not we should be selling soft drinks at Cove Island Park and chocolate or candy. Rep. Esposito stated he does not care, and he believes that parents should be the guide as to what their children purchase. He is more concerned with the support of the various boards and commissions and he specifically worked to get the powers of the Parks & Recreation Commission back. Ironically, we sit here tonight and entertain this issue when we don't even know if we have the power to do this. Practically, we can't do it because even if it was approved, nothing is going to change in those vending machines over the course of the next month or two, but it would be symbolically undermining the Parks & Recreation Commission's powers. According to the agenda, this item is a suspension of rules item to review and appeal the Parks & Recreation Commission's decision; this suggests we have the appropriate power and the President of the Board is not certain we do have the power. Rep. Esposito asked if the members of the Parks & Recreation Committee were invited to the meeting to defend themselves.

Co-Chair Coppola replied that Mickey Docimo was invited to attend the meeting, and the Parks & Recreation Commission was not invited to this meeting.

Rep. Esposito stated we are having an appeal of the Parks & Recreation Commission decision, they are not present, we are not sure we can even do this, and it is his feeling that this item should be returned to Committee and let the process take its course.

Rep. Summerville stated we surely can approve a sense of the board resolution at any time. We have done many in the past, including one to the President of the United States of America. We are definitely in order in issuing a sense of the board resolution. There was never any intent to override the Parks & Recreation Commission; we are simply stating our feelings and letting them know of how we feel about this subject. The intent of this resolution was to send a message to the Parks & Recreation Commission of our feeling that soft drinks should be allowed in the parks.

Rep. Esposito stated that the agenda says that we are reviewing and hearing an appeal of the Parks & Recreation Commission. President Martin clarified that there is no action on that item; a report was made. The matter under consideration is the resolution, Item No. 5 on the agenda, and Mr. Coppola had previously given a very succinct report on Item No. 4.

Rep. DeLuca stated that this Board has a history of over-riding the Parks & Recreation Commission, including requiring the removal of trees in Veteran's Park; providing for advertising in Little League fields; and allowing a public address system for opening day of Little League. All of this over-ruling of the Parks & Recreation Commission's decisions was done by resolution, not by ordinance.

Rep. Day stated that the President of the Board is correct in that we probably don't have the authority to override the Commission by resolution; Rep. Day suggested the following technical amendment into the record. The first resolved clause shall read: *Now, therefore be it resolved ... that it is the sense of the board that Concessionaire and/or City Department or agencies may utilize vending machines at locations within City Parks or Beaches. Said locations shall be approved by the City of Stamford Director of Operations.*

Rep. Lyons stated that the Parks & Recreation Commission makes hundreds of decisions. He would like to see their minutes, but unfortunately when they met in July, the minutes for the April, May and June meetings had not been approved. On the Agenda for July 18, 2006, is an item under "Old Business" that reads: "Hope Stanger – Discussion of Park Vending Machines." It doesn't say that this is a vote or an action item or how it is going to be dealt with. The next thing we know we read in the paper that at one park only they decided that water only should be sold and all vending machines must be removed by the following Saturday morning. So, when this item was put under suspension of the rules, it was done so because of time sensitivity – not as an affront to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Of 3 members present at that Parks & Recreation Commission meeting, only 2 of the members were in good standing as one's term had expired 2 or 2 ½ years prior. So, if we are looking at strengthening the Parks & Recreation Commission, our oversight on this item will only help them.

Rep. Berns pointed out that there are no minutes from the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting; however, they did have a meeting, the public came to speak and therefore they had quite a bit of input – at least more than the Committee had. We don't know what information was presented to them, what members of the public said, and

the only people at the Committee meeting was one member of the Parks & Recreation staff and the owner of the soda machines. Rep. Berns stated he agrees with Rep. Esposito and that before we overturn what the Parks & Recreation Commission has done, we should hear what they have to say and learn what information they had available to them.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated he will vote in favor of the resolution. He cannot see why a person who wants a bottle of soda should not be able to buy it. This reminds him of some of the lawsuits he reads about in the paper regarding children being overweight and the parents suing McDonalds because it sold them French fries. If a parent doesn't want their child to buy soda or chocolate milk, the parent should just tell them. Everyone else shouldn't be deprived of a soda because someone feels it is unhealthy. He is in favor of vending machines in the parks.

The resolution was approved by a machine vote of 26-5-0 (Reps. Adams, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Fedeli, Greenberg, Heaphy, Hunter, Larobina, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, D. Martin, McCullen, Mirkin, Mitchell, Molgano, Munger, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville and Young in favor; Reps. Aposporos, Berns, Esposito, Figueroa, and Mallozzi opposed) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 735](#)).

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Thomas C. Hunter, Chair

[\(Attendance\)](#)

Michael L. Molgano, Vice Chair

[\(Report\)](#)

Meeting: Thursday, July 13, 2006

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

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[\(Attendance\)](#)

Meeting: Monday, July 24, 2006

[\(Report\)](#)

6:30 p.m. – Legislative Chambers

(in conjunction with Fiscal Committee)

Chair Hunter reported that the Education Committee met on Thursday, July 13, 2006. Present were Committee Members Chair Hunter and Vice Chair Molgano, Reps. Rauh, Lodato and Martin. Excused were Reps. Franzetti, Pia, Mitchell and Young. Also present were Superintendent Starr, Chair of the Board of Education Susan Nabel and Mary Jo Pittoni, Director of Leadership Development for Stamford Public Schools.

Chair Hunter reported that the Education Committee also met on Monday, July 24, 2006 in conjunction with the Fiscal Committee. Present were Committee Members Chair

Hunter and Vice Chair Molgano, Reps. Rauh, Lodato, Pia, Mitchell and Martin.
Excused was Rep. Franzetti.

1. E27.007 REVIEW; possible causes for the high turnover rate of teachers in the first five years of their employment in the Stamford School System. **REPORT MADE**
06/08/06 – Submitted by Chair Hunter
06/29/06 – Report Made
07/05/06 – Report Made
07/13/06 – Report Made

Chair Hunter stated a report has been provided to all members. He added that Dr. Starr reported that there was no survey data available, so the matter will be taken up when there is some data available.

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Elaine Mitchell, Chair**
[\(Attendance\)](#)

Philip J. Giordano, Vice Chair

[\(Votes\)](#)

Meeting: Tuesday, July 25, 2006

[\(Report\)](#)

6:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Mitchell reported that the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met on Tuesday, July 25, 2006. Present were Committee members: Chair Mitchell, Vice Chair Giordano, Aposporos, Figueroa and Molgano. Excused Committee members: Blackwell, McCullen, Nowakowski, and Munger. Also present: Ben Barnes, Director of Administration and Robin Stein, Land Use Bureau.

1. HCD27.014 REVIEW & status report; on commercial linkage program. **REPORT MADE AND ITEM HELD IN COMMITTEE**
03/30/06 – Submitted by Chair Mitchell
04/10/06 – Held in Committee
05/16/06 – Held in Committee 7-0-0
06/05/06 – Held by Full Board
06/20/06 – Held in Committee
07/25/06 – Report Made & Held in Committee

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: Robert “Gabe” DeLuca, Chair
Terry Adams, Vice Chair**

[\(Attendance\)](#)

[\(Votes\)](#)

Meeting: Thursday, July 20, 2006

[\(Report\)](#)

7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair DeLuca reported that the Transportation Committee met on Thursday, July 20, 2006. Present were Committee Chair DeLuca and Vice Chair Adams, and Committee Member Reps. Young, Mirkin, Blackwell, Lombardo, Franzetti and Zelinsky. Rep. Giordano was excused because he had the HONOR of celebrating a friend's 102nd Birthday, and very few people get this opportunity. Also present were Asst. Corporation Counsel Toma, Traffic Engineer Poola, and Messrs. Dannenberg and Cleary of Clear Channel.

1. [T27.014](#) **RESOLUTION & public hearing**; approving a lease for advertising at Bell and Forest Street Garages with Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc.
06/21/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
06/27/06 – Approved by Planning Board
07/12/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
07/20/06 – Held in Committee 7-0-0 **ITEM HELD**

2. [T27.015](#) RESOLUTION; supporting the Hope Street Improvement Project (Project No. 135-H070).
07/06/06 – Submitted by Mani Poola
07/20/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0 (as amended) **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA** (as amended)

Chair DeLuca moved Item No. T27.015; said motion was seconded. Chair DeLuca reported that the Committee made a small amendment that reads "North Hill Street." Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No.2 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE: Paul A. Esposito, Chair

No meeting; no report.

MINUTES

1. [July 5, 2006 Regular Board Meeting](#) **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**
(Rep. Berns abstaining)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.