

*The Regular Meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on **Monday, February 5, 2007** in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Stamford, Connecticut.*

## **MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 p.m. by President David Martin.

**INVOCATION:** Led by Clerk of the Board Annie Summerville.

“Heavenly Father, we come together again tonight to do your will. We ask you to guide us as council persons in the City of Stamford to vote on each item as our constituents would have us do. We ask for harmony, peace and your precious guidance. In your name, we pray. Amen.”

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

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

**ROLL CALL:** Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie Summerville. There were thirty-four members present; five members absent/excused (Reps. Nowakowski, Aposporos, Berns, McCullen and White; there is one vacancy. Note: Rep. Berns arrived at 9:25 p.m.

**MOMENTS OF SILENCE:** For the late: Thomas C. Hunter and June Martin by the 27<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives; Jean Garner, Mrs. Mary Wimply, Lillie Mae Steadman and Nia Jacinth Stephenson by Clerk of the Board Summerville; Mariangelo Julia Vaval by Rep. DeLuca; Chester Buttery by Rep. Coppola; James Collahan by Reps. Coppola and Zelinsky; George R. Bodetka by Rep. Heaphy; Rosia Belle Armstrong by Rep. Mitchell; Thomas A. Ferro, Efstratios Stratty Chocas, Bridget Nemchek Thomas, Athena Conedos Vlamis, Joseph Howard Iello, Andrew A. Concilio, Sam P. Passero, Blanche Kersten Cummings, Theresa Lombardo and Peter Paul Lovello by Rep. Giordano; Joseph G. Capone, Sr. by Reps. Giordano and Zelinsky; Dominick Raymond Moscatello, Jr., Angelo Cannata, Julia Zorzos, Emanuello Greco, Josephine Stalder Wheeler, Elizabeth Covello, Frank Maikish, Judith Foote Sherwood, Ralph C. Sparano by Rep. Zelinsky.

**REMEMBRANCE FOR TOM HUNTER:** President Martin stated that this item will be held until next month's meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** President Martin thanked everyone for their condolences with regard to his mother's recent passing. President Martin noted that this month Rep. Michael Molgano, Clerk of the Board Summerville and himself were celebrating birthdays.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:**

1. [SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION](#); thanking Tim Curtin for his many years of service to the City of Stamford. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**  
12/15/06 – Submitted by John Boccuzzi

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**STEERING COMMITTEE:** Meeting: Monday, December 11, 2006  
[\(Report\)](#) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

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

**Suspension of Rules:**

Chair Summerville moved to suspend the rules to take up an item not appearing on the Agenda; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

## Public Safety & Health Committee:

Chair Lyons reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on January 31, 2007. Present were: Chair Lyons and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Berns, Coppola, Martin, Mirkin and Zelinsky; absent/excused: Committee Member Reps. Aposporos, DePina, Larobina and Pia. Also present: Brent Larrabee, Chief of Police; Bill Callion, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Courtney Nelthropp, Richard Fox and Estelle Alexander of the Stamford Housing Authority; Thomas Lombardo, Stamford Police Department and Kerry Flaherty, Clerk of the Works.

1. [PS27.012](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **for public hearing & final adoption**; amending Chapter 7 (CCTV Cameras) of the Code of Ordinances to authorize expanded use of CCTV Cameras. **APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE 22-12-0 (as amended)**  
05/25/06 – Submitted by M. Toma, Legal Affairs  
06/22/06 – Held in Committee  
08/31/06 – Held in Committee  
09/28/06 – Report Made  
10/26/06 – Held in Committee  
11/30/06 – Committee approved 5-1-0 (as amended)  
12/04/06 – Approved for **publication 22-11-0**  
01/31/07 – Committee approved 4-3-0 (as amended)

*Secondary Committee: Legislative & Rules*

*Concur 6-1-0  
(as published-not  
as amended 1/31/7)*

Chair Lyons stated that the Committee held a public hearing. The item was discussed and debated and amended in Committee. Chair Lyons proposed the following amendment:

### ***Motion to Amend to Rename Committee (as approved by Public Safety & Health Committee):***

Chair Lyons moved the amendment to the ordinance that was approved in Committee; i.e., changing the name of the oversight Committee in Section 7.2(A) from “CCTV Camera Committee” to “Police Surveillance Camera Review Committee.” Said motion was seconded.

### ***Amendment to Motion to Amend to Rename Committee:***

Chair Lyons moved to amend the amendment by changing the name of the oversight Committee in Section 7.2(A) from the Committee’s recommendation; i.e., “Police Surveillance Camera Review Committee” to “Public Safety Camera Review Committee.” Said motion was seconded.

*Clerk Summerville noted that Rep. Berns has now joined the meeting, bringing the number present to thirty-six.*

Chair Lyons stated he does not intend to circumvent the will of the Committee, but feels that a broader and more descriptive name is the "Public Safety Camera Review Committee." Many sections of the ordinance deal with public safety and/or crime prevention, and only a limited aspect of the ordinance is true police surveillance.

Rep. Berns stated that this was a hotly-contested and debated issue in Committee, and the majority of the Committee members felt this was a more appropriate name. These cameras are being used for traffic monitoring, homeland security, law enforcement and crime prevention. There is really no debate or concerns about the use of the cameras for traffic monitoring or homeland security. The real rubbing point is the use of these cameras for law enforcement and crime prevention. Rep. Berns stated that the Democratic City Committee (and probably the Republican Town Committee) have had trouble recruiting people for boards and commissions because many of the names of the boards and commission do not really reflect clearly what they are supposed to do. So, to aid in recruiting people to serve, it would be helpful to have a name that really clarifies the role of the Committee.

Rep. Berns stated that when members of the public are want to approach people about the use of cameras, calling them "public safety cameras" doesn't really describe what it is that they are necessarily doing. "Public safety cameras" could be anything – they could be the Government Center cameras watching visitors. The biggest concern for the public is going to be the police use of these cameras in monitoring and surveillance of neighborhoods. Naming it the "Police Surveillance Review." This name speaks to what it does, leads to open government, people understanding how government works and making government more transparent.

Rep. Diamond stated that he favors Rep. Lyons' amendment and disagrees with Rep. Berns that we are going to have any difficulty in finding members to sit on this board. With all the interest in this issue, there is going to be many people interested without changing the name. Rep. Diamond stated he is not in favor of using the word "surveillance" in the name, as he believes it is too narrow. Rep. Diamond believes the word "review" is a good addition, but "public safety" is broader. Rep. Diamond stated that the ordinance itself covers traffic monitoring, crime prevention and homeland security and therefore "surveillance" is taking out one particular use and highlighting it and that is inappropriate.

Rep. Adams stated that this amendment was approved in Committee 4-3 and it appropriately identifies what the Board is doing: Police Surveillance Camera Review Committee. In speaking with Mr. Bill Callion, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare, he specifically stated that only the police would be viewing the cameras. The Review Board would be selected by the Mayor and would have two members of the public. The Committee would only be a review committee that would consider whether there is documented criminal activity that causes the Police Chief to install a camera. So, 'Police Surveillance Camera Review Committee' is correct because the people that are going to be monitoring these cameras on a 24-hour basis are the police. Since the

people reviewing the cameras are police, the term "Police" is correct in the title. The public should be reviewing the placement of these cameras.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that the whole ordinance is extremely controversial, and he does not believe it should have been. As a member of the Public Safety & Health Committee, he did support the amendment to rename the Committee "Police Surveillance Review Committee," and no matter how it is twisted, it is still police surveillance. This will go a long way to hopefully appeasing some of those representatives who may be against the entire ordinance, so he urges his colleagues to give it consideration. If the police chief has not gone by the wording of the ordinance, then this Committee can overrule where that particular camera is. So, "Police Surveillance Review Committee" is very apropos.

Majority Leader Boccuzzi stated that the amendment that came out of Committee is eliminating what the ordinance wants to do in some of the other paragraphs. It is not broad enough to take in the other functions. Majority Leader Boccuzzi asked for a listing of the items that would contradict the title of the Committee. Chair Lyons stated 7-2B – Traffic Monitoring, 7-2C – Homeland Security and parts of 7-2E – Proper Requests for Feeds would be contradicted by the title.

Chair Lyons stated that in 1999, when the ordinance was adopted, this was known as the CCTV Camera Committee Ordinance. That is where the original name came from.

Majority Leader Boccuzzi stated that with those three paragraphs, the title of the Committee would be contradictory, so he is in favor of Mr. Lyons amendment.

Rep. Day stated that he takes exception to Rep. Zelinsky's argument that should we pass this name change, we might have the effect of persuading some people to support this. The two people arguing most strongly, Reps. Berns and Adams, are not going to have their minds changed on the fundamental ordinance based on whether this amendment is passed. Rep. Day believes that Rep. Lyons' amendment is wise as it really reflects the overall purpose of the Committee.

Rep. C. Martin stated that she believes people on both sides have their mind made up; Rep. Day's statement that Reps. Berns and Adams minds can't be changed is as true as it probably is on the other side as well. In any event, she stated she believes that the purpose of the Committee is what the name should speak to, and the purpose of the Committee is to review the police surveillance camera activity.

Chair Lyons stated that when the Review Committee was created, they specifically left the police chief off, and the Committee tried to delineate a proper line of oversight, review and responsibility. The "Public Safety Camera Review Committee" is a far broader, more definitive and succinct name for the Committee as opposed to "Police Surveillance." A lot of these are used for monitoring and may only be reviewed days or weeks after an event happened where a camera was located.

Rep. Adams stated that even though his colleagues are referring to “traffic monitoring and homeland security and law enforcement/crime prevention,” these will all still yet be monitored by the police. The purpose of the “Police Surveillance Camera Review Committee” is to review the police chief and the people that are monitoring the cameras. The paragraphs that Chair Lyons cited breaks out describe activities these activities that will also be monitored by police officers.

***Motion to Move Question – APPROVED:***

A motion to move the question was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 23-11-0 (Reps. Boccuzzi, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Franzetti, Giordano, Greenberg, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons II, Mallozzi, D. Martin, Mirkin, Molgano, Pia, Rauh, Skigen and Summerville in favor; Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Cannady, DePina, Figueroa, Heaphy, C. Martin, Mitchell, Young and Zelinsky opposed) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 763](#)).

***Vote on Amended Amendment to Rename Committee - APPROVED:***

The motion to amend the amendment by changing the name of the oversight Committee in Section 7.2(A) from the Committee’s recommendation; i.e., “Police Surveillance Camera Review Committee” to “Public Safety Camera Review Committee” was approved by a machine vote of 21-13-1 (Reps. Boccuzzi, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Fedeli, Giordano, Greenberg, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons II, Mallozzi, D. Martin, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger, Rauh, Skigen and Summerville in favor; Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Cannady, DePina, Esposito, Figueroa, Heaphy, C. Martin, Mitchell, Pia, Young and Zelinsky opposed; Rep. Franzetti abstaining) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 764](#)).

President Martin clarified that there is an amendment on the floor to change the name in the ordinance from the “CCTV Camera Review Committee” to the “Public Safety Camera Review Committee.” President Martin also stated that he does not view this as a material change that would require republication.

***Vote on Main Amendment to Rename Committee– APPROVED:***

The main motion; i.e., approving the amendment to the ordinance (i.e., causing the Committee to be named “Public Safety Camera Review Committee”) was approved by a machine vote of 21-13-1 (Reps. Boccuzzi, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Fedeli, Giordano, Greenberg, Heaphy Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons II, Mallozzi, D. Martin, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger, Rauh and Skigen in favor; Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Cannady, DePina, Esposito, Figueroa, C. Martin, Mitchell, Pia, Summerville, Young and Zelinsky opposed; Rep. Franzetti abstaining) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 765](#)).

***Motion on Main Ordinance:***

Chair Lyons moved adoption of the ordinance; said motion was seconded.

***Motion to Amend Ordinance to Increase Public Members of Committee:***

Rep. Berns moved to amend the ordinance by providing for four representatives of the public and three alternates in Section 7.2(a). President Martin clarified that the three alternates would only serve as alternates for the four members of the public. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Berns stated that the Committee consists of one Mayor's representative, one Public Safety Director's representative, one President of the Board of Representatives' representative and two members of the public. Rep. Diamond pointed out earlier that there will be no shortage of people who want to participate, and this being such a sensitive, controversial matter that is a potential invasion of privacy – keep in mind that these cameras can zoom in on the newspaper you are reading six blocks away and zoom in through the window in your home to see what you are writing on your computer. Rather than two members of the public that may present a quorum problem, his motion is to change it from two members of the public to four members of the public and three alternates chosen. Rep Berns stated that the whole point is to have public participation.

Majority Leader Boccuzzi stated that it is his understanding that the three alternates will be from the general public, and if the President of the Board's designee cannot attend, there is no alternate. President Martin confirmed that the alternates would only serve in place of members of the public. Majority Leader Boccuzzi stated then the Committee would be very heavily balanced toward the public, and we would lose a vote from someone who is not a member of the public if they don't attend and there is no alternate. In other words, if the President's designee cannot attend, the individual appointed to represent this board does not have a vote. President Martin concurred with that interpretation.

Rep. Berns stated that there is nothing in this ordinance that prevents the Mayor, the Public Safety Director or the President of the Board of Representatives to appoint one person to represent them and then have a second person if that person cannot attend or even to change from one month to the next.

Mr. Boccuzzi stated that an alternate is the alternate for the entire Committee hearing. If the President's named designee cannot attend, he cannot appoint anybody else.

President Martin stated that it is extremely unusual and he has never recalled this occurring, where an appointment by the Mayor or by the Chair of the Board of Finance or the President of the Board of Representatives has decided to change their "designee" on a meeting-by-meeting basis, but he does believe it is allowed and it has been used in other governments. He added that this is just his point of view, and it is probably a legal issue that Mr. Cassone could address.

Rep. DeLuca stated that he keeps hearing "controversial," and in his judgment this applies to just a few people on this Board. Since we have been debating this ordinance for the past several months, he has yet to receive one phone call opposing cameras,

but he has received many calls in favor of the use of cameras. The way the Committee is set up now is sufficient; we should stop wasting time coming up with amendments or by using the word “controversial.”

Clerk of the Board Summerville stated that an alternate is an alternate and an appointment is appointment. The designee of the President can only be changed by the President. For example an alternate on the Zoning Board sits and remains on a case until it is finished. There are differences between alternates, replacements and appointments.

Rep. Diamond stated that when we first debated this ordinance, it was his position that we allow expansion of the use of video cameras, if we increase the amount of review and oversight. He would support this amendment if we just simply changed the word “two” to “four,” but it gets confused with the alternates.

Chair Lyons stated that if the proposed amendment were to take effect, we would be creating a review committee that was larger than the Zoning Board, the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, the Health Commission, the Board of Education, Police and Fire Commissions and Board of Finance – so he doesn’t believe that we need a review committee that exceeds public and appointed boards that have been around since the incorporation of the town and city government.

Rep. Adams stated that he supports the amendment because this is the first time that the City is going to put certain residents, primarily minority neighborhoods – black and people of color, low income housing complexes, governmental body politics which include entities owned by the government such as NHI, NHS, Housing Authority – under surveillance. He believes the Committee should be larger because this is a larger issue, and these people are having their lives put under 24/7 recording.

Rep. Adams stated that this ordinance is getting a lot of support because the majority of the cameras are not going into his fellow representative’s neighborhoods. It has already been designated which neighborhoods they are going in, and that is mostly minority neighborhoods, minority complexes, minority housing. The support for this is one-sided because the people against it are those that are being directly affected. He stated he is in support of increasing the numbers on the Committee.

***Motion to Move Question – APPROVED:***

A motion to move the question was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 24-11-0 (Reps. Boccuzzi, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Esposito, Fedeli, Franzetti, Giordano, Greenberg, Heaphy, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lyons II, Mallozzi, D. Martin, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger, Pia, Rauh, Summerville and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Cannady, DePina, Diamond, Figueroa, C. Martin, Mitchell, Skigen and Young opposed) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 766](#)).

***Vote on Amendment to Increase Public Members of Committee - FAILED:***

The motion (to increase to four the members of the public and add three alternates) failed by a machine vote of 13-22-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Cannady, DePina, Esposito, Figueroa, Heaphy, C. martin, Mitchell, Pia, Summerville and Young in favor; Reps. Boccuzzi, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Fedeli, Franzetti, Giordano, Greenberg, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons II, Mallozzi, D. Martin, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger, Rauh, Skigen and Zelinsky opposed) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 767](#)).

***Motion to Return to Committee:***

Rep. Skigen moved to return the item to Committee; said motion was seconded. Rep. Skigen stated that the ordinance calls for a Policies and Procedures Manual (the "Manual") to be adopted and approved by the Director of Public Safety, Health and Welfare, the Police Chief, the Police Commission, the Mayor and the Board of Representatives before the ordinance is utilized for anything other than traffic monitoring. What we are doing is putting the cart before the horse and approving the ordinance before we have a chance to see the Manual. He is also concerned that once we approve the ordinance and get a Manual that has been adopted and approved by all of the agencies – assuming we are the last in line to approve this –that there is going to be tremendous pressure not to alter that manual, instead a sense of "let's give it a shot and see how it works." For that reason, he believes it should go back to committee with direction to the Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare to provide us with a solid first draft of the manual before we approve the ordinance.

Rep. Mirkin stated that he agrees and shares concerns that it is important to have a Manual. However, he does not support the motion to send it back to committee and prefers that we vote to approve the ordinance so that the administration knows that this is reality and that this Board has voted to have such an ordinance. The Manual will then come back to committee, and he is sure that it will get a thorough review and there will be a diverse base of opinion. He urged members not to send it back to Committee.

Chair Lyons stated that the Manual came second because it was thought that it was best first to create enabling language in the legislation that would allow for the use of cameras. It was always the intent of our committee and Legislative & Rules and the City administration that the enabling legislation would be enacted first so that the police commission, chief, assistant chief, Director Callion did not have to spend money on technical writers or bring in consultants to craft a manual that could be 100 pages long and then just sit on a shelf because we did not change the ordinance. So, he understands Rep. Skigen's concerns but he is confident the Manual will be dealt with. The other thing is that Director Callion has been sensitive about bringing a draft forward that may have some section that was not meant to be included, so they have been very specific while they work behind the scenes on this project and they want it to be taken very professionally from the beginning. They don't want a variety of versions circulated. He cautions about returning to Committee and urges the Board to vote on the ordinance tonight.

Rep. Coppola stated that he concurs with Mr. Lyons.

Majority Leader Boccuzzi stated that he agrees with Mr. Lyons. The ordinance is not going anywhere until we approve the manual; if we don't approve the manual, the ordinance never goes into effect. He asks the Board to vote against returning this to Committee.

Rep. Adams stated that in speaking with Bill Callion at the last meeting, the manual is in hand. When we asked why we couldn't see it, we were diverted and told we would get back to it later so he thinks it is appropriate that Public Safety bring the draft of the Manual out now. Rep. Adams stated he is uncertain if we will have the power to change the Manual later. At this point, we need to make sure that the checks and balances are there and that nothing is overlooked, since we represent the public. We are all for surveillance of cameras, but if it is too overbearing to private citizens, we would like some rules and regulations to protect from that. Rep. Adams felt this was a good suggestions (i.e., to return to committee).

Rep. Mitchell stated that she is not comfortable with the way the ordinance is written today, and she would really appreciate having the Manual to look at before she takes another step forward with the ordinance. Until she sees a Manual, she will not vote for the ordinance.

Rep. DeLuca stated that he agrees with Reps. Lyons and Boccuzzi. In the past, he walked picket lines with the highly-respected Pastor Perry. He would not feel comfortable delaying this ordinance further. Everyone received an email from Pastor Perry that said that "now is the appropriate time for our city to join the community of cities that are following the use of modern technology to aid us in the fight against crime and in the defense of homeland security. I know that our community will be grateful to our legislative body that cares for them and their security." So, based on these comments from a well-respected person in our community who has the support of his parishioners, to delay this any further would be an injustice not only to Pastor Perry but to the community as a whole, and to delay it any further would be ridiculous. Rep. DeLuca recommends rejecting the motion to return to committee.

Rep. Cannady stated that if the ordinance is supported now, nothing will happen until the Manual goes into effect. Rep. Cannady stated that it is sensible and she sees no harm in having the Manual before us before we approve the ordinance.

Rep. Berns stated that at the first hearing there was an even split between people who were for and against this, and Mr. DeLuca stated this was not a controversial matter. In fact, the people speaking for it were saying they want less crime; they weren't saying they necessarily wanted cameras. The people who spoke against it came up with specific instances where these cameras are costly, cities have decided they did not like them, and cities decided that the money would have been better spent on police officers. At the second hearing, all of the testimony was against CCTV cameras. So, to say this is not controversial is a mistake. To speak to the issue of a Manual, the reason

we want to have the Manual first is because right now we have complete and total power over what the ordinance does and does not say. Once we pass this ordinance, all of the decision-making powers move into the hands of somebody else. At that point the only power we have is to accept or reject the Manual. What we don't want to be in is where we go through this entire process, then fight with public safety, then the majority either does or does not want the cameras, and we just go with it. Right now, we have power over what the ordinance says; if we see what they have in mind in the Manual, rather than asking them to change the Manual which they may or may not do, we can put it in the ordinance and address it directly.

Rep. Berns stated that he has noticed from the very beginning in the Public Safety Committee that there are individuals who just don't want to deal with the issues. They want to pass this ordinance and let the people deal with issues in the Manual. Rep. Skigen raises an excellent point: let's see what is going to be in this all powerful manual.

Rep. Berns added that at the last public hearing, Mr. Callion said: "we have the Manual," and he asked to see it, addressing his question to the Chair. The Chair refused to do so saying that it will be dealt with later, which didn't happen. The Manual is out there; let's see the draft. Let's work together and not punt all of the issues by saying they will be dealt with it in the manual. Why are the elected officials going to pass it off to the appointed officials to deal with what we can't work with?

Rep. Day stated that if Public Safety & Health is not a core function of government, he doesn't know what is. To debate an issue for eight months and then not act on it sends a dubious message about whether we are willing to step up to what the superseding issue of our era. As far as the sequence, whether it is the federal government, the state legislature or our body, it is most common to pass an ordinance and then have procedures and regulations implemented under that ordinance. The federal tax code has regulations that are a hundredfold or more longer than the tax statute. Similarly, at the state level, we have many laws that the bureaus and the departments of our State are charged with passing regulations under, and we have done the same thing here as a city. All we are doing here that is different is that we are taking an extra measure of safeguard and saying that we will actually approve those regulations. So, far from doing things backward, we are doing things in the right order. We are passing the underlying ordinance, we are then charging our department heads to come up with the regulations and the procedures. The only thing that is different, and I would think that the people that have reservations about this ordinance would find this to be a positive rather than a negative, is that we are actually asking to pass on the regulations also. Let's get the basic ordinance done. Rep. Day strongly urged everybody on the board to pass this tonight.

Chair Lyons stated that Director Callion may have spoken in the present tense when he was at the last meeting, but he doesn't believe that he meant to imply that he has a Manual that he is secretly sitting on. In fact, these milestones have not been accomplished: the Director of Public Safety, the Police Chief, the Police Commission and the Mayor have not adopted and approved the manual nor will they until we enable

them by passing this ordinance. So, there are four-five independent safeguards that have to be undertaken before we get to our forty-vote approval. Chair Lyons stated that everyone should take a look at how methodical the process in this ordinance was, and he thinks some other ordinances would be better off if we first enabled the action, and then we asked to approve the rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

***Motion to Move Question – APPROVED:***

A motion to move the question was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 27-7-0 (Reps. Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Coppola, Day, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Franzetti, Giordano, Greenberg, Heaphy, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons II, Mallozzi, D. Martin, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Berns, Cannady, DePina, Figueroa, C. Martin and Mitchell opposed) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 768](#)).

***Vote on Return to Committee – FAILED:***

The motion to return to committee failed by a machine vote of 15-20-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Cannady, DePina, Esposito, Figueroa, Heaphy, Layton, C. Martin, D. Martin, Mitchell, Pia, Skigen and Young in favor; Reps. Boccuzzi, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Fedeli, Franzetti, Giordano, Greenberg, Larobina, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons II, Mallozzi, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger, Rauh, Summerville and Zelinsky opposed) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 769](#)).

Mr. Berns stated that the Legislative & Rules Committee debated the title, “Review Committee,” and there were several versions of this name that were voted down, until a compromise came through. Rep. Berns stated his motion is based on Mr. Diamond’s compromise, four members of the public and no alternates. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Berns stated that Rep. Lyons stated that this would be a large committee, and he points out that the committees he mentioned have 5 members of the public and 3 alternates, for a total of 8 members of the public. Even with it expanded to four members, this is still the smallest board and commission in the entire governmental structure of Stamford. So, he recommends including a greater public participation because we need this committee as watchers to watch the watchers.

***Motion & Vote to Increase Public Members of Committee (No alternates) – FAILED:***

Rep. Berns moved to amend the ordinance by providing for four representatives of the public in Section 7.2(a). Said motion was seconded. The motion failed by a machine vote of 16-18-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Cannady, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Figueroa, Giordano, Heaphy, C. Martin, Mitchell, Pia, Rauh, Skigen and Young in favor; Reps. Boccuzzi, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Franzetti, Greenberg, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons II, D. Martin, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger, Summerville and Zelinsky opposed) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 770](#)).

***Motion to Rename Committee***

Rep. Berns moved to rename the Committee in Section 7.2(A) from “Public Safety Camera Review Committee” to “Traffic Monitoring, Homeland Security Police Surveillance Camera Review Committee” as a compromise. He said that this name covers everything and there is no question as to the jurisdiction of this Committee’s role. Said motion was seconded.

***Vote to Rename Committee – FAILED:***

The motion failed by a machine vote of 13-21-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Cannady, DePina, Esposito, Figueroa, Heaphy, C. Martin, D. Martin, Mitchell, Summerville and Young in favor; Reps. Boccuzzi, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Fedeli, Giordano, Greenberg, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons II, Mallozzi, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger, Pia, Rauh, Skigen and Zelinsky opposed) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 771](#)).

***Motion to Rename Committee:***

Rep. Berns moved to rename the Committee in Section 7.2(A) from “Public Safety Camera Review Committee” to “Public Safety and Police Surveillance Review Committee.” Said motion was seconded

***Vote to Rename Committee – FAILED:***

The motion failed by a machine vote of 13-22-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Cannady, DePina, Esposito, Figueroa, Giordano, Heaphy, C. Martin, Mitchell, Pia and Young in favor; Reps. Boccuzzi, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Fedeli, Franzetti, Greenberg, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons II, Mallozzi, D. Martin, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville and Zelinsky opposed) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 772](#)).

Rep. Zelinsky stated that at the first public hearing, 17 residents spoke and 9 were in favor, 5 were opposed and 3 had no opinion. Some of his colleagues are concerned that the cameras will only be put in high crime and minority neighborhoods and be abused by police personnel who will track minority residents as they go about their business. Rep. Zelinsky stated Mayor Malloy is in favor of this ordinance; Director Callion, who is African-American, is strongly in favor of the ordinance. At the first public hearing, three prominent African-American ministers, Rev. Perry, Dr. Tommy Jackson and Rev. Leroy Layson, who all have large African-American congregations, spoke strongly in favor along with 3 African-American residents.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that while he shares the concerns of some of his colleagues about potential police abuse and discrimination, he firmly believes that if some representatives don’t want cameras in their districts, the Chief of Police should respect their wishes. He supports more police officers, but until we do he believes cameras will be a major tool in protecting our residents. Cameras were used to solve a recent crime in Stamford. Rep. Zelinsky stated that some representatives are concerned about the cost of the camera, but he asks what price we can put on the life of our residents who could be seriously injured or disabled. Rep. Zelinsky stated that we should approve the ordinance and if

any abuse is found in the future, he will be the first to stand up and say something about it.

Rep. Mirkin stated that this is all about protecting neighborhoods, fighting crime and not about profiling or identifying anyone by race, nationality, creed or any other discriminatory factor, yet there are those that keep going back and saying this will be discriminatory. Rep. Mirkin does not believe this will be the case. We have an obligation to protect the public safety and the health and welfare of people who live, work and visit this City. It has been said that this ordinance, if approved, will record people 24-7. Rep. Mirkin stated it will help to protect people 24-7. By voting for approval tonight, it will send a message to those living in affected neighborhoods that Stamford's elected body does care about neighborhoods, we want everyone to have the opportunity to walk at night and not be considered about becoming a crime victim. It says that tax dollars are being used to make an investment in time, material and manpower to help prevent an uptick in crime. We have debated this long and hard, there is a divergent point of view, but tonight is the night to vote for approval of this ordinance.

Rep. Cannady stated that in furtherance to Rep. Zelinsky's statement about the prominent supporters of the ordinance, these are not the people who will be under surveillance.

***Motion to Exclude Residential Property:***

Rep. Cannady moved to amend the definition of "CCTV Camera" in Section 7.1 to read as follows (adding text in bold & underlined): "... are used for the visual transmission of activity on public streets, public rights of way, property owned by any governmental entity or body politic, or other property **other than residential**, as necessary to meet the objectives ...". Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that if this passes and if residents of his district request cameras on a street to monitor because of break-ins, this will exclude those cameras. President Martin confirmed that the cameras are allowed to survey the street, but that they could not survey residential property.

Rep. Adams stated that cameras can only be placed when criminal activity has been documented by the Chief of Police. This was amended because "body politic" refers to Housing Authority, NHI properties, Mutual Housing properties, all of which is low and middle income housing. From the beginning these cameras were intended to be placed in minority and Black neighborhoods. We have been fighting this for the last 8-9 months to show our fellow representatives that this is very discriminatory. We have constantly said that we want police instead of cameras. In reference to the rape at the hotel, cameras did not prevent that. Cameras were there and helped catch the perpetrator. We are trying to get balance and fairness. For whatever reason, some fellow representatives are not hearing or understanding what we are saying. We don't think that because we have criminal activity in our neighborhood that we should be subject to being filmed and recorded 24 hours a day. We are in favor of hiring the police to fight

crime and protect us the same way they protect other neighborhoods. Crime is only high in our neighborhood because we don't have the proper police patrols and police presence that other neighborhoods do. The only police we had in our area of town was when the Weed & Seed program was operating, and that mandated that the police department work with the community. This was the only time we had community policing. Our neighborhood is now just reacted to by the police. These cameras are a stigma; they are saying, "we still don't want to work with you, but we want to be able to catch you if a crime is committed in your neighborhood." So, we are still not going to get patrols, but we will be recorded.

Rep. Adams stated that these cameras are not just going to monitor criminals, they will monitor law-abiding, tax-paying citizens that haven't done anything but pay for the same protection that the rest of the City of Stamford receives.

Chair Lyons stated that this amendment came up in the Committee meeting, and Chair Lyons read from the Committee report, where the Housing Authority was present. Richard Fox stated for the record, "he hopes that what the Board is doing does not jeopardize the Housing Authority's right to install cameras." Having said that, the item at hand is an item that has been dealt with several times over. We removed "public housing" and the 1,500 foot threshold from the ordinance last month; we have been assured by city and elected officials of what the intent of this language is. What is happening here is that people are trying to legislate on a perceived fear or possibility of a reality that has yet to occur. If the ordinance was nine months old and someone said that this was a mess and they are abusing it, well it would be incumbent, and it is imperative and he promises that this ordinance would be on the agenda for the following month for review and amendments and modifications.

Rep. Diamond stated that he respects his colleagues when they disagree with him, but to refer to this ordinance at this point, after all we have been through, as discriminatory, or to say that representatives who support it support it because cameras are not going in their neighborhood, is wrong, unfair and offensive. Rep. Diamond stated that he personally worked extremely hard to delete any concerns about cameras going into certain neighborhoods. In fact it used to say that cameras would go where there was "high crime." There were objections and that was deleted. It used to say that the "cameras would be used for narcotics enforcement." There were objections and people asked, "why just narcotics?" It should be for all criminal activity, and the ordinance was changed. And some representatives said that they had graffiti in their neighborhood and that they want cameras there, and the ordinance was changed. Cameras will go in central and north and south Stamford. Cameras will go throughout Stamford. To say that people are supporting the ordinance because cameras are not going to go into their neighborhoods is unfair. You can disagree, but to say that it is discriminatory is simply wrong.

***Motion to Move Question – APPROVED:***

A motion to move the question was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 29-3-0 (Reps. Boccuzzi, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Esposito,

Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Greenberg, Heaphy, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons II, Mallozzi, C. Martin, D. Martin, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Berns and Cannady opposed) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 773](#)).

***Vote to Exclude Residential Property - FAILED:***

The motion to amend the language to exclude residential property was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 10-24-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Cannady, DePina, Esposito, Figueroa, Heaphy, C. martin, Mitchell and Young in favor; Reps. Boccuzzi, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Fedeli, Franzetti, Giordano, Greenberg, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons II, Mallozzi, D. Martin, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville and Zelinsky opposed) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 774](#)).

Rep. Figueroa stated that she would like to know where the cameras would be placed, who is going to decide where the cameras go and what the cost will be. Here we are debating an ordinance, and she does not know the amount of money that we will be spending on the cameras.

Chair Lyons stated that as this matter continues to get debated, the cost of technology is getting cheaper and the cameras were from \$1,000 to \$25,000 back in April. Now, they are as cheap as \$250-\$500 to \$3,000. The range we were told in the first year was about \$100,000, of which they have capital funds and homeland security funds set aside for camera purchase.

Rep. Figueroa stated that Mr. Lyons did not explain where the cameras will go and who will decide where they will go. Chair Lyons responded that there is criteria inside the ordinance which states where they may be situated, such as homeland security, traffic monitoring or other areas where there is documented criminal activity. If Ms. Figueroa had the opportunity to read through the ordinance, she would see that the Chief of Police makes a finding that some of the criteria have been met; he then is allowed to approve within 30 days of that finding a camera location, and after that the Committee meets to review the placement of that camera. So, in conjunction with the approval of the Committee reviewing the Police Chief's action, it is basically the Police Chief determining that one of the limited criteria in the ordinance has been met.

***Motion and Vote to Move Question:***

A motion to move the question (i.e., the main ordinance, as amended) was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 26-6-0 (Reps. Boccuzzi, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Franzetti, Greenberg, Heaphy, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons II, Mallozzi, D. Martin, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Berns, Cannady, Figueroa, C. Martin and Mitchell opposed) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 775](#)).

***Motion to approve ordinance (as amended):***

The motion to approve the ordinance, as amended, was made and seconded.

President Martin confirmed that the ordinance does not need republication.

The motion was approved by a machine vote of 22-12-0 (Reps. Boccuzzi, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Franzetti, Greenberg, Heaphy, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons II, Mallozzi, D. Martin, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Berns, Cannady, Figueroa, C. Martin and Mitchell opposed) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 776](#)).

**APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: Annie M. Summerville, Chair**

[\(Attendance\)](#)

[\(Votes\)](#)

[\(Report\)](#)

**John J. Boccuzzi, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Tuesday, January 30, 2007

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Summerville reported that the Appointments Committee met on Tuesday, January 30, 2007. Present were Chair Summerville and Committee Member Reps. Boccuzzi, Aposporos, Blackwell, DePina, Layton, Molgano and Munger; excused was Rep. Nowakowski.

1. [A27.081](#)      **Water Pollution Control Authority**      **APPROVED ON  
CONSENT  
AGENDA**  
Louis J. Casale, Jr. (R)      Reappoint.  
155 Frederick Street      (Term exp 1/1/6)  
Stamford, CT 06902  
Term Expires: 01/01/09  
11/30/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/30/07 – Committee approved 8-0-0
  
2. [A27.082](#)      **Director of Operations**      **APPROVED ON  
CONSENT  
AGENDA**  
Ben Barnes      Repl. Curtin  
28 Brightwood Avenue      (Term exp. 11/30/09)  
Stratford, CT 06614  
Term Expires: 11/30/09  
12/21/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/30/07 – Committee approved 8-0-0
  
3. [A27.084](#)      RESOLUTION; waiving the residency requirement      **APPROVED ON  
CONSENT  
AGENDA**  
for the Director of Operations.  
01/08/07- Submitted by Chair Summerville  
01/30/07 – Committee approved 8-0-0
  
4. [A27.083](#)      **Director of Administration**      **APPROVED ON  
CONSENT  
AGENDA**  
Sandy Dennies      Repl. Barnes  
171 Shadow Ridge Rd.      (Term exp. 11/30/09)  
Stamford, CT 06905

Term Expires: 11/30/09  
12/21/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/30/07 – Committee approved 8-0-0

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 4 above, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk of the Board Summerville noted that Reps. Blackwell, Cannady, Layton and Boccuzzi left the meeting (11:00 p.m.).

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**     **Randall M. Skigen, Chair**  
*(Attendance)*            **Linda Cannady, Vice Chair**  
*(Votes)*                    Meeting: Monday, January 29, 2007  
*(Report)*                    7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Skigen reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Monday, January 29, 2007. Present were Chair Skigen and Vice Chair Cannady and Committee Member Reps. DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Lyons and Mirkin; absent/excused were Reps. Day and Mitchell. Also present were: Peter Privitera of OPM; Bill Callion, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Fire Chief Robert McGrath; Anne Marie Mones, Risk Manager; Karen Cammarota, Grants Department; Mike Pensiero, Technology; Mary Willis, Youth Services Bureau; Ray Whitbread, Chief of Turn of River Fire Department and John Didelot, Chief of Belltown Fire Department.

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| 1. <a href="#">F27.190</a><br>\$15,000.00  | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Stamford WIFI; Contracted Services; grant from Business Council of Fairfield County to install wireless internet service at Veterans and Latham Parks and the train station.<br>12/06/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>12/11/06 – Approved by Board of Finance<br>01/29/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0 | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 2. <a href="#">F27.188</a><br>\$160,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Education through Adventure; funding from community groups, state and federal grants.<br>11/14/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>12/11/06 – Approved by Board of Finance<br>01/29/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0                                                                                        | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 3. <a href="#">F27.194</a><br>\$10,000.00  | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); The Big Read; appropriation of grant funds for National Endowment for the Arts Program.<br>12/21/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |

01/11/07 – Approved by Board of Finance  
01/29/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0

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| 4. <a href="#">F27.195</a><br>\$982.00                              | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Bulletproof Vest Grant; Uniforms; to appropriate funds from US Dept. of Justice Grant.<br>12/21/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>01/11/07 – Approved by Board of Finance<br>01/29/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0                                                                      | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 5. <a href="#">F17.196</a><br>\$500.00                              | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Youth Services Bureau; Direct Service; to support after prom activities at Westhill and Stamford High Schools.<br>12/21/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>01/11/07 – Approved by Board of Finance<br>01/29/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0                                              | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 6. <a href="#">F27.184</a><br>\$102,854.00                          | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Snow Removal; represents overtime and social security expenses due to storms and power outages in August/September.<br>11/29/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>01/11/06 – <b>Withdrawn by Administration</b> (per Board of Finance)<br>01/29/07 – Item Withdrawn by Administration | <b>NO ACTION<br/>TAKEN</b>                |
| 7. <a href="#">F27.189</a><br>\$3,727.00                            | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Maintenance, Facilities; Overtime; represents reimbursement for the Maccabi Games.<br>11/14/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>12/11/06 – Approved by Board of Finance<br>01/29/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0                                                                       | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 8. <a href="#">F27.186</a><br><del>\$56,400.00</del><br>\$10,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Police; Police/Uniforms; to cover projected deficit in uniform account due to hiring of officers.<br>11/29/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>12/11/06 – \$10,000 approved by Board of Finance<br>01/29/07 – Committee approved 8-0-0                                               | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 9. <a href="#">F27.187</a><br>\$500,000.00                          | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Police; Overtime; to fund projected deficit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT</b>            |

in account.  
11/29/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/11/07 – Approved 5-0-1 by Board of Finance  
01/29/07 – Committee approved 6-0-2

**AGENDA**

10. [F27.192](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating  
\$50,098.00 Budget); Police; Overtime; to reimburse overtime  
account for hours worked at the Maccabi Games.  
12/14/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/11/07 – Approved by Board of Finance  
01/29/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0

**APPROVED ON  
CONSENT  
AGENDA**

*Secondary Committee On Items 9 & 10: Public Safety & Health*

Rep. Lyons moved to waive the Secondary Committee Report; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

11. [F27.193](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating  
\$6,440.00 Budget); Maintenance; Facilities; Overtime; to  
reimburse account for work involved in the  
production of films at Cove Island Park.  
01/02/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/11/07 – Approved 5-0-1 by Board of Finance  
01/29/07 – Committee approved 8-0-0

**APPROVED ON  
CONSENT  
AGENDA**

12. [F27.178](#) RESOLUTION; approving a transfer of the budget  
surplus to the Rainy Day Fund in the amount of  
\$1,000,000.  
10/13/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
11/08/06 – Approved by Board of Finance  
01/29/07 – Committee approved 8-0-0

**APPROVED ON  
CONSENT  
AGENDA**

13. [F27.183](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);  
\$100,000.00 Operations; Administration; Game Courts; to  
appropriate RBS gift for a basketball court at  
Hatchfield Park.  
12/21/06 – Resubmitted by Mayor Malloy  
01/03/07 – Approved by Planning Board  
01/11/07 – Approved by Board of Finance  
01/29/07 – Committee approved 8-0-0

**APPROVED ON  
CONSENT  
AGENDA**

14. F27.185 REVIEW; MRM Consulting audit and identification  
of \$800,000 in unauthorized payments for injured  
on duty officers.  
12/1/06 – Submitted by Reps. Mirkin and DeLuca

**REPORT  
MADE**

01/29/07 – Report Made

*Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health*

Rep. Lyons moved to waive the Secondary Committee Report; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Suspension of the Rules**

Chair Skigen moved to suspend the Rules to take up Item No. F27.198 below; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

15. <a href="#">F27.198</a> \$94,872.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Turn of River Fire Department; Salaries, Holidays, Social Security, Medical & Training; to fund two firefighters for daytime response and two floating firefighters for Belltown, Glenbrook and TOR districts. 01/18/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 01/11/07 – Approved by Board of Finance 01/29/07 – Committee approved 8-0-0	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b> <i>(Rep. Munger abstaining)</i>
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Upon motion duly made and seconded, Item No. F27.198 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Skigen moved to suspend the Rules to take up Item No. F27.198 below; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

16. <a href="#">F27.199</a> \$79,341.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Stamford Fire & Rescue; Salaries, Holidays, Social Security, Medical; to fund floating firefighters to reduce overtime. 01/18/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 01/11/07 – Approved by Board of Finance 01/29/07 – Committee approved 8-0-0	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE</b>
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Upon motion duly made and seconded, Item No. F27.199 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1-5 and 7-13, was approved by unanimous voice vote (Rep. Munger abstaining on Item No. 15).

Clerk of the Board Summerville noted that Rep. Mirkin left the meeting at 11:10 p.m.

## LEGISLATIVE & RULES

### COMMITTEE:

[\(Attendance\)](#)

[\(Votes\)](#)

[\(Report\)](#)

**James D. Diamond, Chair**

**Arthur Layton, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Monday, January 22, 2007

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Diamond reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday, January 22, 2007. Present were Committee Chair Diamond and Vice Chair Layton and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Day, Lodato, C. Martin, Mitchell and Zelinsky; Reps. Adams, Fedeli and Lyons. Also present: Ben Barnes representing the WPCA; Police Chief Brent Larrabee; Bill Callion, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Sgt. Gioielli of the Stamford Police Department. Absent/excused: Committee Members Esposito, Heaphy and Lombardo.

1. [LR27.032](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for **publication**; amending the WPCA ordinance to include changing the assessment formula for new sewer installation.  
12/04/06 – Submitted by Reps. Mirkin & Day  
01/22/07 – Held in Committee 5-3-0 **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
2. LR27.033 REVIEW; amendments to the WPCA ordinance.  
12/20/06 – Submitted by Rep. Day & Mirkin  
01/22/07 – No action taken **NO ACTION TAKEN**
3. [LR27.035](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; regarding graffiti.  
12/21/06 – Submitted by Director Callion  
01/22/07 – Held in Committee 8-0-0 **HELD IN COMMITTEE**

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

[\(Attendance\)](#)

[\(Votes\)](#)

[\(Report\)](#)

**Mary Lisa Fedeli, Chair**

**Pauline S. Rauh, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Wednesday, January 31, 2007

7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Vice Chair Rauh reported that the Personnel Committee met on January 31, 2007. Present were Vice Chair Rauh and Committee Member Reps. Figueroa, Greenberg, Layton and Lodato. Absent/excused: Committee Member Reps. Boccuzzi, Cannady, Fedeli and Skigen.

1. [P27.035](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for **public hearing & final adoption**; amending the recently enacted pay plan defined contribution ordinance regarding pay **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

plan employees with existing pensions.  
10/31/06 – Submitted by Chair Fedeli  
12/20/06 – Committee Approved for publication  
01/02/07 – Approved for publication  
01/31/07 – Committee approved 5-0-0

President Martin confirmed with Clerk Summerville that there were at least 21 members still present at the meeting.

## LAND USE/URBAN

### REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

**Harry Day, Chair**

**Patrick J. White, Vice Chair**

[\(Attendance\)](#)

[\(Votes\)](#)

[\(Report\)](#)

Meeting: Wednesday, January 24 2007

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Day reported that the Land Use Committee met on January 24, 2007. Present were Chair Day, Vice Chair White and Committee Member Reps. Boccuzzi, Diamond, Franzetti, Greenberg and Summerville. Also attending was Representative Martin. Also present was Erin McKenna from the Land Use Bureau. The following members of the public attended: Pam Loeffelman, Janet Cory, David Hoskins, Ann Scheps, Frank Acello, Darek Shapiro, Aleksandra Moch, Steve Grasso and Elaine Grunberger. Absent/excused were Reps. Lombardo and Mitchell.

1. [LU27.024](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **for Public Hearing & Final Adoption**; establishing “green” building code standards for newly constructed municipal buildings. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**  
12/05/06 – Submitted by Reps. Day and Martin  
01/24/07 – Held in Committee 7-0-0
2. LU27.025 REVIEW; possible changes in EPB aquifer protection regulations to conform to DEP model municipal regulations. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**  
12/11/06 – Submitted by Chair Day  
01/24/07 – No action
3. LU27.026 REVIEW; development plans for South End. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**  
12/20/06 – Submitted by Chair Day  
01/24/07 – No action

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: John R. Zelinsky, Jr., Chair  
Scott Mirkin, Vice Chair**

No meeting.

**PUBLIC SAFETY &  
HEALTH COMMITTEE: Richard Lyons, II, Chair**  
[\(Attendance\)](#) Meeting: Wednesday, January 31, 2007  
[\(Votes\)](#) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room  
[\(Report\)](#)

*(See report on Item No. 1 at beginning of Agenda – item taken out of order.)*

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| 2. <a href="#">PS27.014</a> | REVIEW; of security at Housing Authority properties (six month update).<br>10/10/06 – Submitted by Chair Lyons<br>10/26/06 – Held in Committee<br>11/30/06 – Held in Committee 5-0-0<br>01/31/07 – Report Made | <b>REPORT<br/>MADE</b> |
| 3. PS27.019                 | REVIEW; progress of the new emergency communications system.<br>12/19/06 – Submitted by Rep. Coppola & Lyons<br>01/31/07 – Report Made                                                                         | <b>REPORT<br/>MADE</b> |
| 4. PS27.018                 | REVIEW; of citywide disaster plan.<br>12/19/06 – Submitted by Rep. Coppola & Lyons<br>01/31/07 – Report Made                                                                                                   | <b>REPORT<br/>MADE</b> |

**PARKS & RECREATION  
COMMITTEE: Linda Cannady, Co-Chair  
Joseph Coppola, Co-Chair**  
[\(Attendance\)](#) Meeting: Tuesday, January 23, 2007  
[\(Votes\)](#) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room  
[\(Report\)](#)

Co-Chair Coppola reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on January 23, 2007. Present were Co-Chairs Cannady and Coppola; Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Heaphy; Lyons, Pia and White; Rep. Zelinsky; Bob Longo, Parks Department; Ed Gentile, Engineering; Pepi Barbarotta, Parks Maintenance; Mickey Docimo, Parks & Recreation; Ann Marie Mones, Risk Management; Laurie Albano, Recreation Services; Erin McKenna, Land Use Bureau; Tom Cassone, Director of Legal Affairs; several members of the Golf Authority and approximately 20 members of the public in support of the Skate Park. Absent/excused: Reps. Greenberg, Mallozzi, McCullen and Young.

1. [PR27.016](#) RESOLUTION; and public hearing; approving a lease agreement between the City of Stamford and Sterling Farms Golf Authority. **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**  
12/26/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/03/07 – Approved by Planning Board  
01/11/07 – Approved by Board of Finance  
01/23/07 – Committee approved 6-0-0 (as amended)

Co-Chair Coppola stated that there was no language in the ordinance to require Board of Representative approval for renewals. The Committee added the language and approved it as amended.

2. [PR27.018](#) APPROVAL; of a contract with Grindline Skateparks for design/build of concrete skate park at Scalzi Park. **HELD**  
01/04/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/11/06 – **HELD** by Board of Finance 6-0-0  
01/23/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0  
02/08/06 – To be considered by Board of Finance

Co-Chair Coppola stated this item was approved by Committee, but he recommended a motion to hold pending action of the Board of Finance.

A motion to Hold Item No. PR27.018 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** **Thomas C. Hunter, Chair**  
*(Attendance)* **Michael L. Molgano, Vice Chair**  
*(Report)* Meeting: Thursday, January 25, 2007  
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Vice Chair Molgano reported that the Education Committee met on January 25, 2007. Present were Committee Member Reps. Franzetti, Lodato, Rauh and Young; Rep. Zelinsky; Martin Levine, Rosanne McManus of the Board of Education; Joshua Starr, Superintendent of Schools; Jane Anderson and Carlton Moody of the Board of Education; Carol D. Birks, Intern and Chris Gosier of the Stamford Advocate.

1. [E27.010](#) REVIEW; recently-released Stamford Public Schools Strategic Plan. **REPORT MADE**

01/03/07 – Submitted by Rep. Molgano  
01/25/07 – Report Made

2. [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  
01/25/07 – Report Made

## **HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/**

### **SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

[\(Attendance\)](#)  
[\(Report\)](#)

**Elaine Mitchell, Chair**

**Philip J. Giordano, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Tuesday, January 30, 2007

5:30 p.m. – Legislative Chambers

Chair Mitchell reported that the Housing-Community Development-Social Services Committee met on January 30, 2007. Present were Committee members: Chair Mitchell, Vice Chair Giordano, Aposporos, Figueroa, Blackwell, McCullen, Munger and Molgano. Excused Committee members: Nowakowski. Also present: Tim Beeble, Community Development.

1. HCD27.023      PUBLIC HEARING; for Year 33 HUD entitlement funding for the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Programs.      **REPORT MADE**  
01/05/07 – Submitted by Tim Beeble  
01/30/07 – Report Made

### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:**

[\(Attendance\)](#)  
[\(Votes\)](#)  
[\(Report\)](#)

**Robert “Gabe” DeLuca, Chair**

**Terry Adams, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Thursday, January 18, 2007

7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair DeLuca reported that the Transportation Committee met on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at 7PM in the Republican Caucus Room. Present were committee members Chair DeLuca, Vice Chair Adams, Giordano, Franzetti, Blackwell, Lombardo, Young and Zelinsky. Also present were Representative Cannady, Michael Pensiero of IT, Mani Poola and Veera Karukonda of Traffic Engineering. Representative Mirkin was excused.

1. T27.025      REVIEW; feasibility of streaming CCTV traffic feeds over the City's website.      **REPORT  
MADE & HELD IN  
COMMITTEE**  
01/04/07 – Submitted by Rep. Franzetti  
01/18/07 – Report Made

**STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE: Paul A. Esposito, Chair**  
([Attendance](#))      Meeting: Thursday, January 4, 2007  
([Report](#))      7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

1. SC27.009      DISCUSSION; semi-annual meeting with State Delegation.      **REPORT  
MADE**  
11/16/06 – Submitted by Chair Esposito  
01/04/07 – Report Made

Chair Esposito stated a report was distributed.

## MINUTES

1.      [January 2, 2007 Regular Board Meeting](#)      **APPROVED BY  
UNANIMOUS  
VOICE VOTE**

## III.      OLD BUSINESS

Rep. Adams stated that at no time did he want to offend members of the Legislative & Rules Committee because they did meet with him and discuss the CCTV ordinance fairly. Truly, we got more done in that one meeting than in the whole six months of deliberation. If Mr. Diamond was offended, he is sorry because his earlier statements were not directed at that Committee.

Rep. Mitchell stated that at the end of the last Legislative & Rules Committee meeting, she stated to the Chair that she truly appreciates the way the meeting was run, that in dealing with the camera ordinance, we had an opportunity to have debate. Everyone was allowed to participate and the Chair listened to all ideas and incorporated as many ideas as he could into the ordinance. Rep. Mitchell stated that she publicly wanted to thank Mr. Diamond for his leadership on Legislative & Rules Committee.

President Martin asked for the conciseness of the reports in the last ten to fifteen minutes.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.