

*The Regular Meeting of the 27th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford met on **Monday, May 7, 2007** in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, 4th Floor, Stamford, Connecticut.*

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President David R. Martin at 9:10 p.m.

INVOCATION: Led by Rep. Zelinsky

“Let us pray. Dear Lord, almighty Father, we ask You tonight to guide us in our deliberations over the issues that we will be voting on. Help us to be patient, thoughtful and considerate of one another and respect each other’s opinion, even though we may strongly disagree. May You bless and protect our citizens of our great City of Stamford; please protect our police, fire, emergency services and city employees from any harm as they work daily. May You bless and protect the representatives and their families who do volunteer their time serving our constituents. May You bless our wonderful City of Stamford. 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 35 members present and 5 members absent/excused (Reps. Aposporos, Figueroa, Lodato, McCullen and Pia) (See [RCS Attendance Record #807](#)).

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

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late: George A. Ritchie, Myrtle Banks Callion, Harry Bennett and Vincent D. Cassone by the 27th Board of Representatives; Mary Alice Finklea, John Bethea and Nora McMillan by Clerk of the Board Summerville; Lester Walter and Denise Rich by Rep. Boccuzzi; Mary Anne Sangelli Hawk by Rep. Fedeli; Alan R. Pels by Rep. Day; Merton A. Sorbo, Anthony J. Casillo, Rosemarie Catherine Carlucci and James Uva by Reps. Giordano and Zelinsky; Hampton Dais, Jr., Ruth Scharf Panaro, Kevin John Ryan, John C. Karukas, Sophie M. Paulter, Anthony Arthur DeFelice and Mary V. McRedmond by Rep. Giordano; Anthony P. Sandalo, Charles J. Scalfani, George James Schneider, Domenico Babbaro, Mary O’Connor, Chester Thomas Kulish, Victor G. Portanova, Mary R. Piscitelli, Peter J. Genestra, Anthony

Joseph Frangione, Sr., John J. Megyesi, Helen B. Tymula and M. Concetta Faith Larueno by Rep. Zelinsky.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. President Martin wished Representatives Skigen and DePina a happy birthday. It is also Representatives McCullen and Lodato's birthday.

President Martin announced:

2. The Fiscal Committee will meet this Wednesday, May 9th, for its budget voting session.
3. The Full Board will meet next Monday, May 14th for its annual budget meeting. Caucuses will begin at 7:00 p.m.
4. The Board is running out of time to amend the conveyance tax. He will ask the Fiscal Committee to suspend its rules this Wednesday night to consider this resolution. He stated he was originally opposed to it but has since learned that the City can opt for a conveyance tax rate less than \$.50.
5. There has been a change in the legal status regarding a phase-in. There are now opinions from Attorney General Blumenthal and Corporation Counsel that state that we can phase-in the 2006 revaluation this year and perform a 2007 revaluation that would be implemented or phased in next year. He will also ask the Fiscal Committee to consider this item on Wednesday night.
6. The call of the Special Budget Meeting for Monday the 14th may be amended, depending on how the Fiscal Committee considers the conveyance tax and the possible phase-in.
7. Steering will be held either the 15th (Tuesday) or the 16th (Wednesday) of next week. Members of Steering should let the Board Office know which date is preferable.
8. The deadline for the Steering Agenda is noon on Thursday of this week.
9. Mike Molgano is a full voting member of the Steering Committee.
10. Robert's Rules specify that no one may speak more than twice on a particular motion and for no more than ten minutes each time. President Martin will be enforcing these rules.

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

1. SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION; honoring **HELD**
Dr. Danoff.
04/01/07 – Submitted by Rep. Skigen
2. [SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION](#); **APPROVED BY**
congratulating Al Sanseverino on being selected **UNANIMOUS**
Citizen of the Year by the Jewish War Veterans **VOICE VOTE**
Post 142.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Meeting: Tuesday, April 10, 2007
([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.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: **Annie M. Summerville, Chair**
([Attendance](#)) **John J. Boccuzzi, Vice Chair**
([Votes](#)) Tuesday, April 24, 2007
([Report](#)) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Summerville reported that the Appointments Committee met on April 24, 2007. Present were Chair Summerville and Vice Chair Boccuzzi and Committee Member Reps. Aposporos, Blackwell, Layton, Molgano and Munger; absent/excused was Rep. DePina. Also present was Rep. Zelinsky.

1. [A27.095](#) **Environmental Protection Board/Alternate** **NO ACTION
TAKEN**
Diane Longo (D) Reappointment
59 Mill Spring Lane Term Exp. 12/1/6
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/01/09
03/05/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/27/07 – No action taken
04/24/07 – Name withdrawn

Chair Summerville reported that Ms. Longo's name has been withdrawn.

2. [A27.077](#) **Municipal Building Board of Appeals** **APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**
Frank J. Mercede Reappointment
72 Little Hill Drive Term Exp. 6/19/6
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 06/19/11
10/05/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel Malloy
03/28/07 – Resubmitted by Mayor Dannel Malloy
04/24/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0

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| 3. A27.088 | Tax Assessment Board of Appeals
Christopher L. Campbell (D) Addition to Board
5 Hundley Court #1B
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: N/A
02/14/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/24/07 – No action taken | NO ACTION
TAKEN |
| 4. A27.093 | Tax Assessment Board of Appeals
Leslie Gordon (D) Reappointment
211 West Lane Term Exp. 12/1/6
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 12/01/09
02/26/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/04/07 – Resubmitted by Mayor Dannel P.
Malloy
04/24/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0 | APPROVED BY
MACHINE VOTE
31-0-3 |

Rep. Zelinsky asked that Item No. A27.093 be taken off the Consent Agenda. Chair Summerville moved the appointment of Mr. Gordon; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he is pleased that constituents in his district are taking their time to serve on city boards. He personally thanks Mr. Gordon for volunteering to serve on the Tax Assessment Board of Appeals for the past three years, and he understands he has done a wonderful job in that capacity. However, six months after Mr. Gordon was approved for this Board, he changed his profession to being self-employed as a realtor in Stamford for a large real estate firm. He has nothing against Mr. Gordon, has known him for many years to be a very reputable person in the community; however, he is concerned with his occupation as a realtor. This year there were 1,200 appeals from residents appealing their revaluation, and while he is certain Mr. Gordon would recuse himself, but people in his office or other realtors in other firms that have dealings with his office, might create a conflict of interest. This is a gray area. Rep. Zelinsky stated that Chair Summerville asked him at the Appointments Committee meeting, since he has been on the Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, if he has had to recuse himself, and he said no. Rep. Zelinsky stated that at the last revaluation, there were somewhere around 650 appeals.

Rep. Zelinsky continued to say that as he understands the process, that not only do members of the Tax Assessment Board of Appeals go one-on-one with city residents and after, the entire Board then discusses the reductions, if any. This means that Mr. Gordon would be sitting on all of the tax appeals, which would be 1,200 this year. For that reason, he is very uncomfortable with the possible conflict dealing with residents and who might have dealings with his office or other offices that deal with his office. Rep. Zelinsky stated he will be abstaining on this issue.

Rep. Diamond stated that a conflict of interest is when you have two interests that you are torn between, and he fails to see how a person would have a conflict of interest

because they are a realtor and they are sitting on the tax assessment appeals board. This is not a conflict of interest, and this certainly would be a bad time to fail to approve someone who is handling tax assessment appeals now.

The motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Gordon was approved by a machine vote of 31-0-3 (Reps. Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Franzetti, Greenberg, Heaphy, Hunter, Larobina, Layton, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, C. Martin, D. Martin, Mirkin, Mitchell, Molgano, Munger, Neary, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White and Young in favor; Reps. Adams, Berns and Zelinsky abstaining) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 808](#)).

5. A27.098	Fire Commission Leandro Rizzuto (R) 1 Revonah Circle Stamford, CT 06905 Term Expires: 11/30/7 03/09/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 04/24/07 – Committee approved 6-0-1	Repl. Brennan Term Exp. 11/30/07	APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA (<i>Rep. Munger abstaining</i>)
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Chair Summerville moved the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2 and 5 above; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote (Rep. Munger abstaining on Item No. 5).

Chair Summerville also thanked Rep. Zelinsky for attending the meeting, adding that it is a pleasure to have other board members come and participate. Rep. Zelinsky asked some very good questions. She also stated that Mr. Gordon answered all questions to the committee's satisfaction. Chair Summerville stated that all board members are invited to attend the appointments committee meetings.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: **Randall M. Skigen, Chair**
[\(Attendance\)](#) **Linda Cannady, Vice Chair**
[\(Votes\)](#) Meeting: Monday, April 30, 2007
[\(Report\)](#)
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Skigen reported that the Fiscal Committee will meet on April 30, 2007. Present were Committee Chair Skigen and Committee Member Reps. DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano and Mirkin; absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Cannady, Day, Lyons and Mitchell. Also present was Karen Cammarota of the Grants Office.

1. F27.213 \$1,030.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); HIV Mobile Prevention Services; to align budget with increased State allotment. 02/28/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy	APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA
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03/26/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0
04/04/07 – Held in Committee
04/11/07 – Approved by Board of Finance
04/30/07 – Committee approved 6-0-0

2 [F27.212](#)
\$2,566.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); AIDS Risk Reduction Grant; Medical and Life Insurance; to align budget with increased State allotment; funds to be used for medical cost reimbursement.

02/28/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/26/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0
04/04/07 – Held in Committee
04/11/07 – Approved by Board of Finance
04/30/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0

**APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

GRANT RESOLUTIONS; authorizing an agreement with the State of CT Department of Education for:

3a. [F27.238](#)

- a [school construction grant](#) for roof replacement at Roxbury Elementary School

3b. [F27.223](#)

- funding of the [Youth Services Bureau](#); [amount of grant](#): \$59,938; city match: \$59,938

3c. [F27.237](#)

- [School Readiness and Child Day Care](#); amount of grant: \$3,589,771

3d. [F27.231](#)

- State of CT for funding assistance regarding operation of the [Stamford Day Care Program](#); amount of grant: \$1,878,958

3e. [F27.236](#)

- [Quality Enhancement Program](#); amount of grant: \$82,398

04/03/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

04/30/07 – Committee approved all 7-0-0

**ALL ITEMS
APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

4. [F27.229](#)

GRANT [RESOLUTION](#); authorizing an application for regarding the 2007 Historic Documents Preservation Grant Program; amount of grant: \$17,000

03/30/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

04/30/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0

**APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

5. [F27.222](#)

GRANT [RESOLUTION](#); authorizing application for Social Services Block Grant for a program of counseling services to the elderly; amount of grant: \$53,861; city contribution: \$12,277

**APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

03/30/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/30/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0

GRANT RESOLUTIONS; authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the CT State Dept. of Public Health for:

**ALL ITEMS
APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

- 6a. [F27.227](#) • [Education Risk Reduction and HIV Mobile Prevention Services](#); amount of grant: \$235,194 (Risk reduction) and \$41,855 (Mobile prevention); city contributions: \$189,879 and \$7,325 respectively
- 6b. [F27.224](#) • 2007-08 [Tuberculosis and Sexually Transmitted Disease Treatment and Control Program](#); amount of grant: \$65,975; city contribution: \$21,828
- 6c. [F27.225](#) • 2007-08 [Women, Infants' and Children's \(WIC\) Nutrition Program](#); amount of grant: \$340,000; city contribution: \$75,624
- 6d. [F27.228](#) • [Bioterrorism Emergency Response Public Health Preparedness](#); amount of grant: \$83,075; city contribution: \$29,272
- 6e. [F27.230](#) • funding assistance under the 2007/08 [Per Capita Grant](#); amount of grant: \$114,681; city contribution: \$50,101
- 6f. [F27.233](#) • [Childhood Immunization Program](#); amount of grant: \$88,725; city contribution: \$11,559
- 6g. [F27.235](#) • [Preventive Health Services Block Grant](#); amount of grant: \$21,624
- 6h. [F27.234](#) • [Local Substance Abuse Prevention Council Program](#); amount of grant: \$7,130

04/03/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/30/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0

GRANT RESOLUTIONS; authorizing the Mayor to file an application and enter into an agreement

**ALL ITEMS
APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

- 7a. [F27.226](#) • with the CT State Dept. of Public Safety for a [Regional Public Safety Emergency Telecommunications Center](#); amount of grant: \$227,859; city contribution: \$11,614
- 7b. [F27.232](#) • State of CT Office of Emergency Management for funding assistance regarding operation of the City's [Emergency Management Performance Grant Program](#); amount of grant: \$37,252; city match: \$37,252

04/03/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/30/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0

8. [F27.219](#) \$1,962.50 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Collection; Overtime; to appropriate funds received from the JCC and deposited to reimburse for personnel support during the Maccabi games. 03/14/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 04/11/07 – Approved by Board of Finance 04/30/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0 **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA** (*Rep. Franzetti abstaining*)
9. [F27.210](#) \$3,000.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Maintenance; Facilities; to reimburse for parks labor support during film production. 02/28/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 03/26/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0 04/04/07 – Held in Committee 04/11/07 – Approved by Board of Finance 04/30/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0 **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
10. [F27.220](#) \$452.52 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Equipment Maintenance; to reimburse for a refund check. 03/14/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 04/11/07 – Approved by Board of Finance 04/30/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0 **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
11. [F27.211](#) \$122,000.00 \$86,000.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Emergency Communications Center; Overtime; increase required due to a continuing pattern of long and short term vacancies, hiring and training as well as upgrades to the positions. 02/28/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 03/26/07 – Committee approved 6-0-3 (reduced amount of \$86,000) 04/11/07 – Approved \$86,000 by Board of Finance **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA** (*Rep. Franzetti abstaining*)
- 12a. [F27.217](#) \$18,179.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Childcare Learning Centers; Security Cameras and Devices; to install locked doors and cameras in Lathon Wider Community Center location. 03/07/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 03/13/07 – Approved by Planning Board 03/26/07 – Committee approved 6-0-3 04/11/07 – Approved by Board of Finance **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
- 12b. [F27.218](#) BOND RESOLUTION; in connection with Item No F27.217 above – Childcare Learning Centers; **APPROVED ON**

Cameras and Devices.
03/07/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/26/07 – Committee approved 6-0-3

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 12 above and all subparts, was approved by unanimous voice vote (Rep. Franzetti abstaining on Item Nos. 8 and 11).

LEGISLATIVE & RULES

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

Meeting: Monday, April 16, 2007

(Report)

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Diamond reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on April 16, 2007. Present were Chair Diamond and Vice Chair Layton and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Esposito, Heaphy, Lodato, Lombardo, Mitchell and Zelinsky; absent/excused were Reps. Day and Martin. Also present were Sandy Dennies, Director of Administration; Bill Callion, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Bill Forker, Tax Office; and Chris Gioielli of the Stamford Police Department.

1. [LR27.032](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for **public hearing & final adoption**; amending the WPCA ordinance (#1044) to include changing the assessment formula for new sewer installation. **APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE 35-0-0**
12/04/06 – Submitted by Reps. Mirkin & Day
01/22/07 – Held in Committee 5-3-0
02/26/07 – Failed in Committee 3-3-2 (as amended by a vote of 5-2-3)
03/05/07- Returned to Committee
03/19/07 – Committee approved 9-0-1
04/04/07 – Approved for publication 36-1-0
04/16/07 – Committee approved 8-1-0

Chair Diamond moved Item No. LR27.032; said motion was seconded. Chair Diamond reported that a public hearing was held on the item. The item was approved by a machine vote of 35-0-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Franzetti, Giordano, Greenberg, Heaphy, Hunter, Larobina, Layton, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, C. Martin, D. Martin, Mirkin, Mitchell, Molgano, Munger, Neary, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 809](#)).

2. [LR27.037](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for **public hearing &** **APPROVED BY**

final adoption; amending Section 1-18 of the Code of Ordinances to increase the maximum general fine from \$90 to \$250, as permitted by § 7 of Public Act 06-185.

01/02/07 – Submitted by Reps. Day and DeLuca

02/26/07 – Held in Committee 8-0-0

03/05/07 – No Action

03/19/07 – Committee approved 8-0-0

04/04/07 – Approved for publication

04/16/07 – Committee approved 7-0-1

**MACHINE VOTE
31-4-0**

Chair Diamond moved Item No. LR27.037; said motion was seconded. Chair Diamond reported that a public hearing was held on the item. Rep. Adams asked that the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Chair Diamond stated our ordinances have the potential of a fine up to \$90 per state statutes. Last year, the legislature approved a state law allowing us to increase fines in ordinances up to \$250. Whether we choose to or not, this ordinance changes the enabling laws so that we could increase ordinance fines up to the state law maximum of \$250, if we choose to. This ordinance, if adopted, does not change any fines whatsoever, it just allows us the possibility of doing so in the future.

Rep. Adams stated that he disagrees that the maximum fines should be increased. These fines affect the same people that we are increasing taxes on. Rep. Adams stated that this is not the time to increase the maximum fines. For example, even though a person has a blighted property, the taxes on it reflect replacement costs. The rate of increase is also unfair. Rep. Adams stated that we know that if we pass the enabling legislation and open this window, within the next six months there will be different ordinances coming forward with increased fines, whether home security alarms or graffiti, among others.

The item was approved by a machine vote of 31-4-0 (Reps. Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Franzetti, Giordano, Greenberg, Heaphy, Hunter, Larobina, Layton, Lombardo, Lyons, C. Martin, D. Martin, Mirkin, Mitchell, Molgano, Munger, Neary, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Cannady, DePina and Mallozzi opposed) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 810](#)).

3. [LR27.044](#)

PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for **public hearing & final adoption**; amending Chapter 214, Article V, Sidewalk Cafes to eliminate the requirement of Building Inspector approval.

02/16/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

03/19/07 – Committee approved 9-0-0

04/04/07 – Approved for publication

04/16/07 – Committee approved 8-0-0

**APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

Chair Diamond moved Item No. LR27.044; said motion was seconded. Chair Diamond stated a public hearing was held on the item. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

4. [LR27.035](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for **publication**; **APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE 29-5-1**
regarding graffiti.
12/21/06 – Submitted by Director Callion
01/22/07 – Held in Committee 8-0-0
02/26/07 – Committee approved 8-0-0 (as amended)
03/05/07 – Approved for publication
03/19/07 – Public hearing held; Committee approved 7-1-2 (as amended) for republication
04/04/07 – Returned to Committee
04/16/07 – Committee approved 8-0-0 (as amended)

Chair Diamond moved Item No. LR27.035; said motion was seconded.

Chair Diamond stated that this item was sent back to the committee last month; the committee amended the ordinance and then approved the item 8-0-0.

Rep. Day stated that he was unable to attend the Committee meeting, so he was unable to make his position known at that time. The Legislative & Rules Committee has done something he has never seen done in his nine years on the Board, and that is take an ordinance that was basically passed by this Board and appeared in a certain form as it came out of this Board at last month's meeting and disregard the opinion of the Board and re-insert an amendment that this Board had removed. He is not in favor of the current ordinance and proposes an amendment to revert back to the ordinance as it came off the floor of the Board last month. Rep. Day stated that if his motion prevails, we will not need to republish. President Martin stated that the problem is that it was not put on the agenda for final adoption, so the Board would have to approve an amendment to this.

Rep. Day moved to delete the language that *exempts* residential properties from the ordinance. His motion is to delete language from the provision entitled *Permitting Graffiti to Remain on Certain Non-Residential Property Prohibited*. Non residential property shall be defined as all real property parcels within the City of Stamford ~~other than those which contain improvements of four or fewer dwelling units where at least one unit is owner occupied~~. Said motion was seconded by Rep. Fedeli.

Rep. Day stated there is no rational basis between discriminating between residential and non-residential property when it comes to graffiti. Graffiti is graffiti whether on residential or non-residential property. Certainly, in his district, if graffiti appears on a residential home, it needs to be removed. It is unfortunate that the owner of the residential property has to remove it, but what other real practical ways are there to deal

with the problem. As he said at the last meeting, this comes as incident to ownership of property, much like a falling tree or storm damage. Opponents have said that these are acts of God, as if this makes a difference. The cause of this is not relevant to the effect or that which we are trying to deal with. Graffiti is graffiti, and there is no rational basis to discriminate as to where or how it appears.

Rep. Adams stated that this was a bad ordinance from the beginning because we are punishing the victim, not the person that committed the crime, not the person who actually victimized the homeowners, but we are going out to re-victimize the homeowners. This was wrong at the beginning, it is wrong now. If we are going to pass something, we should be going after the perpetrators that are committing these acts. If a person trespasses and victimizes a homeowner, he doesn't think that person should be fined \$90/day or perhaps now up to \$250 per day.

Rep. Zelinsky stated he is strongly against this amendment. He believes that we are all in agreement that we want to clean up graffiti. He passed out at the Committee meeting and the office sent to all the other board members, a comprehensive list of properties that presently have graffiti on them. If anyone took the time to read it, there is an index which specifies which graffiti locations are commercial, industrial, apartment, multi-family and residential. Of the 112 properties that presently have graffiti on them, there is not one residential. So, we are killing a dead horse if we approve this amendment. It would be wise to consider putting and keeping what the committee did vote unanimously on this to exclude residences. This was a compromise as what was mentioned at the last meeting, there was quite a bit of debate as to how people thought about this. And, he sincerely believes that all of our constituents really would be surprised to have this passed and in the event, and it may never occur, that graffiti would be put on their residence, that if they didn't get it off within thirty days, as the ordinance does specify – there are no exceptions – thirty days and you get fined – could be seniors citizens, could be people away for an extended period, could be people that are hospitalized or unfortunately had to be in a nursing facility or a rehab center. The Town of West Hartford, which he patterned his amendment after, confines its Code to commercial or industrial property. It does not mention residential. So, they must have researched this thoroughly, though he is not familiar with the type of graffiti problem they have in the Town of West Hartford. But, because there is no graffiti on any residences, he does not believe it is necessary to have them included. Again, he thinks it would add insult to injury. Someone is offended and taken advantage of if they had graffiti on their residence. And then we say to them, not only were you humiliated by this but now we are going to fine you if we don't clean it off within a certain time. Rep. Zelinsky stated that everyone should think about this twice – not the way you think about it but how your constituents think about it and would your constituents be in favor of this. He thinks not, so he urges his colleagues to vote against the amendment, support the committee vote which excluded the residences and this can be on the books and start to do something about it.

Rep. Layton stated that we already have laws on the books dealing with perpetrators and a task force at the police department working on graffiti, specifically gang graffiti.

About two years ago, there was graffiti on the Happy House in downtown Glenbrook, and it was homophobic, large letters and about 300 kids walked by this every day. And, it was only by the actions of somebody on the blight committee who asked the owner of the building to remove it because in the past they said they wouldn't take it off. There was no law that would require them to remove it. But, we convinced them that if they didn't remove it, we would take action through the Blight Committee, which was a stretch. Rep. Layton stated he has a rhetorical question for everyone on the Board: what would you say to your children when you walk down the street past a house with racist and/or homophobic graffiti. Would you tell them that we just passed a law that allows homeowners to keep it on their property and that we can't force them to remove it.

Rep. Lyons stated that there has been much debate about the merits of residential vs. non-residential property. Many of our ordinances, including the blight ordinance and health and safety codes and sanitary codes, don't discriminate between residential vs. commercial. So, he sees no problem with adopting it as proposed with the amendment on the floor, and if need be, come back later and change it. Rep. Lyons pointed out that we are under this impression that instantly the City is going to have this database of electronically-capturing images and homeowners and commercial property owners are going to be fined on the 29th day of the 12th hour. He doesn't think the City is going to move that expeditiously, and there is quite a good cure period from the time of notification until the final actions, so he does not see the drastic portrayal that some people are trying to point out.

The motion failed by a machine vote of 13-21-1 (Reps. Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Hunter, Larobina, Layton, Lombardo, Lyons, Mirkin, Molgano, Skigen and White in favor; Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Giordano, Greenberg, Heaphy, Mallozzi, C. Martin, D. Martin, Mitchell, Munger, Neary, Rauh, Summerville, Young and Zelinsky opposed; Rep. Franzetti abstaining) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 811](#)).

The main motion was approved by a machine vote of 29-5-0 (Reps. Adams, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Giordano, Heaphy, Hunter, Larobina, Layton, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, C. Martin, D. Martin, Mitchell, Molgano, Munger, Neary, Rauh, Skigen, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Berns, Coppola, Greenberg, Mirkin and Summerville opposed; Rep. Franzetti abstaining) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 812](#)).

Rep. Lyons moved to waive publication; said motion was seconded. He stated that the Board has been considering this since December. He stated we are going to have another public hearing, and no one is going to show up. The public has been on notice since March of this item. It is time to move forward.

President Martin stated that the Charter provides that in the event of an emergency the Board of Representatives, by a 2/3 vote, can waive the publication of any ordinance. The question would be raised as to what constitutes an emergency, and his

interpretation when he was parliamentarian is that since it is not defined in the Charter, the Board itself defines whether it believes an emergency exists by the very nature of its vote. There are no other standards that are provided. President Martin confirmed that it is a 2/3 vote of the full Board, so 27 votes are needed.

Rep. Skigen asked the proponent of the motion to explain the emergency, adding that what he thinks he heard is that it is inconvenient but not related to anything that he would define as an emergency.

Rep. Berns stated that, as a point of order, he believes this is against state law; i.e., to pass an ordinance without publishing it first. President Martin stated he disagrees. Rep. Lyons stated that as far as the time sensitivity or emergency nature of it, the police department did a clear, demonstrative study of the effect of graffiti throughout the City of Stamford, it was submitted back in September, we have now been debating it and have had many amendments and revisions to the ordinance, he feels that it is time sensitive and urgent that the police department be able to act on this before the time expires, coming into the warmer months, June, July, August, and he asks the Board to consider waiving publication.

Rep. Adams stated this is an item that failed at the last meeting. It was sent back to the Committee for reconsideration, and now we want to rush it through under an emergency. He doesn't see any emergency regarding this, so he feels the Board should at least give the public knowledge of the changes being made.

Rep. Bernstein-Hunter stated as much as she would like to see this ordinance be finished with, she feels it would be really dangerous to set a precedent by saying this is an emergency, and the Board should be thinking of it in precedent-setting terms.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that there have been occasions when we have waived publication, and he believes that this is an emergency. The emergency is defined by the actions of our Board, so he doesn't think we would be doing anything illegal by waiving publication and voting for final adoption.

The motion and failed by a machine vote of 12-20-2 (Reps. Boccuzzi, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Larobina, Layton, Lombardo, Lyons, Molgano, Neary and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Cannady, DePina, Giordano, Greenberg, Heaphy, Hunter, Mallozzi, C. Martin, D. Martin, Mirkin, Mitchell, Munger, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White and Young opposed; Reps. Diamond and Franzetti abstaining) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 813](#)).

5a. LR27.039	PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; amending Ordinance No. 1050 regarding tax relief for senior homeowners by increasing the amount of the excluded fair market value of a residence from \$600,000 to \$800,000. 03/12/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy	APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE 34-1-0
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Chair Diamond moved Item No. LR27.039; said motion was seconded.

The motion was approved by a machine vote of 34-1-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Franzetti, Giordano, Greenberg, Heaphy, Hunter, Larobina, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, C. Martin, D. Martin, Mirkin, Mitchell, Molgano, Munger, Neary, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Layton opposed) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 814](#)).

5b. LR27.048	PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication ; amending Sec. 220-8 of the Code to increase income and net worth limits for eligibility for senior citizens tax relief and veterans tax relief; such income limits to be increased from 65K and 80K to, respectively, 85K and 100K, and such net worth limits to be increased from 100K, 120K and 250K to, respectively, 120K, 140K and 350K. 04/04/07 – Submitted by Reps. Day, DeLuca, Fedeli and Mirkin 04/16/07 – Committee approved 8-1-0 (as amended)	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
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Chair Diamond moved Item No. LR27.048; said motion was seconded.

Chair Diamond reported that in Committee this item was combined with Item 5c. This deals with increasing the income and the net worth limits for senior citizens tax relief. We amended this ordinance to include 5c, which has to do with veteran's income limit increases. The Committee also added a phrase at the end of the ordinance making it effective upon the adoption of a revaluation. The net worth limits did not need to be amended as they were previously adjusted in 2006 and that the title of the item on the agenda should be amended.

Rep. Skigen asked what happens in the event of a phase-in since this only takes effect upon implementation of a revaluation. Chair Diamond stated that whether it was phased in or not, it still is the implementation of a revaluation and this would take effect. Rep. Skigen stated that if the Board chooses a five-year phase-in, the full value of the increase would take effect immediately even though the full value of the revaluation would not take effect for five years. Chair Diamond stated that Rep. Skigen is correct.

The ordinance was approved for publication by unanimous voice vote.

5c. LR27.041	PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication ; amending Sec. 220-13 of the Code to increase income limits for eligibility for veterans tax relief,	NO ACTION TAKEN
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such limits to be increased from 65K and 80K to, respectively, 85K and 100K.

04/04/07 – Submitted by Reps. Day, DeLuca, Fedeli and Mirkin

04/16/07 – Combined with LR27.048

6. [LR27.046](#) APPROVAL; of amendment to Rules of the Board re: motion to limit debate. **NO ACTION TAKEN**
04/04/07 – Submitted by President Martin
04/16/07 – Held in Committee 7-2-0

Chair Diamond encouraged all representatives to take a look at the proposal that was sent to all representatives, along with a prior proposal submitted by President Martin. Since this affects the operations of the Board, he encourages everyone to examine it and come to the L&R meeting or let him know of thoughts about the amendment.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Mary Lisa Fedeli, Chair

Pauline S. Rauh, Vice Chair

No meeting; no report.

LAND USE/URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Harry Day, Chair

[\(Attendance\)](#)

Patrick J. White, Vice Chair

[\(Report\)](#)

Meeting: Wednesday, April 25, 2007

7:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

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[\(Attendance\)](#)

Meeting: Monday, May 7, 2007

[\(Votes\)](#)

6:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

[\(Report\)](#)

Chair Day reported that the Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee met on Wednesday, April 25, 2007. Present were Committee Chair Day, Vice Chair White and Member Rep. Mitchell. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Boccuzzi,

Diamond, Greenberg, Lombardo, Franzetti and Summerville. Also present were Ellen Bromley, Social Services; Rick Redniss, John Kukulka and Ross Burkhardt of New Neighborhoods; Robin Stein of the Land Use Bureau; Mike Freimuth, Director of Economic Development; and Lou Casolo and Jeff Pardo of the Engineering Department.

Chair Day reported that the Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee also met on May 7, 2007. Present were Committee Chair Day and Committee Member Reps. Boccuzzi, Diamond, Franzetti, Lombardo and Summerville. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Greenberg, Mitchell and White. Also present was Ellen Bromley and John W. Kukalka.

1. [LU27.024](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for **publication**; **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
establishing “green” building code standards for newly constructed municipal buildings.
12/05/06 – Submitted by Reps. Day and Martin
01/24/07 – Held in Committee 7-0-0
03/22/07 – No quorum; report made
05/07/07 – Committee approved 6-0-0

Chair Day reported that the ordinance had been amended in Committee and that all representatives had received a copy of the amended ordinance. Chair Day stated that the amendments basically tightened up the language. The original draft was more appropriate for a zoning board where that type of board could evaluate certain standards and weigh things and make decisions, but in the context of a city ordinance, it didn't really work. The Committee needed to get rid of words like “feasible, to the extent practical” and so forth. The current ordinance requires any city building be built to the “silver LEED[®]” standards, not just “best efforts,” but it mandates that standard. It then provides that the Mayor, upon a finding based on the public interest, may grant an exemption and that exemption is not applicable until he submits a report and reasons therefore to the Board of Representatives. The other change was strengthening and more clearly defining the definition of a city-owned building. Sometime the city may not be a title fee owner, but in practicality and reality can be a city building. So, now the ordinance provides that if the building was built with 50% of city capital funds, it is defined as a city building.

Rep. Lyons confirmed through Chair Day that the square footage requirements are 5,000 for this ordinance to be effective.

Chair Day moved the amendments; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote (Rep. Adams abstaining).

The main motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. [LU27.032](#) APPROVAL; of a second amendment to an agreement with Community Development **APPROVED ON CONSENT**

Properties Stamford for services in connection with the renovation and development of the Old Town Hall.
04/03/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/11/07 – Approved by Board of Finance
05/07/07 – Committee approved 6-0-0

AGENDA

3. [LU27.033](#) RESOLUTION; approving the Report of the Director of Administration and the Mayor to discontinue Ludlow Place.
03/30/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/11/07 – Approved by Board of Finance
05/07/07 – Committee approved 6-0-0

**APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

4. LU27.025 REVIEW; possible changes in EPB aquifer protection regulations to conform to DEP model municipal regulations.
12/11/06 – Submitted by Chair Day
01/24/07 – No action
02/08/07 – Report Made & Held in Committee
03/05/07 – Report Made
03/22/07 – No action taken

**NO ACTION
TAKEN**

Chair Diamond moved the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2 and 3 above; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Meeting: Wednesday, April 18, 2007
[\(Report\)](#)
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Conference Room

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[\(Attendance\)](#)
Meeting: Monday, May 7, 2007
[\(Votes\)](#)
6:40 p.m. – Conference Room #2
[\(Report\)](#)

Chair Zelinsky reported that the Operations Committee met on April 18, 2007. Present were Chairman Zelinsky; Reps. Berns, Adams, Coppola, Larobina, Lodato and White. Excused were Vice Chair Mirkin, Mallozzi and Munger. Also present were Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Paul Ginotti, Engineer and Alex Tergis, Public Works Bureau Chief.

Chair Zelinsky reported that the Operations Committee also met on May 7, 2007. Present were Committee Chair Zelinsky and Vice Chair Mirkin and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Coppola, Larobina and Munger. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Adams, Lodato, Mallozzi and White.

1. [O27.018](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for **public hearing & final adoption**; amending the tipping fee ordinance. **APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE 33-3-0**
02/21/07 – Submitted by President Martin
03/28/07 – Committee approved for publication 7-1-0 (as amended)
04/04/07 – Approved for publication
04/18/07 – Committed approved 5-2-0 (as amended)

Chair Zelinsky moved Item No. O27.018; said motion was seconded. Chair Zelinsky reported a public hearing was held.

Chair Zelinsky moved an amendment to the ordinance that provided for adjustment of the fee by resolution in the event of a shortfall in the account. The following language is to be added after the first sentence: “The aforesaid tipping fee may be adjusted periodically by resolution of the Board of Representatives in the event of a shortfall.” Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Mirkin stated that he was not in attendance at last month’s meeting, and he would have voted against this. As he has said previously, the City has an opportunity once a year to come to us to increase the tipping fee based on what the fees will be for haulaway for the following year. Last month we increased the tipping fee by \$6 a ton. The words “city shortfall” could mean any shortfall. He is opposed to this because when mill rates are set, everyone knows what their taxes are going to be. If we allow an opportunity for a tipping fee increase, the only people that will see an immediate increase will be those with contracted services with private haulers. This has nothing to do with people who may choose without regard to where they live to go to the transfer station, because when you exceed the weight limit you are going to pay. This is something everyone has to do – put trash out. He asked his fellow colleagues to defeat this and give the city one opportunity each year for any tipping fee increases.

Rep. Adams stated that they had a lengthy discussion in committee on this. Being only able to increase this yearly would be unfair. If Waste Management increases their tonnage by \$5 or \$10, the City of Stamford will be stuck with a shortfall until the end of the year. A few years ago, Waste Management raised their tonnage fee, and Stamford had a shortfall. Because Stamford was one of the cheaper towns to dump with, a lot of other towns, including Darien and Norwalk, actually dumped in Stamford for a cheaper price. It is also not true that if there is a tipping fee increase that only the people with contracted pickup is going to be affected. Anybody in Stamford that goes to the weigh station will have an increase. There are thousands of people who dump their garbage

with the City of Stamford. If the fee is increased only on a yearly basis, the City is missing a great opportunity to capture some of the money by raising the fee as needed by resolution. This is only if there is a shortfall, it is not automatic, only when the tonnage fee is increased by the hauler would the tipping fee be increased by this Board. The price will increase at the weigh station, and every citizen of Stamford would pay this increase, not just the residents with private pickup. The average family of four does a ton of garbage a year, and if the tonnage was raised by \$6, you have to divide 12 months into the \$6 and that is the total of the increase, so we are not talking about a lot of money. We should have this in the ordinance in case of a shortfall.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that the Committee and the full Board did compromise, because when the administration sent this down, they wanted the increase effective the beginning of April, and the compromise was July 15th. Two members of the committee brought this up, and he supports it. Back in February of 2003, the City did have a shortfall of \$100,000, and the City did increase the tipping fee at that time. Otherwise, the shortfall could have increased. We did pass the increase by resolution. This may never happen again, but in case it does, he believes it is good to have this wording, which was in the original ordinance, that gave the Board of Representatives the power in the event of a shortfall. It has never happened before since the tipping fee has been on the books; it has only happened once in 2003, and it may never happen again, but if it does, he doesn't think it would be fair to have the shortfall increase until July if it happens to come in December or January. Rep. Zelinsky also wanted to remind his colleagues that the private haulers, that primarily service North Stamford, recently increased their rates in August by 6 or 8 percent, and they can do so at their leisure. It has nothing to do with our actions on the Board of Representatives. Rep. Zelinsky urged his colleagues to support the amendment.

The amendment failed by a vote of 17-18-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, DePina, Esposito, Giordano, Heaphy, Larobina, Lyons, C. Martin, Mitchell, Neary, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Fedeli, Franzetti, Greenberg, Hunter, Layton, Lombardo, Mallozzi, D. Martin, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger, Rauh, Skigen and Summerville opposed) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 815](#)).

Chair Zelinsky moved the ordinance for final adoption; said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 32-3-0 (Reps. Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Franzetti, Giordano, Greenberg, Heaphy, Hunter, Larobina, Layton Lombardo, Mallozzi, C. Martin, D. Martin, Mirkin, Mitchell, Molgano, Munger, Neary, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Lyons and White opposed) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 816](#)).

2. [O27.021](#) APPROVAL; of an agreement with PB Americas, Inc. for construction inspection services for the replacement of Farms Road Bridge.
03/29/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

**APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

04/11/07 – Approved by Board of Finance
04/18/07 – Committed held 7-0-0
05/07/07 – Committee approved 6-0-0

3. [O27.019](#) RESOLUTION & **public hearing**; approving a lease agreement and potential purchase agreement between the Perkins Family Partnership, LLC and the City of Stamford for the City's leasing of 85 Magee Avenue for use as a waste transfer facility.
02/16/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/13/07 – Approved by Planning Board
03/08/07 – **Held** by the Board of Finance
03/28/07 – Held in Committee
04/11/07 – Withdrawn by Administration **NO ACTION TAKEN**
4. [O27.020](#) RESOLUTION; approving a termination agreement between the City of Stamford and Saturn of Stamford, Inc. for Saturn's leasing of property located on Magee Avenue.
02/16/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/28/07 – Held in Committee
04/11/07 – Withdrawn by Administration **NO ACTION TAKEN**

Chair Zelinsky moved the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 2; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

No meeting; no report.

1. PS27.023 REVIEW; of day laborers pick up locations and safety concerns.
04/05/07 – Submitted by Rep. Lyons
2. PS27.019 REVIEW; of progress on the citywide radio system implementation.
04/04/07 – Resubmitted by Rep. Coppola

**PARKS & RECREATION
COMMITTEE: Linda Cannady, Co-Chair**

Joseph Coppola, Co-Chair

No meeting; no report.

1. [PR27.019](#) REVIEW; citywide field maintenance including Board of Education fields.
02/09/07 – Submitted by Reps. Pia, Molgano and Coppola
02/20/07 – Held in Committee
03/05/07 – No action taken

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Polly Rauh, Chair
Michael L. Molgano, Vice Chair

No meeting; no report.

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

Philip J. Giordano, Vice Chair

(Votes)

Meeting: Monday, May 7, 2007

(Report)

6:45 p.m. – Conference Room #1

Chair Mitchell reported that the Housing-Community Development-Social Services Sub-Committees met on Monday, May 7, 2007. Present were Chair Mitchell and Vice Chair Giordano and Committee Member Reps. Blackwell, Munger and Molgano. Also present was Tim Beeble.

1. [HCD27.025](#) APPROVAL; of a transfer to the contingency line in the total amount of \$80,885 from YMCA Elevator (\$79,700 – project canceled) and the Passages Heating (\$1,185 – excess funds).
03/30/07 – Submitted by Tim Beeble
05/07/07 – Committee approved 5-0-0
**REPORT MADE;
NO ACTION
REQUIRED**
2. [HCD27.026](#) RESOLUTION; approving submittal of list of programs to the State Dept. of Revenue Services in accordance with the provisions of the CT Neighborhood Assistance Act.
04/05/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
**HELD IN
COMMITTEE**

To be considered under suspension of the rules

By a vote of 5-0-0, the Committee voted to suspend its rules to take up the following two items. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to suspend its rules to take up the following two items.

- 3. [HCD27.021](#) APPROVAL; of Year 33 budget for the Community Development Block Grant.
01/02/07 – Submitted by Tim Beeble
05/07/07 – Committee approved 5-0-0
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

- 4. [HCD27.022](#) RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to Submit the Year 33 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Program of the City of Stamford in the amount of \$1,139,353.00; and the HOME Investment Partnership Program funding in the amount of \$627,848.00.
01/02/07 – Submitted by Tim Beeble
02/12/07 – Placed on Pending Agenda
04/11/07 – Approved by Board of Finance
05/07/07 – Committee approved 5-0-0
APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE 34-0-0

Chair Mitchell moved to approve Item No. HCD27.022; said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 34-0-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Franzetti, Giordano, Greenberg, Heaphy, Hunter, Larobina, Layton, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, C. Martin, D. Martin, Mirkin, Mitchell, Molgano, Munger, Neary, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 817](#)).

Chair Mitchell thanked her Committee for the long hours they spent on the budget process.

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

No meeting; no report.

STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE: Paul A. Esposito, Chair
[\(Attendance\)](#) Meeting: Thursday, April 19, 2007
[\(Votes\)](#) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Esposito reported that the State & Commerce Committee met on Thursday, April 19, 2007. Present were Chair Esposito and Committee Member Reps. Day, Mallozzi;

Diamond, Fedeli and Heaphy; absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Lombardo, DeLuca, Rauh, Skigen and Summerville. Also present was Rep. Zelinsky.

1. [SC27.013](#) APPROVAL; of an agreement between the City of Stamford, the WPCA and The Ferguson Group, LLC for lobbying services. **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
03/29/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/11/07 – Approved by Board of Finance
04/19/07 – Committee approved 6-0-0

2. [SC27.012](#) APPROVAL; of an agreement for state lobbying services with Sullivan & LeShane; contract expires: 12/31/09; amount of contract: 2007 - \$40,000; 2008 - \$50,000; 2009 - \$60,000. **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
02/16/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/06/07 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-1
03/29/07 – Committee approved 6-0-0
04/04/07 – Returned to Committee
04/19/07 – Committee approved 5-0-1

Chair Esposito moved the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 and 2; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

MINUTES

1. [April 4, 2007 Regular Board Meeting](#) **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE** *(with amendments)*

2. [April 10, 2007 Special Board Meeting](#) **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

III. OLD BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

V. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

*An audio recording of these proceedings is available in the Office of the Board of
Representatives, City of Stamford*