



Operations Committee - Board of Representatives

John Zelinsky, Jr., Co-Chair Joseph Coppola, Jr., Co-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2010
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard

The Operations Committee met as indicated above. Present were Co-Chair Coppola, Co-Chair Zelinsky, and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Gabriele, Merritt and Taylor. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Mallozzi, Raduazzo and White. Also present were Clerk of the Board Summerville; Ernie Orgera, Operations; Erin McKenna, Land Use Bureau; and Steve Grasso, Sustainable Stamford.

Co-Chair Coppola called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. O28.001	PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; regarding construction and demolition material recycling.	Approved 4-1-1

Co-Chair Coppola explained that this item had been held in committee last month in order to give committee members time to review the proposed ordinance. In response to inquiries from committee members, Ms. McKenna and Mr. Orgera explained how the ordinance would be implemented.

- The population will be eased into the ordinance by a gradual lowering of the recycling threshold over eighteen months and a delay before any fines would be implemented
- The City currently does not do construction waste recycling but the City's vendor is capable of doing so and any cost of recycling at the transfer station would be transferred to the customer, which would be approximately \$10 more than the current cost for bulk waste
- Most contractors would likely use private carting services
- The expectation is that contractors would have special bins for recycling at the construction site and would bring truckloads consisting solely of recyclables to the site
- There are private companies that accept construction waste, although some only accept certain types of waste
- In designing the ordinance, the City contacted contractors and carters as well as people in various city agencies

Committee members noted that the City would have to focus on educating contractors about recycling construction waste in the way private individuals were educated about single stream recycling. Committee members also expressed the hope that contractors and carters would attend the public hearing. Ms. McKenna stated that she would provide a list of contractors and carters to the Board office so that they could be invited to attend the public hearing. Mr. Orgera and Ms. McKenna stated they would have more information about how the City would address issues of non-compliance at the transfer station for the public hearing. A motion to approve the ordinance for publication was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-1-1. (Reps. Coppola, Zelinsky, Merritt and Taylor in favor; Rep. Adams opposed; and Rep. Gabriele abstaining.)

Co-Chair Coppola adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Coppola, Jr., Co-Chair