

*The Regular Meeting of the 27th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on **Monday, December 1, 2008** 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 at 9:32 p.m.

INVOCATION: Given by Rep. Adams

“Our Father, we come before You one more time asking for Your blessing to have a blessed and a fruitful meeting and that we, members of the Board of Representatives, serve with patience and compassion for the welfare of our constituents. I ask this prayer in Your name. Thank You. Amen.”

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

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie Summerville. There were thirty-four members present, four absent (Reps. Aposporos, C. Martin, Mirkin and Munger) and two vacancies. (Rep. Valerie McNeil joined the meeting after being sworn in by the President, bringing the total to thirty-five members present.)

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

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late: Benjamin Roberson and Eunice G. Jarrett by Clerk Summerville; Sanford Byram Alswanger, Alice Rose Yanicky and Amelia Marian Gerardi by Rep. Giordano; John Piatek, Dominick Ralph Stramandinoli, Helen Krajewski, Julia Napoli and Vincent Sheridan by Rep. Zelinsky.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Martin announced:

1. Rep. Miller has resigned due to her election to the State House of Representatives.

2. President Martin attended another meeting of the Elected Representatives Coalition in Bridgeport during the past week; he will update members in the near future.
3. The Holiday Party will be held tomorrow night.
4. Reps. Esposito, Mallozzi, Larobina and Mitchell are celebrating December birthdays.
5. This is the last year of the current Board's term. President Martin will be reviewing attendance logs and discussing any issues that arise with representatives who are unable to attend committee meetings.

FILLING OF VACANCIES:

1. 5th District – President Martin stated that this vacancy will be filled at the January meeting.
2. 9th District – Rep. Neary nominated Valerie D. McNeil to fill the vacancy in the 9th District. Said motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote (Rep. Skigen abstaining). President Martin issued the oath of office.

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

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| 1. | <p><u>SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION</u>; thanking Christopher Shays for his many years of service.
11/10/08 – Submitted by 27th Board</p> | <p>APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE</p> |
| 2. | <p><u>SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION</u>;
congratulating <i>Picture That, LLC</i> (a fine art consulting firm) and President Valerie A. Cooper on winning the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC) 2008 Supplier of the Year Award from the Northern Region.
11/18/08 – Submitted by Clerk Summerville</p> | <p>APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE</p> |
| 3. | <p><u>SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION</u>;
acknowledging Stamford's Award of the 2008 Democracy Cup.
11/22/08 – Submitted by Clerk Summerville</p> | <p>APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE</p> |

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Meeting: Thursday, November 13, 2008

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

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
John J. Boccuzzi, Vice Chair

No meeting; No report.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: Randall M. Skigen, Chair
Linda Cannady, Vice Chair
[\(Attendance\)](#)
[\(Votes\)](#)
[\(Report\)](#)
Meeting: Monday, November 24, 2008

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Skigen reported that the Fiscal Committee met on November 24, 2008. Present were Chair Skigen and Vice Chair Cannady and Committee Member Reps. DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Lyons, Mitchell and Rau. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Day and Mirkin. Also present were: Karen Cammarota, Grants; Jim Hricay, OPM; Fred Manfredonia, Human Resources; Ben Barnes, Director of Operations; Barbara Garvin-Kester and Susan Ipenheimer and Jim Blumenfeld of the CLC; Domenic Tramontozzi, Ann Brown and Lou Casolo of Engineering.

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| 1. F27.464
\$32,500.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);
PLTI Children's Trust; Contracted Services; to
appropriate grant funds from the Children's Trust.
10/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/13/08 – Approved by Board of Finance
11/24/08 – Committee approved 8-0-1 | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 2. F27.463
\$1,500.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);
Easy Breathing Grants; Salaries; to appropriate
increased grant funds from St. Mary's Hospital
(Waterbury) to be used toward salary of the
epidemiologist.
10/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/13/08 – Approved by Board of Finance
11/24/08 – Committee approved 9-0-0 | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |

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| 3. F27.462
\$32,804.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);
Cost Sharing Grant; to appropriate unspent funds
from 2007-08 to the current fiscal year.
10/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/13/08 – Approved by Board of Finance
11/24/08 – Committee approved 8-0-1 | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 4. F27.468 | GRANTS RESOLUTION ; authorizing the Mayor to
sign a contract with the State of CT supporting the
purchase of clean fuel vehicles (ten hybrid Ford
Escapes); amount of grant: \$84,400.
11/10/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/24/08 – Committee approved 8-0-0 | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA (<i>Rep.
Pia abstaining</i>) |
| 5. F27.465 | REJECTION; of capital project close out
recommendations: \$447,666.55 for Hunt Center
Project and \$182,383.74 for Rogers
Code/Renovation.
10/30/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/13/08 – Planning Board agreed to close-outs
<i>11/13/08 – Board of Finance agreed to close-outs
(after receiving Planning Board decision)</i>
11/24/08 – No motion | NO MOTION
(<i>Rep. Pia
abstaining</i>) |
| 6. F27.466
\$1,097,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
Engineering Department; Rogers School
Renovation; funds to be used for initial design, site
improvements and setting of modular classrooms.
10/30/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/13/08 – Approved by Planning Board
11/13/08 – No action taken & referred to committee
(by Board of Finance)
11/18/08 – Approved by Planning Board
11/18/08 – Approved by Board of Finance
11/24/08 – Committee approved 9-0-0 | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 7. F27.461
\$17,581.04 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
Environmental Compliance; Stormwater
Management; for hazard mitigation at June and
Westover Roads.
10/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/13/08 – Approved by Planning Board
11/13/08 – Approved by Board of Finance
11/24/08 – Committee approved 8-0-0 | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 8. F27.448 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); | APPROVED BY |

\$7,288,336.00	<p>Traffic Engineering; Stamford Urban Transitway; for construction of transitway between Atlantic Street, Elm through Jefferson Streets and Elm to East Main Street through Myrtle Avenue.</p> <p>09/25/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy</p> <p>10/09/08 – Approved by Board of Finance</p> <p>10/14/08 – Approved by Planning Board</p> <p>10/27/08 – Committee Approved 6-0-0 (contingent upon order of approvals)</p> <p>11/10/08 – Held by Committee</p> <p>11/13/08 – Approved by Planning Board</p> <p>11/13/08 – <i>Approved by Board of Finance (after receiving Planning Board decision)</i></p> <p>11/24/08 – Committee approved 9-0-0 to move to Board's Agenda</p>	<p>MACHINE VOTE 29-2-1</p>
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A motion to approve Item No. F27.448 was made and seconded. Rep. White noted that he will be voting against this due to his longstanding opposition to this project.

The motion was approved by a machine vote of 29-2-1 (Reps. Boccuzzi, Cannady, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Gabriele, Giordano, Heaphy, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, D. Martin, McGarry, Mitchell, Molgano, Neary, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Coppola and White opposed; Rep. McNeil abstaining)(See [Vote Record No. 965](#)).

9. F27.456 \$35,000.00	<p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Park and Field Improvements; for purchase and installation of playground equipment at Scalzi Park</p> <p>09/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy</p> <p>10/09/08 – Approved by Board of Finance</p> <p>10/14/08 – Approved by Planning Board</p> <p>10/27/08 – Committee Approved 7-0-0 (contingent upon order of approvals)</p> <p>11/10/08 – Held by Committee</p> <p>11/13/08 – Approved by Planning Board</p> <p>11/13/08 – <i>Approved by Board of Finance (after receiving Planning Board decision)</i></p> <p>11/24/08 – Committee approved 9-0-0 to move to Board's Agenda</p>	<p>APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA</p>
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10. F27.460	<p>REVIEW; audit relating to City of Stamford Motor Vehicle Use Policy.</p> <p>09/15/08 – Submitted by Rep. Fedeli</p> <p>10/27/08 – Held in Committee</p> <p>11/10/08 – Report Made & Held in Committee</p> <p>11/24/08 – Report Made</p>	<p>REPORT MADE</p>
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Chair Skigen noted that a report on Item No. F27.460 is available in the Board Office.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1-4, 6-7 and 9, was made, seconded and approved by a voice vote (Rep. Pia abstaining on Nos. 4 and 5).

LEGISLATIVE & RULES

COMMITTEE:

[\(Attendance\)](#)

[\(Votes\)](#)

[\(Report\)](#)

James D. Diamond, Chair

Arthur Layton, Vice Chair

Meeting: Monday, November 24, 2008

7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair Diamond reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on November 24, 2008. Present were Chair Diamond and Vice Chair Layton and Committee Member Reps. Esposito, Heaphy, Lodato, E. Mitchell and Zelinsky. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Berns, Day, Lombardo and C. Martin. Also present were Board President Martin and Clerk Summerville; Jeannette Brown, WPCA Bureau Chief; Thomas Cassone, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs, City of Stamford; and William Forker, Director of Assessments and Collection.

1. [LR27.080](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **for publication**; **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
requiring the abatement of discharge of fats, oils and grease into public sewers.
09/11/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
10/27/08 – Committee Held 6-0-0
11/10/08 – Report Made & Held in Committee
11/24/08 – Held in Committee 6-0-0

2. [LR27.081](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **for publication**; **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
designating the Office of the Town Clerk as the department responsible for posting all meeting minutes and all special meeting notices received by public agencies on the official website per Public Act No. 08-3.
09/30/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
10/27/08 – Committee Held 6-0-0
11/10/08 – Report Made & Held in Committee
11/24/08 – Held in Committee 6-0-0

3. [LR27.083](#) APPROVAL; of a license agreement between the City and Antares Yale and Towne SPE, LLC for construction staging on Antares' Property Located on Market Street, Stamford. **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
10/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/13/08 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
11/13/08 – Approved by Board of Finance

11/24/08 – Committee approved 6-0-0

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| 4. LR27.082 RESOLUTION ; approving a lease agreement between the City and CTE, Inc. for 34 Woodland Avenue.
10/24/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/13/08 – Approved by Planning Board
11/13/08 – Withdrawn by Administration
11/24/08 – No action | NO ACTION
TAKEN |
| 5. LR27.084 REVIEW; possible ordinance restricting water use during drought/water emergencies.
10/30/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/24/08 – Held in Committee | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
| 6. LR27.075 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for publication</u> ; amending Section 220-8 B. of the Code of Ordinances, Senior Citizens and Disabled Property Owners Tax Abatement; to provide for increased income limits and increased exemption in the fair market value of the residence for both the abatement and the deferral program.
07/21/08 – Submitted by Reps. DeLuca, Zelinsky and Lodato
08/18/08 – Committee approved 6-1-0
09/02/08 – Approved for publication
09/15/08 – Committee approved 5-1-0
10/06/08 – Item approved 31-1-1
10/10/08 – Resubmitted by President Martin
11/24/08 – Held in Committee | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 3, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Mary Lisa Fedeli, Chair

(Attendance)

Pauline S. Rauh, Vice Chair

(Votes)

Meeting: Tuesday, November 25, 2008

(Report)

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

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(Attendance)

Meeting: Monday, December 1, 2008

(Votes)

6:45 p.m. – Conference Room 1

(Report)

Chair Fedeli reported that the Personnel Committee met on November 25, 2008. Present were Chair Fedeli and Vice Chair Rauh and Committee Member Reps. Boccuzzi, Cannady, Figueroa, Gabriele, Layton and Lodato; absent/excused was Rep. Skigen. Also present was Rep. Franzetti and Robert Murray, Assistant Director of Human Resources.

Chair Fedeli reported that the Personnel Committee also met this evening (December 1, 2008). Present were Chair Fedeli and Vice Chair Rauh and Committee Member Reps. Boccuzzi, Cannady, Figueroa, Gabriele, Lodato, Rauh, Layton and Skigen. Also present was Tom Cassone, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs.

Suspension of Rules:

Chair Fedeli 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.

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| 1. P27.094 | APPROVAL; of a waiver of the residency requirement for Johnnie Lee, MD, Director of Health.
12/01/08 – Submitted by 27 th Board | APPROVED BY
MACHINE VOTE
29-2-0 |
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A motion to approve P27.094 was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 29-2-0 (Reps. Boccuzzi, Cannady, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gabriele, Giordano, Heaphy, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, D. Martin, McGarry, Mitchell, Molgano, Neary, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Coppola and Franzetti opposed) (See [Vote Record No. 966](#)).

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| 2. P27.092 | APPROVAL; of a contract for employment for Johnnie Lee, MD, Director of Health.
11/03/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |
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11/25/08 – Committee approved 6-0-0

3. [P27.082](#) ORDINANCE; **for publication**; amending the responsibilities within the position of Human Resources Director. **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
11/03/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/25/08 – Held in Committee 6-0-0
12/01/08 – Committee approved 8-0-0 (*as amended*)

Chair Fedeli moved the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. P27.082; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. Chair Fedeli read the amendment into the record: “The amendment is to the minimum qualifications, experience and training, and it is the last sentence which shall read: A minimum of seven years’ experience in human resources generalist functions and labor relations including at least five years’ of experience in collective bargaining negotiations and contract administration.”

Rep. Skigen stated that the amendment is to Exhibit A of the ordinance.

**LAND USE/URBAN
REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Harry Day, Chair**
[\(Attendance\)](#)

Patrick J. White, Vice Chair

[\(Votes\)](#)

Meeting: Monday, November 17, 2008

[\(Report\)](#)

7:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Day reported that the Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee met on November 17, 2008. Present were Chair Day, Vice Chair White and Committee Member Reps. Boccuzzi, Diamond, Franzetti, Gabriele, Mitchell and Summerville. Absent/excused was Committee Member Rep. Lombardo. Also present was David Emerson, Environmental Protection Board.

1. [LU27.054](#) **RESOLUTION**; approving the final acceptance of Sunset Court as a city street. **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
09/11/08 – Submitted by John Pugliesi
10/22/08 – Held in Committee
11/04/08 – Opinion from [EPB](#)
11/10/08 – Opinion from [Engineering](#)
11/10/08 – Held in Committee
11/17/08 – Committee approved 8-0-0
2. [LU27.057](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **for publication**; **APPROVED ON**

changing the designated agency for Stamford's Aquifer Protection Agency from the EPB to the Zoning Board.
11/13/08 – Submitted by Chair Day
11/17/08 – Committee approved 8-0-0

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

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

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: **John R. Zelinsky, Jr., Chair**
(Attendance) **Scott Mirkin, Vice Chair**
(Report) Meeting: Wednesday, November 19, 2008
 7:15 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Zelinsky reported that the Operations Committee met on November 19, 2008. Present were Chair Zelinsky, Committee Member Reps. Adams, Neary and Lodato. Absent were Committee Member Reps. Berns, Mallozzi, Mirkin and Munger; excused were Committee Member Reps. Larobina and Coppola. Also present were Reps. Summerville and Franzetti; Dan Colleluori, Solid Waste/Recycling; Bill Price, Solid Waste; and Ben Barnes, Director of Operations.

Chair Zelinsky thanked Angie Staley in the Board Office for providing him with an excellent committee report the day after the meeting.

1. [O27.048](#) REVIEW; reorganization of Operations Department. **REPORT
MADE**
 09/15/08 – Submitted by President Martin
 11/19/08 – Report Made

Chair Zelinsky stated he has requested a list of phone numbers of Operations Department employees, and the list will be forwarded to the Board Office.

2. [O27.049](#) REVIEW; elimination of backyard trash pickup vis-à- **REPORT
MADE**
 vis savings/costs vs. projections.
 10/07/08 – Submitted by Rep. Mirkin
 11/19/08 – Report Made

Chair Zelinsky stated a report has been provided on Item No. 2. He added that Mr. Barnes provided an update on leaf and snow removal operations by letter that is attached to the report.

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

(Attendance)

Meeting: Thursday, November 20, 2008

(Report)

6:30 p.m. – Legislative Chambers

Chair Lyons reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on November 20, 2008. Present were Chair Lyons and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Coppola, DePina, Larobina, Mirkin and Zelinsky. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Aposporos, Berns, C. Martin, Mirkin and Pia. Also present were President Martin, Clerk Summerville; Reps. DeLuca, Fedeli and Molgano; William Callion, Director, Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Brent Larrabee, Chief of Police; John Didelot, Chief, Belltown Fire Department; Frank Jacobellis, Chief, and Matthew Maounis, Assistant Chief, Turn of River Fire Department; Robert Bennett, Chief, Long Ridge Fire Department; Robert McGrath, Chief, Stamford Fire Department; Patricia Squires, SEMS; Joseph Ockershausen, analyst, Tri-Data Fire & Emergency Services Consulting; and Tom Moellen, homeowner.

1. PS27.037 REVIEW; various Fire Department response times to structure fire at 117 Mill Spring Road. **REPORT MADE**
10/10/08 – Submitted by Rep. Lyons
11/20/08 – Report Made

Chair Lyons stated that a lengthy report has been made available regarding PS27.037. President Martin stated that this was an extremely sensitive topic, and he was very impressed with the Chair and the Committee Members in terms of how this sensitive topic was dealt with. President Martin stated the Committee was very respectful of all sides, and he appreciates it.

2. PS27.038 REVIEW; impact of budget cuts on Public Safety, especially 1) brownouts of fire apparatus; and 2) decrease in the number of uniformed police per shift available for immediate response. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
11/13/08 – Submitted by Reps. DeLuca, Molgano & Zelinsky
11/20/08 – Held in Committee

PARKS & RECREATION

COMMITTEE: Linda Cannady, Co-Chair

(Attendance)

Joseph Coppola, Co-Chair

(Votes)

Meeting: Wednesday, November 19, 2008

(Report)

7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Co-Chair Cannady reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. Present were Co-Chairs Coppola and Cannady and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Franzetti, Heaphy and Pia. Also present were Reps. Summerville and Deluca; Frank Fedeli, Office of Operations; Roger Fox and Bernie Weiss, Stamford Harbor Management Commission; Geoffrey Steadman, Consultant to the Harbor Management Commission; Mickey Docimo, Parks Director; Laurie Albano, Recreation Services; and Scott Kassoff, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation.

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| 1. PR27.034 RESOLUTION ; and public hearing ; approving proposed fee increases for Terry Connors Ice Rink.
10/08/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
10/21/08 – Committee approved as amended 7-0
11/10/08 – Approved for public hearing
11/19/08 – Committee approved 6-0-0 | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 2. PR27.033 RESOLUTION; and approval of public hearing ; approving proposed fee increases for camps, playgrounds and activity programs.
10/08/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
10/21/08 – Committee approved as amended 6-1
11/10/08 – Returned to Committee (<i>as amended – reduced rate of \$300</i>)
11/19/08 – Committee approved 3-2-1 (<i>as amended – reduced rate of \$375</i>) | APPROVED BY
MACHINE VOTE
25-6-0 (as
amended) |

A motion to approve Item No. PR27.033 was made and seconded.

Rep. Mitchell moved to amend the Committee Report by increasing the full camp fee from \$900 to \$925 and by reducing the reduced camp fee from \$375 to \$325. Said motion was seconded.

The Board agreed to split the item into two parts.

Co-Chair Cannady moved the first increase – raising the rate from \$900 to \$925. Said motion was seconded.

Co-Chair Coppola stated that the Committee has looked at this item for two months. The lower rate has not been increased for many, many years. He does not see why it is so objectionable after so many years to change the fee from \$200 to \$375. The city programs are excellent, it costs money to run them, and if we keep opposing increases, then something is going to have to suffer. You can't expect the Parks & Recreation Department to keep providing the same services year after year without increases in costs. Rep. Coppola stated that the upper price has been increased regularly. No one who cannot afford to pay has ever been turned away, and the Committee was told that by the Director of Parks & Recreation. But still, after two months, twice the Committee set a recommendation and it is being reduced. Rep. Coppola stated that he hopes that

as we go forward, that somebody doesn't suffer for this and that some kids don't suffer because of lack of funds to pay for another program.

Co-Chair Cannady stated that her purpose was to try and align the fee increases, because she did not feel that the taxpayers that participate in these programs should suffer the consequences just because they say that fee was not raised for several years. She requested documentation of other fee increases over the years that also shows that this fee has not been increased, and she has not received any such correspondence. She is somewhat concerned about increasing the lower fee by such a large amount all at once. She added that the programs are fabulous, and they should receive incremental fee increases, but the impact all at once on a single fee is right.

Rep. Skigen stated that by increasing each fee \$25 from the \$900 to \$925 and \$300 to \$325 would bring in \$10,825 based on the numbers presented by Recreation Services. The minutes indicate that Mr. Docimo indicated the program would run at a deficit of \$14,000. Rep. Skigen stated he does not know what number Mr. Docimo was basing this on -- \$300 or \$375 -- but this fills a large part of that deficit gap. It fills \$11,000 of the \$14,000, and in the spirit of compromise, he feels this is a reasonable compromise -- i.e., \$25 on each side.

Rep. DeLuca stated that a compromise has already been reached in reducing the fee from \$375 to \$325. He reiterated that no one has been turned away from the program due to financial reasons.

The motion to increase the full camp fee from \$900 to \$925 FAILED by a machine vote of 15-16-1 (Reps. Boccuzzi, Cannady, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Giordano, Heaphy, Lyons, D. Martin, McGarry, Mitchell, Skigen, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Gabriele, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Mallozzi, Molgano, Neary, Rauh and Summerville opposed; Rep. Pia abstaining)(See [Vote Record 967](#)).

Co-Chair Cannady moved to change the reduced camp fee from \$375 to \$325. Said motion was seconded.

The motion to reduce the reduced camp fee from \$375 to \$325 FAILED by a machine vote of 13-18-0 (Reps. Cannady, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Figueroa, Giordano, Heaphy, D. Martin, McGarry, Mitchell, Skigen, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Boccuzzi, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Franzetti, Gabriele, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, Molgano, Neary, Rauh, Summerville and White opposed)(See [Vote Record 968](#)).

The main motion, i.e., a full fee at \$900 and a reduced fee at \$375, was approved by a machine vote of 25-6-0 (Reps. Boccuzzi, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Gabriele, Giordano, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, D. Martin, Molgano, Neary, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White and

Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Cannady, DePina, Heaphy, McGarry, Mitchell and Young opposed)(See [Vote Record 969](#)).

3. PR27.035 REVIEW; Harbor Management Plan. **REPORT
MADE**
10/08/08 – Submitted by Parks & Recreation
Committee
11/19/08 – Report Made

Co-Chair Cannady stated that the Harbor Management Commission members appeared before the committee and gave an extremely detailed description of the plan they submitted. This item needs to be approved by ordinance, and it will be submitted to the Steering Committee as such in January.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Polly Rauh, Chair

[\(Attendance\)](#)

Michael L. Molgano, Vice Chair

[\(Report\)](#)

Meeting: Thursday, November 20, 2008
7:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair Rauh reported that the Education Committee met on November 20, 2008. Present were Chair Rauh and Vice Chair Molgano and Committee Member Rep. Lodato; absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. C. Martin, Pia and Young (there is one vacancy). Also present was Clerk Summerville.

1. E27.035 UPDATE; on outstanding items – 1) redistricting; 2) **REPORT
MADE**
2008 Facilities Study; and 3) Environmental Magnet
School.
11/12/08 – Submitted by Chair Rauh
11/20/08 – Report Made

Chair Rauh stated that the Superintendent updated the committee on redistricting. This will require a consultant to come in and redo the transportation plan. They are getting a consultant to come in and begin the facilities study. The EMS, while construction is on track, they are still awaiting the approval of the organizational plan change by the State of CT before they can start recruiting.

2. E27.034 REVIEW; middle school reform project. **REPORT
MADE**
11/12/08 – Submitted by Chair Rauh
11/20/08 – Report Made

Chair Rauh stated that the Committee held a full discussion on this item. The Superintendent feels that the current organization of middle schools is not efficient, not

rigorous enough and does not allow for flexibility for individual children's needs. A great deal of discussion centered around a change in the groupings of classes to be totally heterogeneous. The last topic discussed was that the Annual Report. Both the full report to the Board with all the documentation and the one to the public are available in the Board office.

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

[\(Attendance\)](#)

Philip J. Giordano, Vice Chair

[\(Votes\)](#)

Meeting: Tuesday, November 18, 2008

[\(Report\)](#)

6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Mitchell reported that the Housing-Community Development-Social Services Committee met on November 18, 2008. Present were Chair Mitchell, Vice Chair Giordano and Committee Member Reps. Molgano, Aposporos, Figueroa and Miller. Also present was Rep. DePina; Tim Beeble, Community Development; Richard Fox, Vin Tufo and Brian Robinson, Charter Oak Communities; and Sandy Dennies, Director of Administration.

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| 1. <u>HCD27.38</u> | REVIEW; utilization of commercial linkage funds for new construction of 57 affordable housing units at 58 Progress Drive.
10/07/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
10/21/08 – Report Made
11/10/08 – Report Made & Held in Committee
11/18/08 – Report Made | REPORT
MADE |
| 2. <u>HCD27.39</u> | REVIEW; effects on affordable housing capacity from multiple land acquisitions.
10/06/08 – Submitted by Chair Mitchell & Rep. DePina
10/21/08 – Report Made
11/10/08 – Report Made & Held in Committee
11/18/08 – Held in Committee 6-0-0 | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
| 3. <u>HCD27.40</u> | APPROVAL; of the 2009-2010 CDBG Year 35 Budget Schedule.
11/12/08 – Submitted by Tim Beeble
11/18/08 – Committee approved 6-0-0 | NO ACTION
REQUIRED |
| 4. <u>HCD27.41</u> | APPROVAL; of a request by the Women's Business Development Center to use \$25,000 Year 34 CDBG allocation for technical assistance to small | NO ACTION
REQUIRED |

businesses (rather than the small business loan program).

11/12/08 – Submitted by Tim Beeble

11/18/08 – Committee approved 5-1-0

5. [HCD27.42](#) REVIEW; Neighborhood Stabilization Program by City of Stamford utilizing federal funds through the State of Connecticut. **REPORT MADE**
11/12/08 – Submitted by Tim Beeble
11/18/08 – Report Made

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: **Robert “Gabe” DeLuca, Chair**
[\(Attendance\)](#) **Terry Adams, Vice Chair**
[\(Report\)](#) Meeting: Tuesday, November 25, 2008
6:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair DeLuca reported that the Transportation Committee met on November 25, 2008. Present were Chair DeLuca and Committee Member Reps. Franzetti, Giordano, Lombardo and Zelinsky. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Larobina, Adams and Young. Also present were Reps. Boccuzzi, Coppola and Molgano; Ben Barnes of Operations; Pobie Johnston of the Glenbrook Community Center and several members of the public.

1. T27.049 REVIEW; change in one way direction of Burdick Street. **REPORT MADE**
11/11/08 – Submitted by Chair DeLuca and Reps. Coppola and Molgano
11/25/08 – Report Made

Chair DeLuca stated that Ben Barnes is going to bring this item back to the Traffic Review Committee and will report back to the Committee.

Chair DeLuca noted that he will also be submitting an ordinance requiring notification of changes such as this.

STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE: **Paul A. Esposito, Chair**
[\(Attendance\)](#) **Eileen Heaphy, Vice Chair**
Meeting: Wednesday, November 19, 2008
7:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Vice Chair Heaphy reported that the State & Commerce Committee met on November 19, 2008. Present were Vice Chair Heaphy and Committee Member Reps. Summerville, Rauh, Fedeli and DeLuca; absent/excused were Committee Member

Reps. Day, Diamond, Esposito, Lombardo, Mallozzi and Skigen. Also present was Mike Freimuth.

1. [SC27.029](#) REVIEW; of an Energy Service Agreement; purpose: **REPORT
MADE**
to make city more energy independent.
09/26/08 – Submitted by Michael Freimuth
11/19/08 – Report Made

Vice Chair Heaphy stated that the Committee met with representatives from the administration and also with Parento Energy Company that will take on the first project of creating an off-grid energy unit in city hall which will provide city hall and in the future, Charter Oak Development and the new hotel that is supposed to be going up in that area with its own energy source that will provide electricity and heating and air conditioning and hot water. The cost will be about the same as if it were purchased from CL&P, however it will be an independent source of energy that is less polluting. If it produces more energy than needed, that energy can be sold back to CL&P. It was a very interesting presentation, and it was summed up very well this morning in an Advocate article.

MINUTES

1. [November 10, 2008 Regular Board Meeting](#) **APPROVED**

III. OLD BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Rep. Skigen announced that for the next two weeks, Stamford's first All School Musical, which includes over 100 students from 20 private & public schools, will be performing. He has tickets for sale.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.