

*The Regular Meeting of the 29th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on **Tuesday, September 5, 2017**, at 8:00 p.m., in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, 4th Floor, Stamford, Connecticut.*

ACTION REPORT

¹INVOCATION: Delivered by Monique C. Nunes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Skigen.

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Summerville. There were 34 members present, 5 absent and one vacancy (Reps. Caterbone, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Heaphy, Hoch, Kolenberg, Liebson, Mahoney, McMullen, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky were present and Reps. Adams, DeLuca, Giraldo, Jacobson and McGarry were absent or excused). [See Vote Record 2009](#).

VOTING MACHINE STATUS: Confirmed by Clerk of the Board Summerville.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: To be recorded in the minutes.

²COMMUNICATIONS: President Skigen announced:

1. The deadline for the Steering Agenda is Thursday, September 7th at 5:00 p.m.
2. The Steering Committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. There will be no pre-Steering meeting with the Mayor this month
3. Next month's Regular Board Meeting will be on Monday, October 2nd.
4. President Skigen read the following letter, which he received on August 16, 2017, into the record:

Dear Mayor Martin:

It is with regret that I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign from the Board of Representatives due to family matters and other obligations that require

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my attention at this time.

Rep. Rodney Pratt (District 9) has consulted with me regarding Jeffrey Stella as our choice for a possible replacement.

I want to thank you and the members of the Board of Representatives for the opportunity to serve on the Board for the past 6 months. It was a pleasure working alongside some very fine, knowledgeable and qualified people. I really enjoyed it and I learned a great deal about city government and how it can be run effectively. In fact, I would welcome the possibility of serving again in the future should the opportunity arise and my circumstances change.

I sincerely wish you and each member of the Board continued success both personally, and as leaders and representatives of the City of Stamford.

Best regards,
Linda Custis

5. Representatives Miller, Savage and Silver are celebrating birthdays this month.

6. The Community Health Nursing staff will be present before the October Board meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to offer the flu vaccine to Board members. The Board office will provide consent forms to be filled out in advance.

³**FILLING OF VACANCY:**

Rep. Pratt nominated Jeffrey Stella to fill the vacancy in the 9th District; said nomination was seconded. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. A motion to approve Jeffrey Stella to fill the vacancy in the 9th District was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

President Skigen administered the oath of office to Mr. Stella.

⁴**RESOLUTIONS:**

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| 1. | <u>RESOLUTION</u> ; Changing the Date of the September Steering Committee Meeting from September 12, 2017 to September 13, 2017.
08/24/17 – Submitted by President Skigen | APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE |
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A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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2. [S29.004](#) RESOLUTION; Appointing Representatives to Attend Hearings of the Planning Board in Preparation Of A Proposed Capital Program. 08/04/17 – Submitted by President Skigen **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

⁵HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

1. [RESOLUTION](#); Congratulating the Glenbrook Fire Company on its 100th Anniversary. 06/21/17 – Submitted by the 29th Board of Representatives **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
2. [RESOLUTION](#); Honoring the Return of the Remains of 2nd Lieutenant Patrick J. Byrnes, Jr. to Stamford after 74 Years. 07/26/17 – Submitted by Reps. McMullen, Summerville, Patterson and Zelinsky **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
3. [RESOLUTION](#); Congratulating the Stamford Senior American Legion Baseball team on Winning the State Championship. 08/01/17 – Submitted by Reps. Giordano, Fedeli and Zelinsky **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve Item Nos. 1 through 3 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Meeting: Monday, August 14, 2017
[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room
[Report](#) & [Video](#)

A motion to waive the Steering Committee report was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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**APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: Annie Summerville, Co-Chair
Anabel Figueroa, Co-Chair**

Co-Chair Summerville reported that there was no meeting of the Appointments Committee and no report.

**FISCAL COMMITTEE: Monica Di Costanzo, Chair
Frank Cerasoli, Vice Chair**

Chair Di Costanzo reported that there was no meeting of the Fiscal Committee and no report.

6 LEGISLATIVE & RULES

COMMITTEE:

[Attendance & Votes](#)
[Report & Video](#)
[\(public hearing sign-in\)](#)

Eileen Heaphy, Chair

Elise Coleman, Vice Chair

Meeting: Monday, August 21, 2017

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Heaphy reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Heaphy, Vice Chair Coleman and Committee Member Reps., Day, Nabel, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Rep. Mitchell. Also present were Rep. Fedeli; Chris Dellaselva, Law Department; Earl Kim, Superintendent of Schools; Michael Fernandez, BOE; Tim Curtin, Old Town Hall; John Leydon, Attorney for Old Town Hall; Charles Spaulding, Fire Marshal; and members of the public.

1. [LR29.087](#) RESOLUTION; Amendment of Lease with Congressman Himes for Office Space on the 10th floor of the Stamford Government Center.
06/21/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/27/17 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
07/13/17 – Held by Board of Finance
07/24/17 – **Public Hearing Held and Approved by Committee 7-0-1**
08/24/17 – Approved by Board of Finance
08/21/17 – No Committee Action required

**APPROVED BY
MACHINE VOTE
24-6-4**

Representative DePina left the floor for the discussion of Item No. 1. A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 24-6-4 (Reps., Coleman, Day, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Franzetti, Giordano, Heaphy, Hoch, Liebson, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg, Mahoney, McMullen and Ryan opposed; Reps. Cerasoli, Figueroa, Savage and Stella abstaining.). [See Vote Record 2010.](#)

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⁸LAND USE/URBAN

REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Harry Day, Chair

[Attendance & Votes](#)

Meeting: Wednesday, August 30, 2017

[Report & Video](#)

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Day reported that the Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Day and Committee Member Reps. Heaphy, Hoch, McGarry, Okun, Patterson, Ryan and Summerville. Absent or excused was Rep. Miller. Also present were Reps. de la Cruz, McMullen, Nabel and Zelinsky; and Kathryn Emmett, Corporation Counsel.

1. [LU29.096](#) ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption; Amendment of Code Chapter 88 Regarding Emergency Measures Authorized for Imminently Dangerous or Unsafe Buildings.
07/12/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
08/02/17 – Approved by Committee for publication
08/30/17 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0 **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA** (*Reps. Coppola and Stella abstaining*)
2. [LU29.085](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amendment of the Demolition Ordinance, [Chapter 88](#).
04/26/17 – Submitted by Rep. Day
05/31/17 – Held in Committee
07/05/17 – Held in Committee
07/17/17 – Held at Steering
08/30/17 – Held by Committee **HELD**
3. [LU29.089](#) REVIEW; Prescribing The Engagement Of Consultants And Experts By The Zoning Board.
06/07/17 – Submitted by Reps. De La Cruz, Mitchell, Caterbone, Franzetti, Hoch, Jacobson, Kolenberg, Nabel, Pratt, Okun, Ryan and Zelinsky
07/05/17 – Held in Committee
08/02/17 – Held in Committee
08/30/17 – Held by Committee 8-0-0 **HELD**
4. LU29.094 REVIEW; Board Of Representatives Authority And Limitations In Governing Zoning Enforcement.
07/11/17 – Submitted by Reps. Quinones and Kolenberg
08/02/17 – Held in Committee
08/30/17 – No Action Taken **NO ACTION TAKEN**

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

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⁹OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: **Joseph Coppola, Jr., Chair**
John R. Zelinsky, Vice Chair
[Attendance & Votes](#)
[Report & Video \(Pt. 1 & Pt. 2\)](#) Meeting: Tuesday, August 29, 2017
 7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair Coppola reported that the Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Coppola, Vice Chair Zelinsky, and Committee Member Reps., Adams, Coleman, Liebson, Jacobson, Mahoney and McMullen. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. Giraldo. Also present were Reps. Di Costanzo, Nabel, Okun and Ryan; Michael Pollard, Special Asst. to the Mayor; Mike Toma, Law Department; Paul Zeiss, Anti-Blight Officer; William Brink, SWPCA; Tyler Theder, Storm Water Management; and David Michel.

1. [O29.081](#) **ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption;** **APPROVED BY**
 Amendment of Chapter 200, Sewers, [Section 200-](#) **MACHINE VOTE**
[33](#), Regarding the Responsibility for the Maintenance **27-5-3**
 and Repair of Sewer Laterals within the City Right of
 Way.
 03/08/17 – Submitted by Reps. McMullen, Mahoney,
 McGarry, Jacobson and de la Cruz
 04/24/17 – Held in Committee
 05/30/17 – Approved by Committee, as amended
 06/05/17 – Returned to Committee by Full Board
 07/06/17 – Held in Committee
 08/02/17 – Approved by Committee, as amended, for
 publication
08/29/17 – Approved by Committee 7-0-1

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 27-5-3 (Reps., Caterbone, Cerasoli, Coppola, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Heaphy, Hoch, Kolenberg, Liebson, Mahoney, McMullen, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Patterson, Pratt, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Coleman, Day, de la Cruz, Franzetti and Skigen opposed; Reps. Okun, Quinones, and Stella abstaining.). [See Vote Record 2012.](#)

2. [O29.086](#) **APPROVAL;** Contract with A. Vitti Excavators, LLC **APPROVED ON**
 for Replacement of Riverbank Road Bridge Over the **CONSENT**
 East Branch of the Mianus River – Conn DOT **AGENDA (Reps.**
 Project No. 135011. **Coleman, Fedeli**
 08/09/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin **and Ryan**
 08/24/17- To be considered by Board of Finance **abstaining)**
08/29/17 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

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3. [O29.083](#) REVIEW; Outstanding Blight Complaints. **REPORT MADE**
 06/05/17 – Submitted by Reps. Coppola and Fedeli
 07/06/17 – Held in Committee
 07/31/17 – Held in Committee
08/29/17 – Report Made
4. O29.084 REVIEW; Compliance with US DEP Order re: Clean **REPORT MADE**
 Water Act - NDPES Permit #CT0030279 Authorizing
 Storm Water Discharge via MS4.
 06/05/17 – Submitted by Rep. Ryan
 07/06/17 – Held in Committee
 07/31/17 – Held in Committee
08/29/17 – Report Made

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY &
HEALTH COMMITTEE:**

Gloria G. DePina, Chair
Matthew Quinones, Vice Chair

Chair DePina reported that there was no meeting of the Public Safety & Health Committee and no report.

**PARKS & RECREATION
COMMITTEE:**

Jim Caterbone, Co-Chair
Carl Franzetti, Co-Chair

Co-Chair Franzetti reported that there was no meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee and no report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mary Savage, Chair

Chair Savage reported that there was no meeting of the Education Committee and no report.

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

Chair Mitchell reported that there was no meeting of the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee and no report.

10TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: **Robert “Gabe” DeLuca, Co-Chair**
[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#) **Rodney Pratt, Co-Chair**
[Report](#) & [Video](#) Meeting: Thursday, August 31, 2017
7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Co-Chair Pratt reported that the Transportation Committee met at the above time and place. In attendance were Co-Chair Pratt and Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo, Franzetti, Giordano and Patterson. Absent or excused were Co-Chair DeLuca and Committee Member Rep. Moore. Also present were Reps. de la Cruz, McMullen, Savage and Zelinsky; Mike Toma, Legal Department; and several members of the public.

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| 1. T29.073 | ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u> ; Prohibition of Pedestrians crossing the street while using mobile electronic devices.
08/09/17 – Submitted by Reps. Zelinsky, Mitchell, de la Cruz, Savage, Summerville, Liebson, Silver, Nabel, Coleman, Fedeli, Ryan, Heaphy and Di Costanzo.
08/31/17 – Approved by Committee for publication, 3-1-1 | HELD BY
MACHINE
VOTE 24-11-0 |
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A motion to hold Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 24-11-0 (Reps. Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DePina, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Heaphy, Hoch, Kolenberg, Mitchell, Moore, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Stella, Summerville, Wallace and Watkins in favor; Reps. Caterbone, Cerasoli, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Liebson, Mahoney, McMullen, Miller, Nabel, Ryan and Zelinsky opposed). [See Vote Record 2013](#)

11STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE: **Rodney Pratt, Chair**
[Attendance](#) Meeting: Thursday, August 24, 2017
[Report](#) & [Video](#) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Pratt reported that the State & Commerce Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Pratt and Committee Member Reps. Liebson, Miller and Summerville. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Fedeli and Watkins. Also present were Rep. Coleman and Thomas Madden.

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| 1. SC29.044 | REVIEW; Innovation District
06/26/17 – Submitted by Rep. Pratt
07/17/17 – Held at Steering
08/24/17 – Report Made | REPORT MADE |
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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

STAMFORD WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE

Susan Nabel, Chair
Gail Okun, Vice Chair

Chair Nabel reported that there was no meeting of the Stamford Water Quality Committee and no report.

¹²COST SAVINGS & REVENUE

ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

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[Report & Video](#)

Frank Cerasoli, Co-Chair
Keith Silver, Co-Chair

Meeting: Monday, August 28, 2017
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Co-Chair Cerasoli reported that the Cost Savings & Revenue Enhancement Committee met at the above date and time. In attendance were Co-Chairs Cerasoli and Silver and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Liebson, Okun, Quinones and Zelinsky. Absent or excused was Rep. Mitchell. Also present were Reps. Coppola, McMullen and Ryan; Mayor Martin; Jay Fountain, OPM Director; Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief; and Brian Jay.

1. [CS29.020](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Revising Land Use and Zoning fees. **APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE 29-4-1**
7/12/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin and Rep. Zelinsky
07/27/17 – No action taken
08/28/17 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 6-1-0

Secondary Committee: *Land Use/Urban Redevelopment* – **Approved by Committee, as amended, 8-0-0**

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 29-4-1 (Reps., Caterbone, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Heaphy, Hoch, Kolenberg, Liebson, Miller, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Skigen, Silver, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Cerasoli, Franzetti, Mahoney and McMullen opposed; Rep. Stella abstaining). [See Vote Record 2014](#).

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**PERFORMANCE METRICS
COMMITTEE**

**Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair
David Watkins, Co-Chair**

Co-Chair Watkins reported that there was no meeting of the Performance Metrics Committee and no report.

MINUTES

1. [August 7, 2017 Regular Board Meeting](#)

**APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**
*(Pres. Skigen
abstaining)*

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

President Skigen adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#)