

*The Regular Meeting of the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 8:00 p.m.*

# ACTION REPORT

President Curtis called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Delivered by Kieran Edmondson [4<sup>th</sup> District].

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

**<sup>1</sup>ROLL CALL:** Conducted by Clerk Cottrell. There were 37 members present, 2 members absent or excused and 1 vacancy. (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Grunberger, Jacobson, Jean-Louis, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, David Watkins, and Weinberg were present; Reps. Ley and Moore were absent or excused). Reps. Ley and Moore joined the meeting immediately after roll call for a total of 39 members present and 1 vacancy.

**VOTING MACHINE STATUS:** Not applicable.

**<sup>2</sup>MOMENTS OF SILENCE:** For the late Manuel Junior Mercado from the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives.

## **<sup>3</sup>COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. The deadline for the Steering Committee Agenda is Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
1. The Steering Committee meeting will be on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
2. Next month's Regular Board Meeting will be on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.
3. Representatives Berns and Dakary Watkins are celebrating Birthdays this month.
4. The invocation for the February Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the 5<sup>th</sup> District (Rep. Campbell and Dakary Watkins). Representatives are responsible for notifying the Board office with the name of the person doing the invocation.
5. The Board office will be closing on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

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6. If you need assistance with Zoom during the meeting, please call: [REDACTED] to speak with IT. Please do not call other members of the Board or the Board office. If you are having problems speaking or hearing with your computer, you can always access the meeting through a telephone by dialing the phone number on the Agenda - 1-646-558-8656, and using the Webinar ID on the agenda: **814 7054 1826**. Please call or text IT at [REDACTED] or text the Clerk at 475-489-5435 to let us know you are coming on, with the phone number you are using, and we will make sure you are able to speak during the meeting.
7. If you do not respond during a roll call vote, your name will be called 2 more times after the conclusion of the vote. If you do not respond, you will be assumed to have left the meeting and your name will not be called on the next roll call vote.
8. If you decide to leave the meeting, you must text the Clerk when you leave. If you need to leave the meeting for a short period, text the Clerk when you leave and return. Members who do not text the Clerk when they leave the meeting will be presumed to be present for all consent items.

#### **<sup>4</sup>HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:**

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| 1. | <a href="#"><u>RESOLUTION</u></a> ; Honoring the Stamford High Boys Varsity Soccer Team on Reaching the 2023 State Finals.<br>12/06/23 – Submitted by Rep. Fedeli | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
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A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**<sup>5</sup>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:** Kieran Edmondson spoke about vaccines and affordable housing. Barry Michelson spoke about road paving. David Adams spoke about vaccines.

#### **<sup>6</sup>FILLING OF VACANCIES:**

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| 1. | Vacancy in the 1 <sup>ST</sup> District (Rep. Bewkes' Resignation) | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
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Clerk Cottrell read the resignation letter from Rep. Bewkes.

Dear President Curtis & Mayor Simmons,

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I hope this letter finds you both well. It is with mixed emotions that I submit my resignation from the Stamford Board of Representatives, effective December 21st, 2023. After more than six fulfilling years of dedicated service to Stamford, it is time for me to step away from the role while I spend more time on my studies at University of Miami.

Serving on the Board has been an incredibly rewarding experience, and I am grateful for the trust and support I have received from my colleagues and the community. Together, we have worked on numerous initiatives and faced challenges head-on, contributing to the betterment of our city.

I am confident that the Board will continue to thrive under its capable leadership. I am officially recommending Mr. Thomas Kuczynski to fill my seat. Attached to this letter is more information about Mr. Kuczynski.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the entire Board, city officials, and the Stamford community for the support and camaraderie throughout the years. It has been an honor to serve alongside such dedicated individuals, and I am proud of what we have achieved together.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any additional details or information required during this transition. I am more than happy to assist in any way possible.

Sincerely,  
Bradley Bewkes

President Curtis called for nominations to fill the vacancy in the 1<sup>st</sup> District.

Rep. Fedeli nominated Thomas Kuczynski; said nomination was seconded by Rep. Gilbride. There being no further nominations, the motion to approve Thomas Kuczynski to fill the vacancy in the 1<sup>st</sup> District was approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. **Board of Education**  
Filling of a Vacancy Repl. Butler (R)  
11/15/23 – Submitted by President Curtis and Rep. Cottrell  
a. A31.094. Committee to interview Michael Larobina  
12/06/23 – Submitted by Rep. Fedeli  
**12/19/23 – No Action Taken by Committee**

Clerk Cottrell read the resignation from Ms. Butler

Dear Mayor Simmons,

Please accept my resignation from the Board of Education, effective once the Board of Representatives approves my replacement.

Thank you,

Lisa Butler

President Curtis called for nominations to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education.

Rep. Fedeli nominated Michael Larobina said nomination was seconded by Rep. Morson. There being no further nominations, the motion to approve Michael Larobina to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Simmons administered the oath of office to Rep. Kuczynski and Mr. Larobina.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### STEERING COMMITTEE:

Meeting: Monday, December 11, 2023  
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

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

### <sup>7</sup>APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

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**Denis W. Patterson, Chair**  
**Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair**  
Meeting: Tuesday, December 19, 2023  
6:30 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Patterson reported that the Appointments Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Shaw, and Committee Member Reps. Grunberger, and Summerville. Absen/Excused Reps: Bewkes, Cottrell, Figueroa, Pavia and Walston. Also present were Reps. Adams, Camporeale, de la Cruz, Goldberg, Mays, Miller, Morson, Sandford and Weinberg.

1. A31.093

#### **Zoning Board**

Bianca Shinn (D)                      Repl. Vacancy  
Stamford, CT  
Term Expires: 12/1/2025  
10/04/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
10/17/23 – Held by Committee 5-3-1  
**12/19/23 – No Action Taken by Committee**

**FAILED BY A  
ROLL CALL VOTE  
OF 16-23-1**

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made and seconded. After extensive discussion, a motion to move the question was made, seconded, and failed by a roll call vote of 24-16-0 (Reps., Berns, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Graham, Jean-Louis, Kuczynski, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, and David Watkins in favor; Reps. Adams, Boeger, Campbell,

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Camporeale, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Miller, Morson, Pollack, Sandford, Shaw, Summerville, and Weinberg opposed.

After further discussion, the motion to approve Item No. 1 failed by a roll call vote of 16-23-1 (Reps. Adams, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Mays, Miller, Morson, Patterson, Pollack, Sandford, Shaw, David Watkins, and Weinberg in favor; Reps., Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Jean-Louis, Kuczynski, Matheny, Moore, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, and Dakary Watkins opposed; Rep. Graham abstaining).

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| 2. A31.095 | <b>Stamford Golf Authority</b><br>Matthew Standardi (D)      Repl. Friedman<br>Stamford, CT 06907<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2026<br>12/06/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br><b>12/19/23 – No Action Taken by Committee</b> | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
| 3. A31.096 | <b>Stamford Golf Authority</b><br>Carlton Thompson (D)      Repl. Malloy<br>Stamford, CT 06907<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2026<br>12/06/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br><b>12/19/23 – No Action Taken by Committee</b>    | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |

A motion to approve Item Nos. 2 and 3, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**<sup>8</sup>FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

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[Minutes & Video](#)

**Sean Boeger, Co-Chair**

**Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair**

Meeting: Wednesday, December 27, 2023  
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by  
webinar

Co-Chair Miller reported that The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance in person were Co-Chair Miller and Committee Member Rep. Morson. In attendance remotely were Co-Chair Boeger and Committee Member Reps. Camporeale, Fedeli, Figueroa, and Graham. Excused were Committee Member Reps. Goldberg, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas. Also present in person were Ben Barnes, Director of Administration and Anthony Romano, OPM. Also present remotely were Reps. Adams and Summerville; Jody Bishop-Pullan, Director of Health; Dan Colleluori, Director of Recycling and Sanitation; Bill Maguire, Assistant Director OPM; Lindsey Cohen, Associate Planner; Chris Dellaselva, Law Department; Jennifer Henkind, M.D., and Caryn Furst.

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| 1. <a href="#">F31.309</a><br>\$433,342.00 | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Health Department has Received an Award from the State Department of Public Health for a Workforce Development Grant to Strengthen Public Health Workforce and Infrastructure (Source of Funds: 100% State Grant)</p> <p>11/28/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/> 12/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/> <b>12/27/23 – Approved by Committee 6-0-1</b></p>   | <p><b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>         |
| 2. <a href="#">F31.304</a>                 | <p>GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and Sign Agreements with the CT Department of Public Health for a Workforce Development Grant.</p> <p>11/29/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/> <b>12/27/23 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b></p>  | <p><b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>         |
| 3. <a href="#">F31.310</a><br>\$439,411.00 | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Health Department has Received an Award from the State Department of Public Health to Develop and Implement Vaccine Educational Campaigns and Media Outreach to Promote Vaccine Confidence, Address Vaccine Hesitancy, and Promote Vaccine Equity (Source of Funds: 100% State Grant)</p> <p>12/04/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/> 12/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/> <b>12/27/23 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b></p> | <p><b>APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 32-4-3</b></p> |
- A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded, and approved by a roll call vote of 32-4-3 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Grunberger, Jacobson, Jean-Louis, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Strain, Summerville, Dakary Watkins and Weinberg in favor; Reps. Curtis, Kuczynski, Sherwood, and Walston opposed; Reps. Roqueta, Stella, and Tomas abstaining).
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| 4. <a href="#">F31.305</a> | <p>GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and Sign Agreements with the CT Department of Public Health for the Immunization and Vaccines for Children Project.</p> <p>11/29/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/> <b>12/27/23 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b></p> | <p><b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b></p> |
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| <p>5. <a href="#">F31.308</a><br/>\$2,016,940.78</p> | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);<br/>001380; SWIFR Food Waste Collection/Composting<br/>and Sustainability Project (Source of Funds: 100%<br/>Federal Grant)<br/>11/29/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>11/08/23 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a><br/>12/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/><b>12/27/23 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b></p>  | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p> |
| <p>6. <a href="#">F31.306</a></p>                    | <p>GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to<br/>enter into and Sign Agreements with the U.S.<br/>Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Solid<br/>Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grant<br/>Program<br/>11/29/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/><b>12/27/23 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b></p>   | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p> |
| <p>7. <a href="#">F31.284</a><br/>\$7,371,066.00</p> | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);<br/>Fire Wage Retro Payout; Request to Appropriate<br/>Funds to Fund Fire Retro Wage Increase Obligations<br/>for FY18/19 – FY22/23 per a Recent Contract<br/>Settlement (Source of Funds: Fund Balance).<br/>10/30/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>11/09/23 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/>11/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee<br/>12/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance<br/><b>12/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee</b></p> | <p><b>NO ACTION<br/>TAKEN</b></p>                    |
| <p>8. <a href="#">F31.288</a><br/>\$4,461,103.00</p> | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);<br/>Fire Wage Increase FY23/24; Request to<br/>Appropriate Funds per the Increased Obligations for<br/>FY23/24 per a Recent Contract Settlement (Source<br/>of Funds: Contingency).<br/>10/30/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>11/09/23 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/>11/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee<br/>12/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance<br/><b>12/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee</b></p>                       | <p><b>NO ACTION<br/>TAKEN</b></p>                    |
| <p>9. <a href="#">F31.313</a><br/>\$540,606.00</p>   | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);<br/>MAA Wage Increase FY23/24; Request to<br/>Appropriate Funds per the Increased Obligations for<br/>FY23/24 per a Recent Contract Settlement (Source<br/>of Funds: Contingency).<br/>12/01/23 - Submitted by Ben Barnes<br/>12/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance<br/><b>12/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee</b></p>   | <p><b>NO ACTION<br/>TAKEN</b></p>                    |



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| 10. <a href="#">F31.314</a><br>\$1,047,321.00 | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Police Wage Retro Payout; Request to Appropriate Funds to Fund Police Retro Wage Increase Obligations for FY22/23 per a Recent Contract Settlement (Source of Funds: Fund Balance).<br/> 12/01/23 - Submitted by Ben Barnes<br/> 12/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance<br/> <b>12/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee</b></p>  | <p><b>NO ACTION TAKEN</b></p>   |
| 11. <a href="#">F31.315</a><br>\$2,203,914.00 | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Police Wage Increase FY23/24; Request to Appropriate Funds per the Increased Obligations for FY23/24 per a Recent Contract Settlement (Source of Funds: Contingency).<br/> 12/01/23 - Submitted by Ben Barnes<br/> 12/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance<br/> <b>12/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee</b></p>  | <p><b>NO ACTION TAKEN</b></p>   |
| 12. <a href="#">F31.312</a><br>\$1,500,000.00 | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Transfers from General Fund Balance to Reserve for Contingency due to Higher Than Anticipated Wage Increase Impact from Recent Union Contract Settlements.<br/> 12/06/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/> 12/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance<br/> <b>12/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee</b></p>  | <p><b>NO ACTION TAKEN</b></p>   |
| 13. <a href="#">F31.316</a><br>\$418,803.02   | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Additional Spending Authority for Prior Year Purchase Orders; Carry-Over of Purchase Orders due to Delayed Implementation of ERP (Source of Funds: Fund Balance).<br/> 12/04/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/> 12/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/> <b>12/27/23 – Approved by Committee 6-0-1</b></p>  | <p><b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>  |
| 14. <a href="#">F31.307</a><br>\$199,074.00   | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); CP0042; Master Plan; 10-year Comprehensive Plan, including an update to the Stamford Affordable Housing Plan and to Address Data Collection needs of the City’s Community Development Department to update the Consolidated Plan and create the Equity Action Plan (Source of Funds: City Bonds).<br/> 12/06/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/> 12/12/23 – To be Considered by Planning Board<br/> 12/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/> <b>12/27/23 – Approved by Committee 4-0-3</b></p> | <p><b>RECOMMITTED TO STEERING BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE</b> (Rep. Sherwood abstaining; Rep. Goldberg off the floor)</p> |



A motion to recommit Item No. 14 to Steering was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

15. [F31.311](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by adding an Appropriation of \$199,074 for the Master Plans Project and Authorizing \$199,074 General Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation.  
12/06/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
12/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-1-0  
**12/27/23 – Approved by Committee 5-0-2**
- RECOMMITTED TO STEERING BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

A motion to recommit Item No. 15 to Steering was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

16. [F31.317](#) APPROVAL; Agreement between City of Stamford and Milliman, Inc. for Actuarial Services under RFP No. 2023.0088 [Cost of Services: 2023-24: \$136,800, 2024-25: \$142,700, 2025-26: \$148,400, 2026-27: \$154,400, 2027-28: \$160,500, 2028-29: \$166,900, 2029-30: \$173,000].  
12/01/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
12/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0  
**12/27/23 – Approved by Committee 5-0-2**
- APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA** (Reps. Curtis and Fedeli abstaining)

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1, 2, 4 through 6, 13 and 16, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

## LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

**Phil Berns, Chair**  
**Sean Boeger, Vice Chair**

Chair Berns reported that there was no meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee and no report.

## <sup>9</sup>PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)  
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**Anabel Figueroa, Chair**  
**Mary Fedeli, Vice Chair**  
Meeting: Monday, December 18, 2023  
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Vice Chair Fedeli reported that the Personnel Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Figueroa, Vice Chair Fedeli and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Goldberg, Mays, Patterson, and Pavia. Reps. Berns and Jean-Louis were absent or excused. Also present were

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Reps. Cottrell, Miller, Morson, Shaw, Summerville, Walston, and Weinberg; and Dr. Paula Russell Nisbett, HR Director.

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| 1. P31.051 | APPROVAL; Employment Agreement for Valerie Rosenson – Legislative Officer.<br>12/05/23 – Submitted by Paula Russell Nisbett<br><b>12/18/23 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b><br><b>01/02/24 - Withdrawn</b>                | <b>WITHDRAWN</b>                              |
| 2. P31.052 | APPROVAL; Extension of Appointment of Robert Morris as Acting Fire Chief for an Additional 60 Days in Accordance with Code §47-25.<br>12/06/23 – Submitted by Bridget Fox<br><b>12/18/23 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b> | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |

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

#### **LAND USE/URBAN**

**REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**      **Bradley Bewkes, Chair**  
   **Nina Sherwood, Vice Chair**

Vice Chair Sherwood reported that there was no meeting of the Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee and no report.

<b><sup>10</sup>OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:</b> <a href="#"><u>Attendance &amp; Votes</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Minutes &amp; Video</u></a>	<b>Virgil de la Cruz, Chair</b> <b>Carmin Tomas, Vice Chair</b> Meeting: Monday, December 18, 2023 6:30 p.m. – by Webinar
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Chair de la Cruz reported that the Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair de la Cruz, Vice Chair Tomas, and Committee Member Reps. Graham, Ley, and David Watkins. Absent or excused were Reps. Boeger, Sherwood, Stella, and Dakary Watkins. Also in attendance were Rep. Summerville; Chris Dellaselva and Liz Turner, Legal Dept.; Josephine Carpanzano, Deputy Director of Operations, and Scott Butch, Director of Facilities.

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1. [O31.043](#) APPROVAL; Agreement between City of Stamford and United American Security, LLC, dba Gardaworld Security Services for Security Services for City of Stamford Facilities under RFP No. 2024.0112 [Cost of Contract \$661,136.86 for one year; \$680,970.97 for Option Year 2; and \$701,400.10 for Option Year 3].  
12/01/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
12/14/23 – To be Considered by Board of Finance  
**12/18/23 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0**
- APPROVED ON  
THE CONSENT  
AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY &  
HEALTH COMMITTEE:**

**Jeffrey Stella, Chair  
Eric Morson, Vice Chair**

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

**PARKS & RECREATION  
COMMITTEE:**

**Jennifer Matheny, Chair  
Daniel R. Sandford, Vice Chair**

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

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

**Megan Cottrell, Chair  
Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair**

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

<sup>11</sup>**HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/**

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

**Mavina Moore, Co-Chair**

[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)

**Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair**

[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)

Meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 2023

6:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Co-Chair Roqueta reported that The Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Roqueta and Moore and Committee Member Reps. Pollack and Walston. Absent or excused were Reps. Campbell, Ley, and Dakary Watkins. Also present were Moira Sawch, CDBG Administrator; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; Vin Tufo and Jon Gottlieb, Charter Oak Communities; Arnold Knittel, Community Development Office; and members of the public.

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| 1. <a href="#"><u>HCD31.045</u></a>   | PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing for the CDBG Program Year 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) 11/14/2023 – Submitted by Moira Sawch<br><b>12/12/23 – Public Hearing Held</b>   | <b>REPORT MADE</b>                               |
| 2. HCD31.046  | REVIEW: Review Public Comment for the CDBG Program Year 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER). 11/14/2023 – Submitted by Moira Sawch<br><b>12/12/23 – Report Made and Year 2022 CAPER Approved by Committee 4-0-0</b>     | <b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE</b>          |
| <p>A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.</p> |  |  |
| 3. HCD31.047  | REVIEW; Year 50 CDBG Budgeting Schedule. 12/4/2023 – Submitted by Moira Sawch<br><b>12/12/23 – Report Made</b>   | <b>REPORT MADE</b>                               |
| 4. <a href="#"><u>HCD31.049</u></a>   | REJECTION; Allocation of \$750,000 to Charter Oak Communities to Facilitate the Redevelopment of 61 Units of Affordable Housing at Oak Park Phase 1. 12/08/23 – Submitted by Ralph Blessing<br><b>12/12/23 – Rejection Failed in Committee 0-4-0</b> | <b>REJECTION FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 0-39-0</b> |

A motion to reject Item No. 4 was made, seconded, and failed by a roll call vote of 0-39-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Grunberger, Jacobson, Jean-Louis, Kuczynski, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, David Watkins, and Weinberg opposed).

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**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:**      **David Watkins, Chair**  
   **Terry Adams, Vice Chair**

Chair Watkins reported that there was no meeting of the Transportation Committee and no report.

**STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE:**   **Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair**  
   **Jonathan Jacobson, Vice Chair**

Chair Pierre-Louis reported that there was no meeting of the State & Commerce Committee and no report.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**OUTSIDE COUNSEL COMMITTEE:**                      **Jeff Curtis, Chair**

President Curtis reported that there was no meeting of the Outside Counsel Committee and no report.

**HIGH RIDGE LITIGATION PROPOSED  
RESOLUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE:**      **Jeff Curtis, Chair**  
   **Bradley Bewkes, Vice Chair**

President Curtis reported that there was no meeting of the High Ridge Litigation Proposed Resolution Review Committee and no report.

## **MINUTES**

1.                      [APPROVAL](#); December 4, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

**APPROVED BY  
UNANIMOUS  
VOICE VOTE**  
*(Reps. Berns,  
Curtis, Kuczynski,  
Patterson, Pierre-  
Louis, and  
Sherwood  
abstaining)*

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

President Curtis adjourned the meeting at 10:54 p.m.

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