



***Cost Savings & Revenue Enhancement
Committee –
Board of Representatives***

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

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, October 23, 2014
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor Government Center, 888
Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Cost Savings & Revenue Enhancement Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chair Cerasoli, Co-Chair Silver and Committee Member Reps. Fountain, Okun, Quinones, Reeder and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Fedeli and Mitchell. Also present was Jim Hricay, OPM Director.

Co-Chair Cerasoli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

| Item No. | Description | Committee Action |
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| 1. CS29.001 | REVIEW; Comparison with other cities of existing fees being charged 08/04/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 09/02/14 – Report Made & Held in Committee | Report Made |

Mr. Hricay distributed the [attached handout](#).

The Committee reviewed the top 20 non-tax revenue generators that the City has control over for 2013-14, which total about \$23,000,000. Building permits make up 27% of that amount. These top 20 constitute 5% of the total budget and 64% of the total non-tax revenue generators that the City has control over.

The Committee discussed:

- whether or not they should address the collection of building permit fees and ensuring that people obtain building permits
- Building permit fees are comparable with surrounding areas
- Parking ticket fines were last adjusted in 2008
- The penalty for non-payment of parking fines may be too low; New Haven and Bridgeport have larger penalties; they are trying to find out how much

additional revenue would be generated by different fees.

- Whether the City could impose a processing fee on all violations
- Park permit fees
- Bulky waste tipping fees can be adjusted one time per year, they haven't been adjusted in a few years
- Ice rental fees – there is competition in the area for ice time
- Multi-dwelling rooming house fees are collected by the Health Department and have not been adjusted since 2003
- Zoning change fees are lower than neighboring communities
- Locking in oil prices

Co-Chair Cerasoli adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Cerasoli, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).