



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

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

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2015
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 at the above date and time. In attendance were Co-Chairs Cerasoli and Silver and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Fountain, Liebson, Mitchell, Okun, Quinones and Zelinsky. Also present were Rep. de la Cruz; Anne Marie Mones, Risk Manager; Frank Fedeli, Citizens Services; Clemon Williams, Director of Human Resources and Josh Benson, Transportation Bureau Chief.

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

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. CS29.014	REVIEW; Controlling Costs of Workers' Compensation. 04/30/15 – Submitted by Rep. Fountain	Report Made

Ms. Mones reviewed the [attached handout](#) and explained how the City tries to save money on claims and challenges faced by the Risk Management department

In response to questions from the Committee, she noted:

- Some departments, such as the WPCA, are responsible for safety coordination, but can't do training
- A second safety officer would help with training (including OSHA mandated training), auditing and investigating claims and reduce the strain on the current training officer
- Managers who are proactive could be given some form of recognition
- Approximately 90% of the Safety Officer's time is spent on workers' comp and approximately 50% of her time is spent on workers' comp
- A police officer hurt during extra duty would be able to file a workers' comp claim
- There are several back-to-work programs for someone who is out of work on disability, including strengthening, light duty

Ms. Mones reviewed the [End of Year Claim Review](#). This report does not include the 280 claimed asbestos exposures. She would like to see a City rule under which employees required to be wearing safety gear are wearing it when they punch in.

- ¹2. [CS29.015](#) REVIEW; Discussion of Revenues and Costs **Report Made**
associated with Parking Fund.
09/11/15 – Submitted by Rep. Cerasoli
Secondary Committee: Fiscal

Mr. Fedeli and Mr. Benson distributed the [attached handout](#), with real time revenue numbers, noting that:

- The City is trying to increase the revenue and cost controls
- They are expecting approximately 190,000 tickets issued this year, which might raise \$2.3 million in revenue this fiscal year (this is very weather dependent), which is lower than the \$2.5 that was projected
- They are trying to reduce the number of citations voided.
- The switch in the Mall system requires agents to be able to check on their handheld computers. There are dead spots for Verizon in the mall, so the agents are unable to view the payments; this is being resolved, which should decrease the number of voids
- Voids are expensive, because they are like processing a ticket, plus postage, and also are time consuming
- The City does enforcement in the Mall garage, but the Mall receives the fine for meter violations. The City receives the late payment fees. The Mall has now increased the violation to \$25
- Last year's storms probably cost the City \$250,000 in revenue.
- Other cities do charge for parking on Sunday, such as New Haven and Hartford; private garages also charge on Sunday
- When people get Beach stickers with cars that aren't registered in Stamford, they are sending the information up to the tax department

Committee Members would like to review this again next quarter.

Co-Chair Cerasoli adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Cerasoli, Co-Chai

This meeting is on [video](#)

¹ Video Time Stamp 01:03:00

As a Secondary Committee:

Item No.	Description	Invitees (or designees)
1. LR29.041	ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u> ; Amending Chapter 214, Article V, Sidewalk Cafes, Section 214-46, Permit Application, concerning permit fees. 02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay 02/17/15 – Approved by Committee, as amended 03/02/15 – Held in Committee by full Board 03/23/15 – Approved by Committee, as amended 04/29/15 – Public Hearing Held; Failed in Committee, as amended 05/06/15 – Returned to Committee by full Board 06/15/15 – Held in Committee 07/21/15 – Held in Committee 08/31/15 – Held in Committee	
2. PR29.025	RESOLUTION and <u>public hearing</u> ; Approving Fee Increases For Terry Conners Ice Rink. 02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay 02/26/15 – No action taken 03/26/15 – Public Hearing held & Held in Committee 04/30/15 – Held in Committee 05/21/15 – Held in Committee 06/25/15 – No action taken 07/22/15 – No action taken 08/27/15 – Approved by Committee	