



Legislative & Rules Committee – Board of Representatives

Eileen Heaphy, Chair

Elise Coleman, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, September 22, 2014

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Heaphy, Vice Chair Coleman and Committee Member Reps. Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. Day. Also present were Rep. DeLuca; Beverly Aveni, Purchasing Agent; Michael Pollard, Chief of Staff; Burt Rosenberg, Assistant Corporation Counsel.

Chair Heaphy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
¹ 1. LR29.022	ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u> ; amending the Purchasing Ordinance (Code Chapter 23, Article II) 06/04/14 – Submitted by Reps. Fedeli, Day, Coppola and Fountain 06/16/14 – No Action Taken 07/21/14 –Held by Committee 08/25/14 – Report made and motions to Amend approved by Committee	Approved 7-0-1

Chair Heaphy explained that this ordinance reflects the changes previously approved by the Committee, but now in ordinance form and is being approved for publication. The Committee voted to approve each change to the ordinance separately.

A motion to approve the changes to Sec. 23-16.A was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Heaphy, Coleman, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

A motion to approve the changes to Sec. 23-16.B was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Heaphy, Coleman, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

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A motion to approve the changes to Sec. 23-18.3.B.2 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-1-0 (Reps. Heaphy, Coleman, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Ryan and Silver in favor; Rep. Zelinsky opposed).

A motion to approve the changes to Sec. 23-18.4.A was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-1-0 (Reps. Heaphy, Coleman, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Ryan and Silver in favor; Rep. Zelinsky opposed).

A motion to approve the changes to Sec. 23-18.4.3.B.1 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Heaphy, Coleman, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

A motion to approve the changes to Sec. 23-18.4.3.D was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Heaphy, Coleman, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

A motion to approve the changes to Sec. 23-18.4.3.E was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Heaphy, Coleman, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

A motion to approve the changes to Sec. 23-18.6.C was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Heaphy, Coleman, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

A motion to approve the ordinance for publication was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-1 (Reps. Heaphy, Coleman, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Ryan and Silver in favor; Rep. Zelinsky abstaining).

- ²2. [LR29.028](#) RESOLUTION and public hearing; approving license agreement between the City of Stamford and the State of CT Department of Motor Vehicles to lease space at the Lathan Wider Community Center, 137 Henry Street (34 Woodland Avenue). **Approved 5-0-3**
09/02/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
09/09/14 – Approved by Planning Board
09/11/14 – Approved by Board of Finance

Chair Heaphy opened the public hearing.

Mr. Pollard explained that

- the Mayor has been seeking opportunities to bring the DMV back to the City in a location that would serve all of its citizens
- there has been a significant impact on residents of the City by not having a DMV in a central location, particularly seniors and people who cannot afford to take significant time off from work to go to Norwalk or the satellite office on High Ridge Road
- there were cost and logistical limitations to putting the office in the Government Center

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- The Lathon Wider space is very small and will be available by appointment only, but will serve the downtown and commuters
- The State will not approve this until after approval by the Board of Representatives – the agreement is the State boilerplate and cannot be changed

There being no members of the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Committee members discussed:

- Concerns about the impact of this office on traffic in the area, particularly the number of school busses
- Limited parking at the building and the DMV's use of 6 reserved spaces
- The need to use Lathon Wider to provide services to the Community and the availability of space within the building for a Community Action Program
- The ability to terminate the license on 120 days' notice if the space in the building is needed for a different purpose
- The current plan not to have the office open on Saturday and the possible flexibility in the hours

Mr. Pollard agreed to provide the Committee with further information regarding the current space usage and availability in the building.

A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-3 (Reps. Heaphy, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Coleman, Mitchell and Nabel abstaining).

As a Secondary Committee:

- ³1. F29.204 REVIEW; Fiscal implications of amendment of
 Chapter 220, Article IV of the Code, Senior Citizens
 Tax Abatement
 08/15/14 – Submitted by Fiscal Committee

Chair Heaphy explained that there is no draft ordinance to be considered yet, but it should be available for the Fiscal Committee meeting.

Chair Heaphy adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Eileen Heaphy, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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