



Legislative & Rules Committee – Board of Representatives

Phil Berns, Chair

Sean Boeger, Vice-Chair

Committee Meeting Report

Date: Tuesday, November 26, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Phil Berns, Vice Chair Sean Boeger and Committee Member Reps. Megan Cottrell, Mary Fedeli, David Blank, Mary Fedeli, Fred Pierre-Louis, Nina Sherwood and Jennifer Vandervoort. Also in attendance were Reps. Virgil de la Cruz, Anabel Figueroa, Amiel Goldberg, Chanta Graham, Eric Morson, Jeff Stella, Christina Strain, Annie M. Summerville and Kindrea Walston, City staff members Chief Financial Officer Ryan Fealey, Director of Facilities Scott Butch, Tax Assessor Greg Stackpole, Charter Oak Communities President of Rippowam Corporation Jon Gottlieb, Stamford Police Department Park Police Operations Officer Peter Gould, City Attorneys Cynthia Anger, Thomas Cassone, Burt Rosenberg and Mike Toma, Ben Barnes, Registrar of Voters Lucy Corelli, Deputy Registrar of Voters Monica Di Costanzo, and members of the public. Absent or excused were Committee member Rep. Jennifer Matheny.

Vice Chair Boeger called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Invitee(s) or Designees
1. LR31.086	RESOLUTION and <u>public hearing</u> ; Approving a License and Use Agreement by and between the Boys and Girls Club of Stamford and The Stamford Public Schools (Use of Classroom Space for SPS' STEPS Program) 09/25/24 – Submitted by T. Lucero 11/26/24 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0	APPROVED 7-0-0

Public Hearing Session opened at 7:28 p.m. Speaker 1: Kieran Matthew Edmondson (sign-up sheet). No other speakers signed up to speak. A call for any members of the public who wished to speak was issued. No other speakers stepped forward and the Public Hearing Session was closed at 7:31 pm.

A motion to approve Item 1 was made (multiple), seconded (Rep. Fedeli), and approved by a unanimous voice vote of 7-0-0. (Vice Chair Boeger, and Committee Reps. Blank, Cottrell, Fedeli, Pierre-Louis, Sherwood and Vandervoort approved).

2. [LR31.087](#) RESOLUTION and public hearing; Approving a License and Operating Agreement between the City of Stamford and Oh My Gosh LLC for management & Operation of Full Food Services at the Government Center Patio Café 1st and 4th Floor. **APPROVED 6-1-1**
10/31/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/12/24 – To be considered by the Planning Board
11/13/24 – To be considered by the Board of Finance
11/13/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-1-0
11/26/24 – Approved by Committee 6-1-1

A motion to recommit Item 2 was made (Rep. Sherwood), seconded (Rep. Pierre-Louis), and failed by a roll call vote of 3-4-1. (Chair Berns, and Committee Reps. Sherwood and Pierre-Louis approved. Committee Reps. Blank, Cottrell, Fedeli, and Vandervoort voted against. Vice Chair Boeger abstained.)

A motion to approve Item 2 was made (multiple), seconded (multiple), and approved by a voice vote of 6-1-1. (Chair Berns, and Committee Reps. Blank, Cottrell, Fedeli, Pierre-Louis and Vandervoort approved. Committee Rep. Sherwood voted against. Vice Chair Boeger abstained.)

3. [LR31.088](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Concerning a Tax Abatement Agreement among the City of Stamford and Oak Park 2 Limited Partnership and the Housing Authority of the City of Stamford for 43 Below-Market Units Located at Ursula Place, Stamford, CT. **APPROVED 8-0-0**
10/16/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/26/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

A motion to approve Item 3 was made (multiple), seconded (Rep. Cottrell), and approved by a unanimous voice vote of 8-0-0. (Chair Berns, Vice Chair Boeger and Committee Reps. Blank, Cottrell, Fedeli, Pierre-Louis, Sherwood and Vandervoort approved.)

4. [LR31.077](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Concerning the definition and regulation of the use of Motorized Recreational Vehicles **APPROVED AS AMENDED FOR PUBLICATION 8-0-0**
07/09/24 – Submitted by Rep. Boeger and Curtis
07/15/24 – Held at Steering
08/12/24 – Held at Steering
10/01/24 – Recommitted to Steering
10/29/24 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
11/26/24 – Amended by Committee 8-0-0
11/26/24 – Approved as Amended for Publication by Committee 8-0-0

A motion to amend Item 4 was made (Rep. Sherwood), seconded (multiple), and was approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0. (Chair Berns, Vice Chair Boeger and Committee Reps. Blank, Cottrell, Fedeli, Sherwood and Pierre-Louis and Vandervoort approved.)

A motion to approve Item 4 as amended for publication was made (Rep. Cottrell), seconded (multiple), and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0. (Chair Berns, Vice Chair Boeger and Committee Reps. Blank, Cottrell, Fedeli, Sherwood and Pierre-Louis and Vandervoort approved.)

5. [LR31.076](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Concerning the definition and regulation of the use of External Loud Speakers **APPROVED AS AMENDED FOR PUBLICATION 7-0-0**
07/09/24 – Submitted by Rep. Boeger
07/15/24 – Held at Steering
10/01/24 – Recommitted to Steering
10/01/24 – Recommitted to Steering
10/29/24 – Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0
11/26/24 – Amended by Committee 7-0-0
11/26/24 – Approved for Publication by Committee 7-0-0

A motion to amend Item 5 was made (Rep. Sherwood), seconded (Rep. Vandervoort), and was approved by a voice vote of 7-0-0. (Vice Chair Boeger and Committee Reps. Blank, Cottrell, Fedeli, Sherwood and Pierre-Louis and Vandervoort approved.)

A motion to approve Item 5 as amended for publication was made (multiple), seconded (multiple), and approved by a voice vote of 7-0-0. (Vice Chair Boeger and Committee Reps. Blank, Cottrell, Fedeli, Sherwood and Pierre-Louis and Vandervoort approved.)

6. LR31.089 REVIEW; Processes for approval of Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs), Claims Settlements, and similar contractual instruments as prescribed in the Charter and Code of Ordinances of the City of Stamford, as well as processes for periodic reporting on the number and financial consequence of such transactions. **RECOMMENDED 7-0-0**
11/06/24 – Submitted By Reps. de la Cruz and Adams
11/26/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0

A motion to recommit Item 6 to Steering was made (Rep. Vandervoort), seconded (Rep. Sherwood), and approved by a voice vote of 7-0-0. (Vice Chair Boeger and Committee Reps. Blank, Cottrell, Fedeli, Sherwood and Pierre-Louis and Vandervoort approved.)

7. LR31.081 REVIEW; Legal requirements of land use boards to promulgate guidance, regulations, versus decide applications particularly when staff is shorthanded **RECOMMENDED 7-0-0**
07/10/24 – Submitted by Rep. Berns
08/12/24 – Held at Steering
10/01/24 – Recommitted to Steering
10/29/24 – Recommitted to Steering
11/26/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0

A motion to recommit Item 7 to Steering was made (Rep. Sherwood), seconded (Rep. Vandervoort), and approved by a voice vote of 7-0-0. (Vice Chair Boeger and Committee Reps. Blank, Cottrell, Fedeli, Sherwood and Pierre-Louis and Vandervoort approved.)

8. LR31.075 ORDINANCE, for publication; Amending Chapter 137, Article VII, Non-Biodegradable Disposable Carryout Bags to Delete §137-65, Establishment of Charge, and §137-66, Exemptions. **RECOMMENDED 6-1-0**
06/05/24 – Submitted by Reps. Stella and Figueroa
06/25/24 – Held by Committee 8-0-0
07/15/24 – Held at Steering
08/12/24 – Held at Steering
10/01/24 – Recommitted to Steering
11/26/24 – Recommitted to Steering 6-1-0

A motion to recommit Item 8 to Steering if Chairs and item submitters provide more information to the Committee (i.e. regarding stakeholders) was made (Rep. Sherwood), seconded (multiple), and approved by a roll call vote of 6-1-0. (Vice Chair Boeger, and Committee Reps. Blank, Fedeli, Pierre-Louis, Sherwood and Vandervoort approved. Rep. Cottrell voted against.)

9. LR31.085 REVIEW; Printing and mailing of incorrect voter registration cards; process for preparing text, layout, proofreading, security of computer files, chain of custody of source materials, software used for printing, when, how, and by whom discovered; and origin of error once determined. **REPORT MADE**
10/10/2024 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz
10/29/24 – Recommitted to Steering
11/26/24 – REPORT MADE

Deputy Registrar of Voters Di Costanzo gave a summation of the findings on the topic of the incorrect voter registration cards that explained how the cards are created, proofed, printed and mailed (issue was due to vendor's new software experiencing an issue after cards were proofed and approved to run correctly). Ms. Di Costanzo also explained the vendor's resolution and restitution to the problem (issue has been found and corrected in the software; vendor paid for the cost of postage to resend the notification cards) and the public outreach/resolution for voters (notification to voters, staff receiving statement with correct information to provide to callers, outgoing voicemail message if callers could not reach live staff to provide them the correct information)

10. LR31.083 REVIEW; of the public speaking portion of the rules and procedures of the monthly meeting and how we can correct factually incorrect statements made by speakers. **RECOMMENDED 7-0-0**
08/07/24 - Submitted by Rep. Goldberg
08/12/24 – Held at Steering
10/01/24 – Recommitted to Steering
10/29/24 – Recommitted to Steering
11/26/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0

A motion to recommit Item 10 to Steering was made (Rep. Sherwood), seconded (Rep. Fedeli), and approved by a unanimous voice vote of 7-0-0. (Vice Chair Boeger, and Committee Reps. Blank, Cottrell, Fedeli, Pierre-Louis, Sherwood and Vandervoort approved).

Vice Chair Sean Boeger adjourned the meeting at 11:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Boeger, Vice Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).