



Operations Committee - Board of Representatives

Joseph Coppola, Jr., Chair

John Zelinsky, Jr., Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Wednesday, August 27, 2014
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard

The Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Coppola, Vice Chair Zelinsky, and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Buckman, Coleman, Mahoney, McMullen and Reeder. Excused was Committee Member Rep. Giraldo. Also present were Reps. Figueroa and Ryan; Alan Fore and Jim Hartman of Kinder Morgan; Keith Collins of Yankee Gas; Mike Handler, Director of Administration and WPCA Chair; Dan Capano, WPCA Board Member; William Brink, WPCA Executive Director; Bill Ward of Ackerly & Ward; Lynda Roca of Computil. Kathryn Emmett, Corporation Counsel; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations

Chair Coppola called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1 ¹ . O29.014	REVIEW; Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company Northeast Expansion Project, upgrade of existing pipeline system 03/19/14 – Held in Committee 04/23/14 – Held In Committee 05/21/14 – Held in Committee 06/18/14 – Held in Committee	Report Made

Alan Fore from Kinder Morgan distributed the attached presentation and described the overall project and the expansion of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline system. The project has not yet been started, no permits have been filed for, no state or federal review has taken place, and no construction would begin before 2017. Jim Hartman explained the details of the proposed new pipeline parallel and adjacent to the existing pipeline in Stamford. The company has been in contact with the landowners who will be affected by the installation and have gotten survey rights but will also have to get additional rights to work on the properties. Eminent domain would be a last resort after approval of the project. There will be public community meetings for landowners and members of the public. In addition, FERC will hold public meetings.

Mr. Collins of Yankee Gas said the impact of this project will be to ensure an additional supply of natural gas for residents of Stamford. This should result in a lower cost supply.

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The City receives tax revenue from the current value of the pipe and might receive additional tax revenue from the increased value.

- 2². [O29.022](#) REVIEW; WPCA late payments and legal fees for Report Made
past due accounts.
06/05/14 – Submitted by Rep. Adams

Mr. Handler described the history of non-payment at the WPCA. The Board hired Computil to do billing in order to increase payments. The Board had to make a decision about people who fail to pay and who owe at least \$5000 and haven't made any payments. At this point the foreclosure procedure starts. Ms. Roca stated that this amount may be 5-10 years of non-payments. The WPCA does offer payment plans for people who can't pay. The Committee discussed the process used by the WPCA to handle late payments. The individual who fails to pay would be charged the legal fee for the collection.

- 3³. [O29.024](#) REVIEW; restaurant sidewalk seating and Held in
ORDINANCE; for publication, Amending Section Committee
214, Article V of the Code of Ordinances concerning
Sidewalk Cafes.
07/14/14 – Submitted by Reps. Coppola and
Zelinsky

Rep. Zelinsky stated that this ordinance is from 1985 and needs to be increased. He reviewed his proposed changes to the ordinance. The Committee discussed whether these changes are necessary. Ms. Emmett stated that the Mayor's office would prefer to have this fee reviewed in conjunction with the review of other fees. Mr. Orgera stated he would object to any pins being placed within the sidewalk. Since the sidewalk cafes need to close on November 15th, there is time to review this item. The committee members discussed other changes to this item.

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote. (Reps. Coppola, Zelinsky, Adams, Buckman, Coleman, Mahoney, McMullen and Reeder in favor.)

- 4⁴. O29.026 REVIEW; Housing and Zoning Violations. Held in
08/06/2014 – Submitted by Rep. Coppola Committee

Mr. Orgera stated that he has requested a report of open Citizens Services complaints. The most recent report was 97 pages long. The person who was handling the database was promoted and nobody took over the responsibility for a while. They are now being taken care of. A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote. He will get the committee an updated report.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Coppola, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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