



## ***Operations Committee - Board of Representatives***

Joseph Coppola, Jr., Chair   John Zelinsky, Jr., Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Tuesday, November 24, 2015  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
Republican Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center, 888  
**Place:** Washington Boulevard

The Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Coppola, Vice Chair Zelinsky and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Coleman, Liebson, Mahoney and McMullen. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. Giraldo. Also present were Rep. Ryan; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Thomas Turk, Highway Supervisor and Thomas Madden, Director of Economic Development.

Chair Coppola called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
4. <a href="#">O29.053</a>	ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u> ; Amendment of §§ 214-29.D and 214-29.E of the Code of Ordinances, Regarding Fees for Standard Utility Opening and Fines for Violation of the Ordinance. 11/05/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin	<b>APPROVED 6-0-1</b>

The Committee first considered Item No. 4. Chair Coppola stated although this item was submitted as a review item, the Mayor has requested that this be taken up as an ordinance for publication rather than a review item. Chair Coppola stated that he and Rep. Zelinsky met with the Mayor, who wants this ordinance in place before March, when much of the street repair work begins. A motion to suspend the rules to take this up as an ordinance for publication was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-2-0 (Reps. Coppola, Zelinsky, Coleman and Liebson in favor; Reps. Mahoney and McMullen opposed.)

Mr. Orgera stated that the City fills potholes, but many of the potholes are the result of contractors failing to repair the roads properly and in a timely fashion, and the City is then held liable.

Mr. Casolo explained the proposed changes:

- This fee had previously been increased from \$125 to \$200 and the bond time was increased to 2 years
- The objectives of this ordinance are to offset the traffic impacts of work by contractors and set up a better system for verifying the quality of the patch
- The fees give an incentive for contractors to finish their work sooner
- The majority of the cuts are related to utility cuts
- The proposed changes include a sliding scale fee structure that relates to the classification of the roadway, with higher fees for major arterials and added a per square foot fee
- A fee for a construction period of over two weeks of 25% of the permit fee has been added
- A time limit for final patching is included
- Permits are broken up by “nodes” or intersections which increases the pressure on contractors to complete the project
- A contractor who fails to patch in 6 weeks could be flagged, and the proposed ordinance contains a provision for fines

Thomas Madden reached out to local utility companies and they are reviewing copies of the ordinance.

Committee members discussed the proposed changes and the ability to do repairs during the winter; whether there should be an exception for circumstances beyond the contractor’s control. Committee members requested more information regarding the income generated by the proposed fees; if this could be applied to private streets; when the bonding period begins and a redline copy of the ordinance.

A motion to approve this ordinance for publication was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-1-0(Reps. Coppola, Zelinsky, Adams, Coleman, Mahoney, and Liebson in favor; Reps. McMullen opposed.)

<sup>1</sup>1. O29.049    REVIEW; Condition, Maintenance, and Future Plans    **Report Made**  
for City-Owned Industrial Facilities on Magee Ave.  
09/11/15 – Submitted by Reps. Ryan and DeLuca  
09/23/15 – Held in Committee  
10/28/15 – Held in Committee

Mr. Orgera stated that there are no current plans to change any City-owned properties on Magee Avenue. The City has cleaned up the property of 9 Magee Avenue. He contacts Greenwich Honda to clean up its property filled with crushed rock at least once a month.

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- <sup>2</sup>2. O29.045 REVIEW; City's snow removal and dumping policies, **Report Made**  
regulations and fees, including Resolution 3454.  
07/08/15 – Submitted by Reps. Reeder, Ryan and  
Zelinsky  
07/13/15 – Placed on Pending Agenda  
10/28/15 – Held in Committee

Chair Coppola explained that this is a review of the snow storage situation plans, in light of last year. Mr. Orgera explained that if there is as much snow as last year, the snow will have to be stored at West Beach. He has spoken with DEEP and has filters for the catch basins and silt fencing in stock already. The DEEP is allowing them to store snow there. Outside contractors will not be allowed to dump snow there this year. They are much better prepared this year than last year.

- <sup>3</sup>3. O29.052 REVIEW; Notice sent out to South End residents that **Report Made**  
there will no longer be a second weekly garbage  
collection on Fridays (in efforts to increase recycling).  
11/05/15 – Submitted by Rep. Adams

Mr. Orgera stated that the City is seeking to increase its recycling in the South End, which has the lowest percentage of recycling in the City. Dan Colleluori put in extra recycling totes. People generally put recycling in the regular totes, and the City has to pay for that weight. If it is put in recycling, the City doesn't have to pay. The recycling is picked up every week. They are trying to educate the residents to recycle. The rest of the City only has pick up once a week.

Chair Coppola adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Coppola, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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