



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

Joseph Coppola, Jr., Chair

John Zelinsky, Jr., Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Republican Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard

The Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Coppola and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Mahoney and McMullen. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Adams, Buckman, Giraldo, Liebson and Zelinsky. Also present were Reps. Fedeli, Nabel, Ryan and Watkins. Also present were Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations, Lou Casolo, City Engineer, Thomas Turk, Traffic and Road Maintenance, and Pat Battinelli, Patriotic and Special Events Commission.

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

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>COMMITTEE ACTION</b>
1. <a href="#">O29.053</a>	ORDINANCE <u>for final adoption</u> ; Amendment of §§ 214- 29 of the Code of Ordinances. 11/05/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 11/24/15 – Approved by Committee for publication 12/07/15 – Returned to Committee at Board meeting 12/21/15 – Approved by Committee for publication, as amended 01/28/15 – Public Hearing Held and Held in Committee	<b>HELD IN COMMITTEE</b>
<p>This item was held in Committee without objection because it is being evaluated by the Law Department regarding the requirement that fees be commensurate with administrative costs.</p>		
<sup>1</sup> 2. O29.055	REVIEW; Procedures to Secure Litter and Debris at the Transfer Station Facility. 12/09/15 – Submitted by Rep. Ryan 12/14/15 – Held at Steering 01/11/16 – Held at Steering	<b>REPORT MADE</b>

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<sup>1</sup> Video Time Stamp 00:10:15

Rep. Ryan explained that this item relates to garbage blowing around the transfer station which is not being blocked from going into the East Branch by the fence. Mr. Orgera explained that there is a 6 ft. chain link fence and the ceiling in the transfer station is not high enough for the trucks to put a tarp over their loads. In order to increase the height of the fence, the retaining wall will need to be repaired. The wall is City property. The City is looking for funding to repair the wall in order to increase the height of the fence. Meanwhile, he has a sweeper truck sweeping the area every day. Mr. Casolo stated that he will work with Dan Colleluori to see if they can arrive at a temporary solution.

- <sup>2</sup>3. O29.056 REVIEW; Status of New Scale-House Construction **REPORT MADE**  
at the Stamford Transfer Station Facility.  
12/09/15 – Submitted by Rep. Ryan  
12/14/15 – Held at Steering  
01/11/16 – Held at Steering

Mr. Casolo stated that the project took longer than they expected. The Scale House has been open since May. There were delays due to the need to remove existing foundations from an old pump station and unsuitable fill, utility poles that needed to be relocated and the need to relocate water lines. The low bidder, who does good work, also is very slow. The scale was always open and the City lost no revenue. The project was bid out as a scale house and an outbound, but the funds in the account were not sufficient to do both. Both projects have now been concluded.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Casolo noted that he has been discussing provisions in future contracts which may address situations which typically arise in construction contracts which affect the timing.

- <sup>3</sup>4. O29.058 REVIEW; Procedures and Process for the **REPORT MADE**  
Ceremonial Flying of Foreign Flags on Stamford  
Public Streets.  
12/09/15 – Submitted by Rep. Ryan  
12/14/15 – Held at Steering  
01/11/16 – Held at Steering

Mr. Ryan stated that this was in response to an email from a constituent regarding flags on Summer Street. Mr. Orgera stated it was his decision who gave permission to fly the flags. He believes that in the future, the flags should only be allowed on the day of parades and also only at Old Town Hall. Mr. Battinelli stated that the problem was that the United States flag was removed. Committee members discussed the need for an ordinance or a specific policy.

- <sup>4</sup>5. O29.060 REVIEW; Leaf Pickup Program. **REPORT MADE**  
01/06/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
01/11/16 – Held at Steering

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Mr. Orgera stated that there are costs for the leaf pickup program that the Board does not see. Mr. Turk itemized the cost of leaf pickup -- the labor cost was over \$333,000, the leaf hauling is \$330,000. Fuel cost was \$50,000 and vehicle maintenance was \$25,000, several small line items totaled \$71,000, for a total cost of about \$800,000, excluding the second round of pickup.

Representative McMullen asked about enforcement of the MS4 ordinance. Representative Watkins asked whether the City should change its leaf pickup program from a rolling pickup to a single pickup in bags. Committee members discussed that this was introduced several years ago and the public was opposed.

<sup>5</sup>6. [O29.061](#) REVIEW; Situation of Illegal Dumping Citywide. **REPORT MADE**  
01/06/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
01/11/16 – Held at Steering

Mr. Orgera distributed the [attached handout](#) detailing the locations of the illegal dumping in the City. Crews are sent out several times a week to pick up this garbage. Committee members discussed making homeowners responsible for anything in front of property they own and the need for enforcement and for residents to report dumping.

Chair Coppola adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Coppola, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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