



Operations Committee - Board of Representatives

Jonathan Jacobson, Chair

John Zelinsky, Jr., Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, August 20, 2018

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard

In attendance were Chair Jacobson, Vice Chair Zelinsky, and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Coleman, Lee, Mahoney, Sherwood, Spadaccini and Watkins. Also in attendance were Reps. Cottrell, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Lion, McGarry, McMullen, Miller, Nabel, and Watkins. Also in attendance were Prakash Chakravarti, WPCA; Burt Rosenberg, Law Dept.; Chris Dellaselva, Law Dept.; Laura Burwick, Operations; Cindy Grafstein, Mayor's Office; Lou Casolo, Engineering Dept.; Doug Hoyt, Highways Dept.; Tyler Theder, Compliance Officer, Stormwater Management; Dan Colleluori, Operations; Libby Carlson, Mayor's Office; and members of the public.

Chair Jacobson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
¹ 5. O30.020	REVIEW; Glenbrook Community Center RFP Status and Continuity Plan for Current Tenants. 08/08/18 – Submitted by Rep. Lee	Report Made

This item was taken up out of order. Rep. Lee explained the Center was previously run by a master tenant who is heading towards retirement. Mr. Dellaselva explained that the City tried to find a new master tenant but negotiations fell apart in April. City tried to reach out to others with no success, so the City has switched to an RFP process to attract a master tenant. The RFP will come out in mid to late September. The plan for current tenants is status quo right now with no plans to remove them. The master tenant is on a month to month lease with approximately eight to nine sub-tenants. Rep. Lee discussed that the Glenbrook Community Center is a community resource, no similar facility exists in the Glenbrook area. Chair Jacobson read into the record an email from Ellen Bromley, Director of Social Services ([attached](#)).

² 3. O30.014	REVIEW; Update on Repairs to Sea Wall on Weed Avenue. 03/29/18 – Submitted by Reps. Figueroa and Sherwood 04/23/18 – Report Made & Held in Committee 05/14/18 – Moved to Pending 07/26/18 – Held by Committee 8-0-0	Held 8-0-0
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This item was taken up out of order. Mr. Casolo discussed that the City is on track to complete construction bid documents for repair of the wall. It is a regulated area so there are regulatory approvals required to do work in the water. There is private property between the water and Weed Avenue, which caused some delay, but that has been resolved. Engineering is currently addressing some questions from DEEP. Once they receive feedback from DEEP, the best case scenario is that work will start work in the fall, although it could possibly be postponed until the spring. The work is straightforward. Rep. Sherwood will report back to the community. A motion was made, seconded and approved to hold this item (Reps. Jacobson, Zelinsky, Coleman, Lee, Mahoney, Sherwood, Spadaccini and Watkins in favor).

- ³2. O30.015 REVIEW; The New Bagged Leaf Pickup Program **Held 7-1-0**
Being Proposed By Mayor Martin.
07/10/18 – Submitted by Reps. Watkins,
Michelson, Sherwood and Zelinsky
07/26/18 – Held by Committee 4-1-1

This item was taken up out of order. Ms. Burwick discussed the following:

- Neighboring communities that do and do not pick up loose leaves
- The Mayor had intended to keep the loose leaf program but is heading towards the bagged program because of the budget cuts he was required to make
- There will be two pickups for the entire City, starting October 29th
- The rules are still being worked on
- Regarding many concerns about the elderly and disabled, the City will be reaching out to volunteer organizations and youth organizations to help
- Residents should consider mulching in place
- Leaves will need to be put into 30 gallon paper bags; bags not in compliance will not be picked up
- Continued non-compliance could result in daily fines of \$90

Ms. Carlson said communications outreach about the new program will include traditional media, new media and other forms, such as tags on door.

There was Committee discussion on the item:

- Many constituents are not happy about this, feel their taxes are being raised but services are being eliminated
- Volunteers doing bagging is problematic, especially if someone gets hurt on a resident's property or volunteers do not show up
- If garbage totes are free, why do residents have to pay for bags
- How much money is actually being saved
- This is a major change to a decades-old service in a short time frame
- Early years of program should be eased into regarding compliance issues
- Adding a burden monetarily and physically to residents
- Very labor intensive for City workers, bending to pick up 50 pound bags and throw onto a truck could result in workers compensation claims

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- Although the program may be inevitable, the savings projections are mostly based on assumptions; Committee needs to get an update every month
- Committee requested that a breakdown of where exactly the savings are coming from

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-1-0 (Jacobson, Coleman, Lee, Mahoney, Sherwood, Spadaccini and Watkins in favor; Zelinsky opposed).

A motion to suspend the rules to take up a resolution to the Mayor was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 4-4-0 (Zelinsky, Mahoney, Sherwood and Spadaccini in favor; Jacobson, Coleman, Lee and Watkins opposed).

41. [O30.018](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Definition of Pollutant in [Code Section 201-2](#). **Failed 0-5-3**
08/07/18 – Submitted by Rep. McMullen

The following was discussed:

- Rep. McMullen proposed this item because the Legislative & Rules Committee asked for a representative of the City to contact DEEP to see about inserting language amending the definition.
- Mr. Rosenberg spoke with Chris Stone at DEEP and in the definition of the MS4 permit, leaves are a pollutant.
- The current permit has expired, but it is being used as the current permit while a new one is being negotiated
- Is it possible to negotiate this wording into the new permit
- Mr. Theder said that leaves in the storm basins during leaf pickup can nullify a year's worth of cleaning if there are heavy rains
- Mr. Theder read into the record a question he asked Chris Stone (attached to the item above)
- The advice of the City legal opinion is that this amendment would go against State regulation

A motion was made, seconded and failed to approve this item by a vote of 0-5-3 (Reps Jacobson, Coleman, Lee, Spadaccini and Watkins opposed; Zelinsky, Mahoney and Sherwood abstaining).

54. [O30.019](#) REVIEW; City Procedures on Removal and Processing of Catch Basin Waste. **Held 8-0-0**
08/08/18 – Submitted by Reps. McGarry, Pratt and Sherwood

The following was discussed:

- Rep. Sherwood explained that there are 11,000 storm basins in the city and she has been given conflicting reports regarding how the waste material is processed in the pit at the transfer station;

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- The photos (linked to this item above) were discussed
- The liquid has ended up on the ground because solids and liquids are mixed together on the trucks, and crews try to remove as much water from vac trucks into the catch basin before removing only solids
- Mr. Theder explained the process of how the catch basin pit works; previously there were concrete blocks in the way of the opening, but those were removed months ago and the pit is currently functioning properly
- Ms. Burwick said the functioning of the pit is slow, and the slow drainage causes pooling, but it does work; an RFP will be going out to engage a firm to do a redesign of the pit

A motion was made, seconded and approved to hold this item (Reps. Jacobson, Zelinsky, Coleman, Lee, Mahoney, Sherwood, Spadaccini and Watkins in favor).

Chair Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Jacobson, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).