



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

Jonathan Jacobson, Chair

John Zelinsky, Jr., Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, October 1, 2018

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

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

The Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Jacobson and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Mahoney, Sherwood, Spadaccini, Watkins and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Adams and Lee. Also present were Reps. Miller, Morson and Pratt; Laura Burwick, Acting Director of Operations; Thomas Turk, Tyler Theder, Kathryn Emmett, Corporation Counsel; and Mayor Martin.

Chair Jacobson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. O30.015	REVIEW; The New Bagged Leaf Pickup Program 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 08/20/18 – Report made and Held by Committee 7-1-0 <b>09/27/18 – Held by Committee until 10/1/18</b>	Mayor Martin L. Burwick/ C. Grafstein T. Turk

A motion to limit Mayor Martin's presentation to 15 minutes so that the Committee could have 15 minutes of Q&A and adjourn before caucus, as well as that the Mayor's office provide the Board office with a copy of the PowerPoint presentation was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-1-0 (Reps. Coleman, Mahoney, Spadaccini and Watkins in favor; Rep. Jacobson opposed).

Mayor Martin stated that he intended to go as quickly as possible and reviewed the attached [PowerPoint presentation](#) with the Committee. He discussed the program with the Committee as follows:

- Because residents are confused, the Mayor is willing to go with the traditional program of a single pickup
- If bags are placed in a street in a way that do not obstruct traffic, the City will not fine the resident and will pick them up, as they have in the past
- Snow plows will try to avoid bags

- In speaking to other towns, there has been a dramatic reduction in the volume of leaves picked up because it becomes more attractive to blow leaves into the woods or mulch them, or have landscapers put them in trucks and bring them down to the collection center
- Ms. Burwick explained that some of the reduction is due to the reduction in the haulaway cost
- The Mayor's office is willing to return to traditional leaf pickup in exchange for a commitment that fee proposals sent down by the Mayor's office will be reviewed in good faith, in a timely fashion, so that there is money left at the end of the year
- The money from the vehicle repairs, etc. in the papers were already budgeted
- The Mayor's Office will provide the committee with information about the structure of haulaway payments

Chair Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jonathan Jacobson, Chair

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