



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

Jonathan Jacobson, Chair

John Zelinsky, Jr., Vice Chair

# **Committee Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 27, 2021  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** This meeting was held remotely

The Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance was Chair Jacobson, Vice Chair Zelinsky and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Coleman, Curtis, Mahoney, Sherwood and Watkins. Excused was Rep. Lee. Also present were Reps. de la Cruz, McMullen, Miler, Morson, and Stella; Mayor David Martin; Michael Pollard, Chief of Staff; Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief; Kathy Emmett, Corporation Counsel; Cynthia Anger, Law Department; and Lou Casolo, Engineering Dept.

Chair Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">O30.069</a>	REVIEW; South End Fire House; Installation of Police Substation and Duration of Substation at Location. 03/04/20 – Submitted by Rep. Adams 12/29/20 – Report Made & Held by Committee 6-0-0 01/11/21 – Moved to Pending 02/23/21 – Report Made & Held by Committee, 9-0-0 03/23/21 – Held by Committee 8-0-0	<b>Committee Held 8-0-0</b>

All the information requested for this item was not received and the Committee would like a more in depth Legal opinion, the committee agreed to wait to discuss this item at next month's meeting.

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Jacobson, Zelinsky, Adams, Coleman, Curtis, Mahoney, Sherwood, and Watkins in favor).

2. <a href="#">O30.089</a>	REVIEW; Costs and Value of Remediating and Retaining Old Police Building and/or Costs and Value of Demolishing Old Police Building prior to Sale to Third Party. 04/07/21 – Submitted by Rep. Jacobson	<b>Committee Held 8-0-0</b>
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The Appraisal information needed to discuss this item will not be available until May 21, 2021.

*A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Jacobson, Zelinsky, Adams, Coleman, Curtis, Mahoney, Sherwood, and Watkins in favor).*

3. [<sup>1</sup>O30.088](#) RESOLUTION; Sense of the Board Regarding Obtaining Public Input for Disposition of Old Police Station and Recommendation by the Board of Representatives Thereafter to City Administration. 04/07/21 – Submitted by Rep. Jacobson, Mayor Martin, President Quinones, and Rep. Zelinsky **Committee Approved as Amended 8-0-0**

Rep. de la Cruz made changes to the resolution after listening and discussing with other members of the board their interest in repurposing the building, and the original resolution focused on demolition. It also list the 4 scenarios that Chief Blessings proposed for obtaining the appraisals, which was not included in the original resolution.

Mayor Martin agreed to the changes in this resolution.

*A motion to approve Rep. de la Cruz [Version #2](#) of this resolution was made; said motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0. (Reps. Jacobson, Zelinsky, Adams, Coleman, Curtis, Mahoney, Sherwood, and Watkins in favor).*

Rep. Sherwood would like to make sure the board get in writing that they're looking for a dollar amount about repurposing this building, not just information about demolition.

*A motion to amend this resolution by adding in the 4<sup>th</sup> Whereas, the words "or Reports" after the words those appraisals and; to add Section E. Repurposing and/or retrofitting of building for a variety of conventional uses for a building of its type.*

*WHEREAS the City Administration will proceed to obtain independent appraisals of the value of the Old Police Station property for the following options and will share those appraisals **or reports** with the Operations Committee of the Board of Representatives at its meeting on May 25th, 2021:*

- a) Sale of the building as is*
- b) Sale of the building after interior remediation (reduced to Core and Shell)*
- c) Sale of the vacant, remediated site under current R-MF Zoning (40 units/acre)*
- d) Sale of the vacant, remediated site under proposed R-H Zoning (80 units/acre)*
- e) Repurposing and/or retrofitting of building for a variety of conventional uses for a building of its type***

*Said motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 7-1-0. (Reps. Jacobson, Zelinsky, Adams, Coleman, Curtis, Sherwood, and Watkins in favor; Mahoney opposed).*

*A motion was made to amend this resolution to add in the second Whereas the word Potential in front of demolition; also to replace "demolition and environmental remediation" with "environmental remediation and potential demolition"; said motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 5-3-0. (Zelinsky, Adams, Coleman, Curtis, and Sherwood in favor; Jacobson, Mahoney and Watkins opposed)*

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<sup>1</sup> Video Time Stamp 00:56:02 Discussion on O30.088

*A motion to add “on or before November 1, 2021” at the end of section 2(b), was made seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0. (Reps. Jacobson, Zelinsky, Adams, Coleman, Curtis, Mahoney, Sherwood, and Watkins in favor).*

*A motion to approve A30.088 as amended was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0. (Reps. Jacobson, Zelinsky, Adams, Coleman, Curtis, Mahoney, Sherwood, and Watkins in favor).*

*Chair Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 9:24 pm.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jonathan Jacobson, Chair*

*This meeting is on [video](#).*