



Operations Committee - Board of Representatives

Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

Carmine Tomas, Vice Chair

Committee Report

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Date: Monday, November 18, 2024
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair de la Cruz, Vice-Chair Tomas and Committee Member Reps. Boeger, Graham, Ley, Mays, Sherwood, Stella, and Watkins. Also in attendance were Reps. Phil Berns, Campbell, Morson, Summerville, and Walston; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Matthew Quiñones, Director of Operations; Tyler Theder, Regulatory Compliance and Administrative Officer; Scott Butch, Director of Facilities and Sustainability, and Thomas Turk, Road Maintenance Division Manager.

Chair de la Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

A motion to table Item 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Co-Chair Tomas, Reps. Boeger, Graham, Ley, Mays, Sherwood, Stella, and Watkins in favor).

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. O31.061	REVIEW; schedule of Street Cleaning on the West Side of Stamford. 10/10/24 – Submitted by Rep. Walson 10/21/24 – Held by Committee 6-0-0	Report made

Solutions to increase the frequency of street cleaning were discussed.

A report was made.

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| 2. O31.049 | REVIEW; Obligations of City to Maintain and Repair Unaccepted Roads.
03/06/24 – Submitted by Rep. Pierre-Louis 03/11/24 – Held at Steering
04/15/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0 05/20/24 – Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0 06/17-24 – No Action Taken
07/15/24 – Held at Steering 08/12/24 – Held at Steering
10/21/24 – Held by Committee 6-0-0 | Report made |
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Director Quiñones discussed approaches to remediate the unacceptable roads.

A report was made.

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| 3. O31.030 | RESOLUTION; Approval of Remediation of 18 Identified Unaccepted Roads
08/09/23 – Submitted by Matt Quinones
08/14/23 – Moved to Pending | WITHDRAWN |
| 4. O31.062 | APPROVAL; of a Letter Agreement with Resource Lighting & Energy for LED lighting upgrades for the City of Stamford city facilities.
09/26/24 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
10/10/24 – Approved by the Board of Finance 6-0-0 | Motion to approve 9/0/0 |

Director Butch discussed the LED lighting replacement project.

- There is no city capital allocation required for the project.
- The cost of the project is not to exceed \$1,016,935.
- There is a \$320,000 incentive rebate from Eversource.
- The remaining \$697,000 will be financed at 0% on bill financing over the course of 60 months.
- Approximately \$11,500 is being financed per month.
- The LED light energy savings is \$13,126 per month.
- The city will generate a positive cash flow of \$1,500 per month over the next 60 months.
- At the end of 60 months of financing, the city retains \$13,000 per month in energy savings.
- Savings are projected to be approximately 1.2 million dollars over a 12-year lifespan.

A motion to approve Item 4 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Co-Chair Tomas, Reps. Boeger, Graham, Ley, Mays, Sherwood, Stella, and Watkins in favor).

5. [O31.018](#) REVIEW; West Main Street Bridge. **HELD**
 08/03/22 – Submitted by Director Quinones
 08/15/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 7-0-0
 09/12/22 – Moved to Pending
 12/29/22 –Held by Committee 9-0-0
 01/09/23 – Moved to Pending
 10/16/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering
 by Committee 5-0-0
 11/20/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 9-
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 12/11/23 – Moved to Pending
 09/16/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0
10/21/24 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0

A motion to hold Item 5 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Co-Chair Tomas, Reps. Boeger, Graham, Ley, Mays, Sherwood, Stella, and Watkins in favor).

6. O31.056 REVIEW; Status of Cedar Heights Road Bridge. **Report made**
 05/07/24 – Submitted by Rep. Berns
 05/20/24 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
 06/17-24 – No Action Taken
 07/15/24 – Held at Steering
 08/12/24 – Held at Steering
 09/16/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0
10/21/24 – Held by Committee 6-0-0

City Engineer Casolo provided a status update.

- A noncompliance notice was issued to A. Vitti, the contractor, based on issues associated with the elevation of the bridge.
- As a result, the contractor has submitted repair details that were approved.
- On November 2, 2024, the contractor provided an updated schedule.
 - The contractor was obligated to reissue the schedule, integrating the feedback provided.
- City Engineer Casolo requested that weekly progress meetings be held with the contractor.
- The shop drawings for the additional reinforcing steel must be reviewed and approved before repair work can continue.

A report was made.

7. [O31.051](#) REVIEW; Status of Design and Implementation of Long-Term Solutions to Toilsome Brook Flooding Upstream of Culverts at Dannell Drive, Silver Hill Lane and White Birch Lane. **Motion to recommit 6/0/0**
- 02/18/24 – Submitted by Rep. Berns
03/11/24 – Held at Steering
04/15/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0
05/20/24 – Recommitted to Steering 5-2-0
06/17/24 – No Action Taken
07/15/24 – Held at Steering
08/12/24 – Held at Steering
09/16/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0
10/21/24 – Held by Committee 6-0-0

City Engineer Casolo provided a status update.

- The contract was approved, and an RFP was issued.
- Consultant interviews were conducted in June 2024 and a conditional reward letter was sent to the selected firm in July 2024.
- The contract was fully executed on November 8, 2024.

A motion to recommit Item 7 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Co-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, Ley, Sherwood, Stella in favor).

8. [O31.038](#) REVIEW; Status of plans to replace multiple gas fired HVAC units with fewer heat pumps units and installation of solar panels on the roof of the Yerwood Community Center. **Motion to submit report 6/0/0**
- 10/05/23 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz 10/16/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering by Committee 5-0-0
11/13/23 – Moved to Pending 01/17/24 – Held by Committee
02/26/24 – Report Made & Recommitted to Steering by Committee 7-2-0
03/11/24 – Held at Steering 04/15/24 – Report Made
05/06/24 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board
05/13/24 – Moved to Pending
10/21/24 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0

Chair de la Cruz provided an overview of the yearly cost analysis for Yerwood Center.

City Engineer Casolo discussed the funding challenges of the replacement project.

- The project lacked the funding needed to fully complete the HVAC replacements.
- The project was divided into two phases.
 - Phase one is the pool unit replacement.
 - A bid package was released on October 10, 2024, and awarded to McKenney Mechanical Contractors.

- Phase two is the rooftop unit replacement.
 - A bid was awarded, and work will begin in December 2024.

A motion to submit a report for Item 8 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Co-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, Ley, Sherwood, Stella in favor).

Chair de la Cruz adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).