Operations Committee - Board of Representatives



Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

Carmine Tomas, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, July 24, 2025

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. Patterson and Weinberg; Matthew Quiñones, Director of Operations and Scott Butch, Director of Facilities and Sustainability.

Chair de la Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1(a)delete <u>O31.075</u>	RESOLUTION and public hearing; Concerning Increasing Building Permit Fees On Commercial Projects Exceeding \$1,000,000. 06/04/25 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood 06/17/25 – Approved by Committee 6-3-0	Motion to approve 5/3/0

Chair de la Cruz opened the public hearing. All wishing to speak were heard and the public hearing was closed. Anyone with written testimony was advised to submit it to the office for inclusion in the legislative record.

A motion to bifurcate the resolution was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Vice-Chair Tomas, Reps. Boeger, Graham, Ley, Mays, Sherwood, and Watkins in favor).

A motion to amend the \$1 million threshold to \$5 million of the first now bifurcated resolution was made, seconded, and failed by a vote of 3-5-0 (Reps. Ley, Mays, and Watkins in favor, Chair de la Cruz, Vice-Chair Tomas, Reps. Boeger, Graham, and Sherwood not in favor).

A motion to amend the threshold to \$3 million was made, seconded, and failed by a vote of 3-5-0 (Reps. Ley, Mays, and Watkins in favor, Chair de la Cruz, Vice-Chair Tomas, Reps. Boeger, Graham, and Sherwood not in favor).

A motion to approve Item 1 as submitted by Rep. Sherwood on 06/16/25 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-3-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Vice-Chair Tomas, Reps. Boeger, Graham, and Sherwood in favor, Reps. Ley, Mays, and Watkins not in favor).

A motion to approve the second of the now bifurcated resolution as amended by Reps. Ley and Boeger was made, seconded, and failed by a vote of 4-5-0 (Reps. Boeger, Ley, Mays, and Watkins in favor, Chair de la Cruz, Vice-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, Sherwood, and Stella not in favor).

1(b)delete O31.079 RESOLUTION; Concerning Building Permit Fees And Certificate Of Occupancy Fees for Affordable Housing Units (Originated from O31.075) made into own item at committee meeting

Motion to bifurcate 4/5/0 (delete)

07/24/25 - Submitted via Motion to Bifurcate O31.075 as

Amended by Reps. Ley and Boeger 07/24/25 – Failed by Committee 4-5-0

A motion to take Items 2, 4, 5 in sequence then Item 3 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Vice-Chair Tomas, Reps. Boeger, Graham, Ley, Mays, Sherwood, and Watkins in favor).

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

02/20/25 – Held by Committee 8-0-0

03/20/25 - Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

04/24/25 - No Action Taken

05/22/25 - Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0 06/17/25 - Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0

Director Quiñones gave a brief presentation update:

- Current policies prohibit the City from paving unaccepted roads despite safety and service considerations.
- These roads are not officially accepted by the City but still receive all other municipal services.
- Initial road designation list included:
 - o 81 roads labeled as *private*
 - 147 roads labeled as unaccepted
- Residents and Representatives submitted additional roads for review, expanding the scope.
- Over the next 30–60 days, the City will:
 - o Confirm private road designations using land records.
 - o Finalize and publish an updated road designation list.

A motion to recommit Item 2 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Vice-Chair Tomas, Reps. Boeger, Graham, Ley, Mays, Sherwood, and Watkins in favor).

Motion to recommit 8/0/0

3. O31.069	REVIEW; status and update on the South End Community Center Repairs. 03/05/25 – Submitted by Reps. Adams and Graham 03/20/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 04/24/25 – No Action Taken 05/22/25 – No Action Taken 06/17/25 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0	Report made
4. O31.076	REVIEW; of the New Community based Task Force in the City of Stamford. 07/09/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Adams	Report made
5. <u>O31.077</u>	ORDINANCE for publication; amending Chapter 155 of the Code of Ordinances concerning lighting and the enforcement of exterior lighting standards 06/26/2025 – Submitted by Dir. Quinones	Motion to approve 8/0/0

A motion to approve Item 5 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Vice-Chair Tomas, Reps. Boeger, Graham, Ley, Mays, Sherwood, and Watkins in favor).

6. O31.078	REVIEW; Flooding issues in Springdale and the	Motion to
	surrounding neighborhoods.	recommit
	06/16/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Camporeale	8/0/0

A motion to recommit Item 6 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Vice-Chair Tomas, Reps. Boeger, Graham, Ley, Mays, Sherwood, and Watkins in favor).

Chair de la Cruz adjourned the meeting at 10:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

This meeting is on video (part 1 and part 2).