



Operations Committee - Board of Representatives

Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

Carminé Tomas, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, September 18, 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, Sherwood, and Stella. Also in attendance were Reps. Adams, Camporeale, Figueroa, Summerville, and Walston; Matthew Quiñones, Director of Operations; Josie Carpanzano, Deputy Director of Operations; Dana Lee, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Dan Colleluori, Director of Recycling & Sanitation, and Scott Butch, Director of Facilities and Sustainability. Absent or excused were Reps. Mays and Watkins.

Chair de la Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A motion to take Items 4 and 5 after Item 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Vice-Chair Tomas, Reps. Boeger, Ley, and Sherwood in favor).

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. O31.080 \$347,000 \$267,000	APPROVAL ; of an Agreement with Grillo Services LLC for Hauling and Disposal of Logs, Brush and Yard Waste. 08/05/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 08/21/2025 – Held 09/11/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0	Motion to approve 5/0/0

Director Colleluori provided a brief summary:

- A basic contract is in place to manage the yard.
- The yard typically receives between 5,000 and 7,000 tons of waste annually.
- The previous service provider's contract was terminated due to failure to meet responsibilities.
- A temporary contract is currently active with Grillo Services, selected based on the lowest bid.
- An RFP was issued, and Grillo Services emerged as the lowest bidder among all submissions.

A motion to approve Item 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Vice-Chair Tomas, Reps. Boeger, Ley, and Sherwood in favor).

2. [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
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
08/04/25 – Recommitted to Steering by roll call vote 29-1-0
08/21/2025 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

**Motion to
approve 3/3/0**

A motion to vote for:

1. Affordable housing construction should pay zero dollars per thousand of construction. (original proposal)
2. Affordable housing construction should pay \$13 per thousand of construction. (Rep Sherwood's amendment)
3. Affordable housing construction should pay \$13 per thousand dollars of construction if they are for profit. If the developer is a non-for-profit entity, then they will pay zero dollars per thousand of construction. (Rep. Lay's amendment), or
4. No change

was made and seconded (The Committee voted as follows: (Chair de la Cruz: 2, Vice-Chair Tomas: 4, Reps. Graham: 4, Ley: 3, Sherwood: 2, and Stella: 4).

A motion to:

1. To keep each members' previous vote
 2. To vote again on options 1 – 4
- was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Vice-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, Ley, Sherwood, and Stella in favor of option 2).

A motion to vote for:

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2. Affordable housing construction should pay \$13 per thousand of construction. (Rep Sherwood's amendment)
3. Affordable housing construction should pay \$13 per thousand dollars of construction if they are for profit. If the developer is a non-for-profit entity, then they will pay zero dollars per thousand of construction. (Rep. Lay's amendment), or
4. No change

was made and seconded (Chair de la Cruz, Reps. Ley, and Sherwood voted for option 2 and Vice-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, and Stella voted for option 4).

A motion to vote for:

2. Affordable housing construction should pay \$13 per thousand of construction. (Rep Sherwood's amendment)
 4. No change
- was made and seconded (Chair de la Cruz, Reps. Ley, and Sherwood voted for option 2 and Vice-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, and Stella voted for option 4).

Motion to approve option 2. (Affordable housing construction should pay \$13 per thousand of construction. (Rep Sherwood's amendment)) as amended was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-1-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Vice-Chair Tomas, Reps. Ley, Sherwood, and Stella in favor; Rep. Graham not in favor).

A motion to approve Item 2 was made, seconded, and failed by a vote of 3-3-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Reps. Ley, and Sherwood in favor; Vice-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham and Stella not in favor).

3. [O31.081](#) **RESOLUTION**; Concerning Building Permit Fees and Certificate of Occupancy Fees Reduction for Not For Profit Organizations
08/06/2025 – Submitted by Reps. Ley, Blank, Camporeale, Gilbride, Goldberg, Morson, Roqueta, Sandford, Shaw, and Weinberg
08/21/2025 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
- Motion to approve 6/0/0**

A motion to approve Item 3 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Vice-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, Ley, Sherwood, and Stella in favor).

4. O31.078 **REVIEW**; Flooding issues in Springdale and the surrounding neighborhoods.
06/16/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Camporeale
07/24/2025 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
08/21/2025 – Held
- Report made**

5. [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
07/24/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
08/21/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
- Motion to make a report 5/0/0**

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

6. 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
08/21/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
- Motion to recommit 6/0/0**

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

7. [O31.08](#)

REVIEW; Administration's Current Plans for W. Main Street Bridge in comparison to Board of Representatives Resolution No. [4367](#)
09/08/25 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz and Stella

**No action
taken**

There was considerable discussion, review of the bridge history, and questions and answers. Due to the lateness of the hour some committee members had to leave the meeting. Given the loss of a quorum no action was taken.

Chair de la Cruz adjourned the meeting at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

This meeting is on video [Pt. 1](#) and [Pt. 2](#).