



Operations, Parks and Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives

Daniel R. Sandford, Chair

John Pelliccia, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2026
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: This meeting was held remotely.

The Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Sandford, Vice Chair Pelliccia, and Committee Member Reps. Beckham, Bradford, Didelot, Finkel, Gardner, Salas, and Zachary. Also in attendance were Reps. Adams, Camporeale, and Hughes; Brandon Mark, Energy and Sustainability Engineer; Celia Alexander, Economic Development Program Manager; Lou Casolo and Wareeya Sripa, Engineering Dept.; Luke Bittenwieser, Transportation Dept.; and members of the public.

Chair Sandford called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. OPR32.002	RESOLUTION; for public hearing and final adoption; concerning building permit fees on Commercial Projects exceeding \$1,000,000.00 (orig. O32.001) 12/03/2025 – Submitted by Reps. Boudreau, Goldberg and Hughes 12/08/2025 – Moved to Pending Agenda 01/22/2026 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 02/19/2026 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0 03/02/2026 – Approved as amended for public hearing by unanimous voice vote	APPROVED 8-0-0

Chair Sandford opened the public hearing at 6:03pm. Two members of the public spoke, one in favor of the resolution and one against it. There being no other members of the public wishing to speak the public hearing was closed at 6:10pm.

A motion to approve Item #1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Sandford, Pelliccia, Beckham, Didelot, Finkel, Gardner, and Zachary in favor).

It was noted that a discussion was not taken up before the vote. A discussion was had and the vote was re-taken.

A motion to approve Item #1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Sandford, Pelliccia, Beckham, Didelot, Finkel, Gardner, Salas, and Zachary in favor).

2. [OPR32.003](#) **ORDINANCE; for public hearing and final adoption;** **APPROVED**
Amending Chapter 214 of the Code of Ordinances, **8-0-0**
Concerning Excavation Permits, Enforcement,
Administrative Fees, and Cost Recovery.
02/04/2026 – Submitted by Director Matt Quiñones
02/19/2026 – Amending Chapters 214-29. 214-30 and
214-31 approved by Committee 8-0-0
**03/02/2026 – Approved as amended for public
hearing by unanimous voice vote**

Chair Sandford opened the public hearing at 6:28pm. There being no members of the public wishing to speak the public hearing was closed at 6:28pm.

A motion to approve Item #2 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Sandford, Pelliccia, Beckham, Didelot, Finkel, Gardner, Salas, and Zachary in favor).

3. [OPR32.006](#) **APPROVAL;** of an Agreement between the City of **APPROVED**
Stamford and Wendel Energy Services for Streetlight **9-0-0**
Audit LED Conversion Plan Development and
Construction Administration (RFP 2026.0063)
02/26/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons

Mr. Mark introduced this item. Questions were asked of Mr. Mark and there was discussion.

A grant for this was applied for in 2022. The total amount of the grant is \$4 million, and the City puts in \$2 million. It encompasses a full audit.

There are approximately 11 thousand street lights in Stamford and the majority are high pressure sodium lights. Most of these will be replaced with LED lights.

Mr. Mark is anticipating approximately two million kilowatt hours per year of savings, which at the current rate equates to about \$400K per year in savings.

Stamford owns the light poles that have only a light on them. If there is a transformer or telecom equipment on it, it would be owned by Eversource or a telecom company. If there is roadwork on a State road and involves a light pole, then the State would be partly responsible for it.

A motion to approve Item #3 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Sandford, Pelliccia, Beckham, Bradford, Didelot, Finkel, Gardner, Salas, and Zachary in favor).

4. [OPR32.007](#) **RESOLUTION;** to establish a commercial building **RECOMMITTED**
permit fee exemption for qualifying grocery stores **TO STEERING**
located downtown and in the South End. **9-0-0**
03/04/2026 – Submitted by Reps. Hughes, Adams,
Camporeale, Gardner, Graham, Johnson, Pelliccia,
Shaw, and Sylvestre

Chair Sandford explained this resolution is at the beginning stages. Many different City departments will be involved in finalizing it such as Zoning, Legal, and the Health Department. Issues of State and Municipal control need to be determined.

Rep. Hughes explained the South End and Downtown areas have been identified as having scarce access to full service grocery stores. The resolution aims to incentivize grocery retailers to open up stores in these areas.

Ms. Alexander stated there are many factors involved in opening up a full service grocery store, such as operational needs and zoning. She is looking into the key barriers that have prevented grocery retailers from opening up in these areas. The Office of Economic Development commissioned a retail study with a consultant and the results should be ready by next week. She will send the results to the Committee.

A motion to recommit Item #4 to Steering was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Sandford, Pelliccia, Beckham, Bradford, Didelot, Finkel, Gardner, Salas, and Zachary in favor).

Chair Sandford adjourned the meeting at 7:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel R. Sandford, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).