



Operations, Parks and Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives

Daniel R. Sandford, Chair

John Pelliccia, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026
Time: 6:30pm
Place: This meeting was held remotely.

The Operations, Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance was Chair Sandford, Vice Chair Pelliccia and Committee Member Reps. Beckham, Bradford, Didelot, Finkel, Gardner, Salas, and Zachary. Also in attendance was Rep. Boudreau; Rep. Shaw; Kevin Murray, Director of Parks and Recreation; Hidalgo Nagashima, Superintendent of E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course; Rich Johnson, Terry Conners Ice Rink Manager; Erik Larson, Purchasing Manager; Scott Butch, Director of Facilities; Nette Compton, President & CEO, Mill River Park Collaborative; Arnold Karp, Chairman, Mill River Park Collaborative; and members of the public.

Chair Sandford called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. OPR32.012	<u>RESOLUTION and public hearing:</u> establishing fees for E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course 2026 05/15/2026 – Submitted by Director Kevin Murray 06/18/2026 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0	Public Hearing Held and Motion to Approve 8-0-0

Chair Sandford opened the Public Hearing at 6:34pm. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:34pm.

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Sandford, Pelliccia, Beckham, Bradford, Didelot, Gardner, Salas, and Zachary in favor).

2. OPR32.013	<u>RESOLUTION and public hearing:</u> approving fee schedule for Terry Conners Ice Rink 05/15/2026 – Submitted by Director Kevin Murray 06/18/2026 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0	Public Hearing Held and Motion to Approve 8-0-0
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Chair Sandford opened the Public Hearing at 6:36pm. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:36pm.

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Sandford, Pelliccia, Beckham, Bradford, Didelot, Gardner, Salas, and Zachary in favor).

3. [OPR32.015](#) **APPROVAL**; of a contract agreement and Bid Waiver with Blake Thermal Sales & Service, Inc to update boiler controls and associated upgrades for two Cleaver Brooks natural gas boilers at the Stamford Government Center
06/24/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/09/2026 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-1
- Motion to Approve 9-0-0**

Director Butch gave an overview of this item.

There are two natural gas-fired boilers at the Government Center that provide heat to the building. These are original to the building from 1986. The boilers are in good shape but the controls need to be replaced with current technology. The boilers should last another 25 to 40 years with updated controls.

The reason for a bid waiver is because there is only one authorized representative to work on Cleaver Brooks boilers in Connecticut. If another company got the contract, the work would have to be subcontracted to Blake Thermal.

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Sandford, Pelliccia, Beckham, Bradford, Didelot, Finkel, Gardner, Salas, and Zachary in favor).

4. OPR32.016 **REVIEW**; Overview of Policy and Procedures and Utilization of City Resources at Mill River Park
07/08/2026 – Submitted by Rep. Sandford
- Report Made**

Chair Sandford explained that Representatives received multiple complaints about an event in June. There was a lot of misinformation on social media. He invited Ms. Compton to give information about what happened and how the event process works.

The June 21st issue was an outlier and not a pattern. Most amplified events receive very few if any noise complaints. This was a promoter that Mill River Park had not worked with before and was operating at an unprecedented scale. The noise problem happened during the last hour.

The Monday after the event Ms. Compton and staff met with the organizers, reviewed the issues with City staff, and consulted with sound engineers. The following week, there was a full debrief and coordination with the City to incorporate decibel monitoring at the soundboard and property line level for all upcoming events. The Health Department is now formally including a noise waiver in the permit approval process.

She stated the Mill River Park is committed to being both a vibrant downtown space and a good neighbor.

Representative Finkel would like to have a clear answer for his constituents about this issue and what is being done. Ms. Compton will prepare a statement for the Representatives.

Representative Didelot suggested the Health Department stay on-site for the duration of events to monitor the noise level.

Rep. Boudreau stated he would like to get feedback from Director Quiñones and Director DeRubeis about the permitting process to prevent this from happening again. He will reach out directly to them.

A report was made.

Chair Sandford adjourned the meeting at 6:59pm

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel R. Sandford, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).