



## ***Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives***

Jeffrey Stella, Chair

Eric Morson, Vice Chair

# **Committee Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday , May 19, 2021

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** *This meeting was held remotely*

The Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Stella, Vice Chair Morson and Committee Member Reps. Curtis, Giordano, Matherne, McMullen, Sandford and Sherwood. Rep. Palomba was excused. Also present were Reps. Adams, Coleman, Bob Lion and John Zelinsky; Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Damien Ortelli, Harbor Management Commission; Frank Fedeli, Food Truck Committee; Burt Rosenberg, Law Department; Mike Pensiero, Harbor Management Commission; Thomas Madden, Economic Development Director; Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety & Health; Ellen Bromley, Social Services Director; Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief.

Chair Stella called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">PS30.085</a>	REVIEW; 5G Installation Throughout the City. 01/06/21 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Pratt, Curtis, and Sherwood 01/28/21 – Report Made & Held by Committee 7-2-0 02/25/21 – Report Made & Held by Committee, 6-1-0 03/25/21 – Held by Committee 5-1-0 04/29/21 – Held	<b>Report Made</b>

Mr. Blessings explained that the city has a very minor role in the installation of 5g throughout the City of Stamford. This is managed by the State of Connecticut. The City only has influence on the ecstastic of the pole installation. All of the poles that will be used for installation are all privately owned and not owned by the City of Stamford. Mr. Blessings added that many carriers are interested in installation on City owned poles but no agreements have been made.

Rep. Sherwood stated that since the City does not have much say in the installation, the board may want to consider contacting State legislators for help in this matter.

2. PS30.091	REVIEW; Water Quality at Cummings Beach. 04/05/21 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky 04/29/21 – Report Made & Held by Committee 7-1-0	<b>Report Made</b>
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The Committee Discussed with Mr. Jankowski and members of the Harbor Management Commission:

- Soundwaters is in the process of doing quality testing of City Beaches
- Health Department will also do Beach water testing on a regular basis
- If any issues are found from these test, the beaches will be shut down
- All reported problems are investigated thoroughly
- Over the past 6 months there have been minor issues
- Board members inquired about possible house boats fuel leakage and was informed that this was not the case

A motion to allow Dr. Patricia Parry to speak on this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote 7-0-1

3. [PS30.095](#)      ORDINANCE for publication; Amending [Chapter 179, Article IV](#) of the Code of Ordinances to Remove the Food Truck Committee from the Permitting Process.      **Committee Approved 8-0-0**  
05/05/21 – Submitted by President Quinones

Mr. Fedeli asked that the Food Truck Committee be taken out of the food truck permit process because most food truck owners come from modest means and already endure an extensive permit process. The food truck process includes, the health department confirming food hygiene, proper food storage, running hot water, proper fuel, and a fire marshal inspection. After that process a food truck owner can then apply for street vending through cashiering and permitting which is another strict process. All food truck owners must submit to a criminal back ground check by State Police, submit additional forms and fees. Since the pandemic, the process takes much longer and the permit was only valid for 7 to 8 months.

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0. (Stella, Morson, Curtis, Giordano, Matherne, McMullen, Sandford, and Sherwood in favor)

4. PS30.078      REVIEW; Mental Health and Mental Health Mobile Crisis Services in Stamford.      **Report Made**  
12/02/2020 – Submitted by Reps. Roqueta, Cottrell, Matherne, and Stella  
12/22/20 – Report Made & Held by Committee 7-2-0  
01/11/21 – Moved to Pending
5. PS30.079      REVIEW; Stamford Police Training in Dealing with Individuals with a Mental Crisis.      **Report Made**  
12/02/2020 – Submitted by Reps. Roqueta, Cottrell, Matherne, and Stella  
12/22/20 – Report Made & Held by Committee 8-0-0  
01/11/21 – Moved to Pending
6. PS30.096      REVIEW; Status Update re: Stamford Police Department – Mental Health, Personnel, Incident(s).      **Report Made**  
05/10/21 – Submitted by Ted Jankowski

A motion to take up items 4-6 as one, was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote. (Stella, Morson, Curtis, Giordano, Matherne, McMullen, Sandford, and Sherwood in favor)

Mr. Jankowski discussed the recent [press release](#) regarding the initiative implemented by the Stamford Police Department which include:

- Police Mental Health Collaboration
- A Mental Health Crisis Adaptive Patrol Response Program
- Embedding of a Social Worker with the Stamford Police Department.

Chair Stella adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffrey Stella, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#)