



Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives

Jeffrey Stella, Chair

Eric Morson, Vice Chair

Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Stella (joined at 10pm), Vice-Chair Morson and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Campbell, Coleman, Fedeli, Pavia, Pierre-Louis. Rep. Roqueta was absent. Also present were Reps. Adams, Boeger; de la Cruz, Patterson, Tomas, Miller, Matheny, Cottrell, Florio, Mays and Bewkes; Ted Jankowski, Public Safety & Health Director; Matthew Quinones, Director of Operations; Bharat Gami, Chief Building Official; Lou Casalo, Engineering; Trevor Roach, Fire Chief; John Cocca; Paul Schultz, Building Inspector; Bill Napoletano, Administration; and Walter Seely, Fire Marshal;

Vice Chair Morson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. PS31.008	ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter 179 Art. IV of the Code of Ordinances , Mobile Street Vendors to Clarify permitting process. 02/08/22 – Submitted by Bill Napoletano	Committee Approved 7-0-0

Mr. Napoletano stated that this item was previously on as a scrivener error. It was decided to thoroughly check the ordinance to confirm accuracy. Non-substantial changes were found by moving and adding wording in certain areas, which included previously submitted scriveners errors.

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Morson, Berns, Campbell, Coleman, Fedeli, Pavia, and Pierre-Louis in favor).

2. PS31.006	REVIEW; Collapse of Outdoor Patio at Allure Apartment Building Located in Harbor Point. 02/02/22 – Submitted by Rep. Stella, Curtis, Bewkes, Sherwood, Pratt, Coleman, Adams, and Roqueta	Item Held 7-0-0
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Secondary Committee: Land Use/Urban Redevelopment

Director Quinones thanked the Board for the opportunity to discuss this very important topic and stated that they will present in the order as follows:

- Director Jankowski discussed the overview of the incident report of what took place and the public safety response.

- 3:40 p.m. on February 1, 2022 a call was received at the fire department headquarters by an occupants parents at 850 Pacific Street stating crumbling ceiling and blocked exit at gate 50
- Chiefs responded to the Scene
- A Reporter inquired to 911 Communications just prior
- No 911 calls was received at this time
- 3:55 pm the Chiefs discovered a localize lean of approximately 20 foot by approximately 15 foot section of the parking garage patio
- 911 Communications was contacted
- The Building was requested to go to the Scene
- The area was fenced off and secured
- The Fire and Building officials on scene performed a visual inspection of the premises for additional signs affecting structural stability; no other risks were detected
- When the scene was deemed safe the Fire Department left leaving the building department for appropriate follow-up
- An Preliminary report by and engineering firm hired by the buildings owner dated February 2, 2022 concluded that the areas outside of the impact can be considered safe to occupy.
- The Failed step slip condition within this building is unique to this building
- Wanting to be safe the Fire and Building Officials performed visual inspections on 880 and 900 Pacific Street; and no obvious risks were detected
- 880 and 900 had similar type of construction buildings
- As a follow up they briefed acting Mayor Curtis and he wanted to continue with follow-up
- Mayor Simmons wanted to make sure the public was safe and wants the City to do their own investigation
- Operations department hired an independent engineering firm to conduct and independent forensic investigation on the cause
- ¹Chief Gami provided an overview of building department process and BLT response. ([Power-Point Presentation](#))
- ²Mr. Casolo provided an overview of the engagement of the outsourced forensics engineer hired by the City to provide an update on the investigation ([Power-Point Presentation](#))
- Committee Questions and Answers³

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| 3. PS31.010 | REVIEW; City Procedures for Conducting Inspections of New Building Developments or Projects.
02/09/22 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Coleman Roqueta, Curtis, Bewkes, Sherwood, de la Cruz, Pratt, Adams and Roqueta | Item Held 8-0-0 |
| 4. PS31.011 | REVIEW; City Inspections of Allure, and Yale and Towne Lofts.
02/09/22 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Coleman and Roqueta, Bewkes, Sherwood, de la Cruz, Pratt, Adams and Roqueta | Item Held 8-0-0 |

¹ Video Time Stamp 00:11:00 Chief Gami presentation

² Video Time Stamp 00:24:00 Dir. Casolo Presentation

³ Video Time Stamp 00:48:34 Committee Questions and Answers

A motion to take items PS31.010 and PS31.011 together was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0. (Morson, Berns, Campbell, Coleman, Fedeli, Pavia, and Pierre-Louis in favor)

⁴Chief Bharat Gami gave a [presentation on Yale & Towne Lofts](#).

A motion to hold Items PS31.010 and PS31.011 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0. (*Stella, Morson, Berns, Campbell, Coleman, Fedeli, Pavia, and Pierre-Louis in favor*)

Vice Chair Morson adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chair Vice Chair Morson

This meeting is on [video](#)

⁴ Video Time Stamp 02:23:35 Chief Gami Presentation on Yale & Towne Lofts