



Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives

Jeffrey Stella, Chair

Eric Morson, Vice Chair

Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 20, 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, Vice-Chair Morson and Committee Member Reps. Campbell, Fedeli, Pavia, and Roqueta and Reps. Coleman, Berns, and Pierre-Louis was absent. Also present were Reps. Baxter, Boeger; Curtis, Matheny, Jacobson, and Shaw; Ted Jankowski, Public Safety & Health Director; Trevor Roach, Fire Chief; Frank Petise, Bureau Chief of Transportation, Traffic & Engineering and Doug Dalena Corporation Counsel.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. PS31.002	REVIEW: Administration Plans to pursue Air Quality Monitoring as Proposed in Resolution 4081 . (Previously PS30.092) 12/08/21 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz and Berns 12/13/21 – Moved to Pending 03/23/22 – Held by Committee 9-0-0	ITEM HELD 6-0-0
A motion to hold Items PS31.002 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-0. (<i>Stella, Morson, Campbell, Fedeli, Pavia, and Roqueta in favor</i>)		
2. PS31.018	REVIEW; Review of the Fire Department's Protocol Regarding Sprinkler Systems in Residential, Commercial and Industrial Buildings/ Fire Alarms. 04/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Curtis and Stella	REPORT MADE
Chair Stella asks for this item because of the situation at the Allure building.		
3. PS31.019	REVIEW; The Allure Sprinkler System on the Day of the Collapse. 04/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Curtis and Stella	REPORT MADE

A motion to take items 2 and 3 together was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-0. (*Stella, Morson, Campbell, Fedeli, Pavia, and Roqueta in favor*)

Mr. Jankowski and Chief Roach discussed the following:

- 911 is notified and will dispatch unit to the area
- If any issues they will address it

- Will fix sprinkler system if able
- With the Allure building; there was a damage pipe with no water flow and no alarm was triggered; This was repaired within the hour
- There was a sprinkler system repair company on site to fix the pipe
- Single family resident alarms get One engine and 1 truck
- Commercial structure gets 2 engines, a truck and a deputy chief
- High Risk occupancy gets 3 engines, a truck and a deputy (possible 2 trucks)
- When Sprinkler systems testing they should notify alarm company and dispatch

- ¹4. PS31.020 REVIEW; Of a "duty to report law" Requiring Property Managers, Building Superintendents, Security Personnel, Doormen, Etc. to Notify 911 of any Emergencies. **REPORT MADE AND ITEM HELD 6-0-0**
04/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Curtis and Stella

Chair Stella asks for this item because of the situation at the Allure building. He feels the lapse of time was extensive and 911 should have been called immediately. Would like to consider law to contact 911 in situations like this.

The discussion with Mr. Dalena included:

- Mayor Simmons asked BLT why 911 wasn't called sooner
- Mayor Simmons assured that trained employees on building sites make sure this happens
- Many questions to be considered when trying to make it a requirement to call 911 with possible penalties and infractions including:
 - who's responsible for possible infraction
 - What circumstances and conditions will the requirement apply
 - What constitutes an emergency that will invoke this penalty if someone doesn't call
 - Training of employees
- Building management companies should have a policy and procedure book including training

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0. (Stella, Morson, Campbell, Fedeli, Pavia and Roqueta in favor)

- ²5. PS31.021 REVIEW; Suspending All BLT Projects/Developments in the City of Stamford until the City Completes its Investigation. **REPORT MADE**
04/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Curtis and Stella

Rep. Stella would like confirmation on the reasoning behind the Allure collapse and Yale Closing.

Mr. Dalena questions the City's right to stop one construction company from all projects. There may be challenges that arise from excluding them including a possible emergency court hearing with possible questions like;

- What other efforts or alternative methods did the city take to ensure public safety

¹ Video Time Stamp 00:14:00 PS31.020 Discussion

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- What level of risk or threat was identified that justified this sweeping measure

The City is engaging rapidly trying to fix or rectify the issues. The owner and the developer has provided information about their investigation but the City is making an investment to pay a private independent engineer to investigate.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Possible City being held Liabile because of these cases
- Possible temporary stop order on current developments
- Some of the buildings that the City has identified with issues are under construction and the independent forensics engineer will inspect
- The City will be investing already completed projects
- Buildings under current construction, in the future and repairs have a process they have to go through including permits and approval from the building department and they have the right to ask for assurances
- The City has an opportunity to change policy and procedure including building inspectors being involved at a more intrusive level
- Possible demand additional assurances and documentations as things happen

- ³⁶. PS31.007 REVIEW; Enforcement Measures Implemented to **REPORT MADE**
 Reduce Speeding Around Stamford Schools, Including
 Additional or Alternative Measures to Address the
 Same.
 02/01/22 – Submitted by Reps. Jacobson, Gilbride,
 Pollack, Shaw, Sandford, Stella and Berns
 02/14/22 – Moved to Pending

Rep. Jacobson asked for the item for the Strawberry Hill Corridor traffic pattern and possible changes to effect pedestrian safety

The Committee discussed with Frank Petise and Ted Jankowski the following:

- Speed Cameras work and the administration agrees with the idea especially for school zones
- Pushed for legislation through the State for speed cameras but it didn't make traction there
- There was a safety audit on the Strawberry Hill Corridor and is being reviewed now in their department
- Strawberry Corridor accidents January 2020 to March 2022
 - 72 crashes
 - 9 injuries
 - 2 serious injuries
- Citywide pedestrian fatalities
 - 2019 1 fatality
 - 2020 2 fatalities
 - 2021 2 fatalities
 - 2022 2 fatalities
- Mayor Simmons has encouraged the City to start a Vision Zero Campaign which is to make changes to reduce fatalities to zero; meetings to come up with a strategy

³ Video Time Stamp 01:26:05 PS31.007 Discussion

Chair Stella adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chair Stella

This meeting is on [video](#)