



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

Jeffrey Stella, Chair

Eric Morson, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Thursday, September 26, 2024

**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. Phil Berns, Campbell, Camporeale, Graham, Pavia, and Pollack. Also in attendance were Rep. Adams, Boeger, Figueroa, Summerville, and Walston; Lou DeRubeis, Director of Public Safety; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Matthew Quiñones, Director of Operations; Peter Gould, Park Police Coordinator; Cynthia Anger, Corporation Counsel; Rex Morris, Stamford Fire Chief, and Shawn Reed, Chief Building Official. Absent or excused was Rep. Roqueta.

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

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">PS31.038</a>	REVIEW; City of Stamford Court Case and the City's Enforcement Against A. Vitti Construction; An Update on A. Vitti Construction in their Completion of Obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy. (Previously reviewed as PS30.101 and <a href="#">PS30.068</a> ). 03/06/22 – Submitted by Rep. Stella 03/13/23 – Moved to Pending 05/18/23 – Held by Committee 06/12/23 – Moved to Pending 04/25/24 – Held in Committee 07/15/24 – Held at Steering <b>09/26/24 – Held by committee 6-1-0</b>	<b>Motion to hold 6/1/0</b>

Corporation Council Anger discussed the agreement with A. Vitti Construction.

- The conditions of 35 Harbor Street do not violate the agreement.
- The agreement does not speak to the condition of the homes just the use.
- Until someone sees something indicating it's being used for commercial or industrial, there is no violation of the agreement.
- To address the condition of the property, complaints can be filed with the building official, the blight enforcement officer, or health department.
- The 2023 stipulation agreement is the result of the renewed enforcement effort in 2021.

Corporation Council Anger will provide a copy of the 2023 stipulation agreement.

A motion to hold Item 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-1-0 (Chair Stella, Reps. Phil Berns, Campbell, Camporeale, Graham, and Pollack in favor with Vice-Chair Morson abstaining).

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| 2. PS31.054 | REVIEW; Food Truck Ordinance, <a href="#">Code §179, Article VI.</a><br>06/06/24 – Submitted by Rep. Figueroa<br>07/15/24 – Held at Steering<br><b>09/26/24 – Report made</b> | <b>Report Made</b> |
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Director Quiñones discussed the food truck application process.

- There are two components to mobile food vending:
  - Obtaining a health permit.
  - Obtaining a street vendor permit.
- Under the ordinance, the Health Department has the authority to inspect food trucks.
- A general location must be specified.
- The Food Truck Committee has the authority to restrict particular streets from any food truck activity.

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| 3. <a href="#">PS31.006</a> | REVIEW; Collapse of Outdoor Patio at Allure Apartment Building Located in Harbor Point.<br>02/02/22 – Submitted by Rep. Stella, Curtis, Bewkes, Sherwood, Pratt, Coleman, Adams, and Roqueta<br>02/22/22 –Held by Committee 8-0-0<br>03/22/22 – Held by Committee until 3/31/22 9-0-0<br>03/31/22 – Held by Committee 4-0-1<br>04/11/22 – Moved to Pending<br>02/13/23 – Moved to Pending<br>07/10/23 – Moved to Pending<br><b>09/26/24 – Held by committee 6-1-0</b> | <b>Report Made</b> |
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**Secondary Committee: Land Use/Urban Redevelopment**

Director DeRubeis discussed the ongoing education campaign on when to call 911.

4. PS31.011      REVIEW; City Inspections of Allure, and Yale and Towne Lofts.      **Report Made**  
02/09/22 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Coleman and Roqueta, Bewkes, Sherwood, de la Cruz, Pratt, Adams and Roqueta  
02/22/22 –Held by Committee 8-0-0  
03/22/22 – Held by Committee until 3/31/22 9-0-0  
03/31/22 – Held by Committee 4-0-1  
04/11/22 – Moved to Pending  
02/13/23 – Moved to Pending  
07/10/23 – Moved to Pending  
**09/26/24 – Report made**

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5. PS31.051      REVIEW; City Citation Officers; How City ordinances are Enforced under the City's Citation Process, and its Difficulties.      **Motion to hold 8/0/0**  
02/07/24 – Submitted by Rep. Stella and de la Cruz  
02/29/24 – Held by Committee  
04/08/24 – Moved to Pending  
**09/26/24 – Held by committee 8-1-0**

- Director DeRubeis clarified that the purpose of city ordinances is to promote public compliance rather than impose punitive actions.
- An educational campaign was suggested to help bring awareness of the city ordinances to the public.

Rep. Phil Berns made a motion to recommit Item 5.

A second motion to hold Item 2 until next month was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair Stella, Vice-Chair Morson, Reps. Phil Berns, Campbell, Camporeale, Graham, Pavia, and Pollack in favor).

6. PS31.049      REVIEW; Park Police Staffing and Park Enforcement for 2024      **Report Made**  
12/06/23 – Submitted by Rep. Stella  
01/25/24 – Held by Committee  
02/12/24 – Held by Steering Committee  
03/28/24 – Held by Committee  
04/08/24 – Moved to Pending  
**09/26/24 – Report made**

Park Police Coordinator Gould discussed the new Park Ranger program.

- Eight park rangers have been onboarded.
- An additional five candidates were extended offers of employment.

- The role of the park ranger is an advisory position.
- The new hourly rate will be used to attract new candidates.
- The city still has intentions of getting citation authority to the rangers for Spring 2025.

Chair Stella adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffrey Stella, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).