



Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives

Steven Kolenberg, Chair

Bradley Michelson, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, October 24, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard

The Transportation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Vice Chair Michelson, and Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo, Giordano, Patterson and Wallace. Absent or excused were Chair Kolenberg and Committee Member Reps. Moore, Pendell and Spadaccini. Also in attendance were Rep. Zelinsky; Jim Travers and Frank Petise, Traffic, Transportation and Parking Bureau; Chris Dellaselva, Law Department; and one member of the public.

Vice Chair Michelson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
¹ 1. T30.041	REVIEW; Update on Traffic Signalization Project. 08/14/19 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky	Report Made

Mr. Travers and Mr. Petise gave an update on the project and there was discussion.

- This was a City-wide project and it is complete.
- Two weeks ago the last of the new traffic signal timing was installed downtown.
- Tweaking, testing and trial runs are being performed for the next few weeks.
- A press release will go out to the public after all testing and trial runs are complete.
- Preliminary results, including High Ridge Road, showed a 32% reduction in travel time.
- The fiber-optic cable upgrade has been completed for all 209 intersections, so there is now communications from all traffic signals to the Traffic Operations Center.
- There has been a significant decrease in accidents, injuries and pedestrian fatalities in Stamford since 2017, more so than other cities in the State.
- These decreases are a result of cleaning up intersections, reducing driver frustration and normalizing traffic lights.
- Constituents should address any issues with the traffic signals to Fix It Stamford.

² 2. T30.042	RESOLUTION; Designating Parking Meter Zones. 09/24/19 – Submitted by Bureau Chief Travers	Held 5-0-0
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Mr. Travers and Mr. Petise explained the proposed resolution and there was discussion.

- Parking turnover needs to be created in these areas, as many cars do not move all day.
- The City has received requests from business owners, Stamford Towers, and SPD Captain Hohn to help with the problem.
- This project will include signage, painted lines and pay station installation.
- Approximately 60 metered spaces will be installed, in effect from 8am-8pm.
- It will cost approximately \$33,000 which will come out of the parking budget.
- Representatives should be notified about any upcoming projects in their districts.
- The NRZ should be notified about this proposed resolution; Rep. Adams will get Mr. Travers put on the agenda for the next NRZ meeting.
- Mr. Travers will get to the Committee the projected meter revenue for these spaces.

It was discussed that there should be a public hearing so the Committee can hear from constituents about this. A public hearing for this item will be requested at the next Steering Committee Meeting.

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Patterson and Wallace in favor).

- ³3. [T30.043](#) APPROVAL; Agreement with LAZ Parking Ltd, LLC; **Approved 5-0-0**
Mangement of City Parking Garages at Bedford Street,
Bell Street and Summer Street.
10/03/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
10/10/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Travers, Mr. Petise and Mr. Dellaselva explained this item and there was discussion.

- This was a competitive RFP process.
- LAZ was the lowest bidder, and the company has been working successfully with the City since 2010.
- The contract covers the majority of maintenance, including snow removal.
- LAZ is responsible for upkeep of the parking stalls.
- The City is responsible for capital repairs and upkeep.
- Mr. Travers will look into posting monthly permit occupancy rates for City garages online.
- The salary line for the contract will increase due to the minimum wage increases that are scheduled to occur over the next few years.
- The total garage revenue for the last five years was as follows:
 - 2014 \$1.9 million
 - 2015 \$1.13 million
 - 2016 \$1.38 million
 - 2017 \$1.38 million
 - 2018 \$1.85 million

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Patterson and Wallace in favor).

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Vice Chair Michelson adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley Michelson, Vice Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).