

*The Regular Meeting of the 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on **Tuesday, September 5, 2017**, at 8:00 p.m., in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Stamford, Connecticut.*

# MINUTES

**<sup>1</sup>INVOCATION:** Delivered by Monique C. Nunes.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Led by President Skigen.

**ROLL CALL:** Conducted by Clerk of the Board Summerville. There were 34 members present, 5 absent and one vacancy (Reps. Caterbone, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Heaphy, Hoch, Kolenberg, Liebson, Mahoney, McMullen, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky were present and Reps. Adams, DeLuca, Giraldo, Jacobson and McGarry were absent or excused). [See Vote Record 2009.](#)

**VOTING MACHINE STATUS:** Confirmed by Clerk of the Board Summerville.

**MOMENTS OF SILENCE:** For the late: James V. Giordano, Thomas Wright, Sr., Anita Williams, Heather Heyer, Lieutenant H. Jay Cullen and Trooper Berke M. M. Bates by the 29th Board of Representatives; Gardtrell E. Davis, Sr. by Reps. Summerville and DePina; Leila Montier by Rep. Heaphy; Catherine Serafin Hayes and Captain Anna Byrnes by Rep. McMullen; Ara Parseghia, Ronald Schwartz, Christine Carol Heims and Zelda Finkel by Rep. Zelinsky.

Staff Sergeant Aaron R. Butler, 27, Monticello, Utah; Sergeant Roshain Euvince Brooks, 30, Brooklyn, New York; Specialists Allen Levi Stigler, Jr., 22, Arlington, Texas; Christopher Michael Harris, 25, Jackson Springs, North Carolina and Jonathon Michael Hunter, 23, Columbus, Ohio; and Technical Sergeant David Board, 49, Barboursville, West Virginia.

**<sup>2</sup>COMMUNICATIONS:** President Skigen announced:

1. The deadline for the Steering Agenda is Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

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2. The Steering Committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. There will be no pre-Steering meeting with the Mayor this month
3. Next month's Regular Board Meeting will be on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
4. President Skigen read the following letter, which he received on August 16, 2017, into the record:

Dear Mayor Martin:

It is with regret that I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign from the Board of Representatives due to family matters and other obligations that require my attention at this time.

Rep. Rodney Pratt (District 9) has consulted with me regarding Jeffrey Stella as our choice for a possible replacement.

I want to thank you and the members of the Board of Representatives for the opportunity to serve on the Board for the past 6 months. It was a pleasure working alongside some very fine, knowledgeable and qualified people. I really enjoyed it and I learned a great deal about city government and how it can be run effectively. In fact, I would welcome the possibility of serving again in the future should the opportunity arise and my circumstances change.

I sincerely wish you and each member of the Board continued success both personally, and as leaders and representatives of the City of Stamford.

Best regards,  
Linda Custis

5. Representatives Miller, Savage and Silver are celebrating birthdays this month.
6. The Community Health Nursing staff will be present before the October Board meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to offer the flu vaccine to Board members. The Board office will provide consent forms to be filled out in advance.

### **<sup>3</sup>FILLING OF VACANCY:**

Rep. Pratt nominated Jeffrey Stella to fill the vacancy in the 9th District; said nomination was seconded. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. A motion to approve Jeffrey Stella to fill the vacancy in the 9th District was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

President Skigen administered the oath of office to Mr. Stella.

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#### **<sup>4</sup>RESOLUTIONS:**

1. [RESOLUTION](#); Changing the Date of the September Steering Committee Meeting from September 12, 2017 to September 13, 2017.  
08/24/17 – Submitted by President Skigen **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. [S29.004 RESOLUTION](#); Appointing Representatives to Attend Hearings of the Planning Board in Preparation Of A Proposed Capital Program.  
08/04/17 – Submitted by President Skigen **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### **<sup>5</sup>HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:**

1. [RESOLUTION](#); Congratulating the Glenbrook Fire Company on its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
06/21/17 – Submitted by the 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
2. [RESOLUTION](#); Honoring the Return of the Remains of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Patrick J. Byrnes, Jr. to Stamford after 74 Years.  
07/26/17 – Submitted by Reps. McMullen, Summerville, Patterson and Zelinsky **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
3. [RESOLUTION](#); Congratulating the Stamford Senior American Legion Baseball team on Winning the State Championship.  
08/01/17 – Submitted by Reps. Giordano, Fedeli and Zelinsky **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve Item Nos. 1 through 3 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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# STANDING COMMITTEES

**STEERING COMMITTEE:** Meeting: Monday, August 14, 2017  
[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)  
[Report](#) & [Video](#)  
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

A motion to waive the Steering Committee report was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:** **Annie Summerville, Co-Chair**  
**Anabel Figueroa, Co-Chair**

Co-Chair Summerville reported that there was no meeting of the Appointments Committee and no report.

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** **Monica Di Costanzo, Chair**  
**Frank Cerasoli, Vice Chair**

Chair Di Costanzo reported that there was no meeting of the Fiscal Committee and no report.

## **<sup>6</sup>LEGISLATIVE & RULES**

**COMMITTEE:** **Eileen Heaphy, Chair**  
**Elise Coleman, Vice Chair**  
[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)  
[Report](#) & [Video](#)  
[\(public hearing sign-in\)](#)  
Meeting: Monday, August 21, 2017  
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Heaphy reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Heaphy, Vice Chair Coleman and Committee Member Reps., Day, Nabel, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Rep. Mitchell. Also present were Rep. Fedeli; Chris Dellaselva, Law Department; Earl Kim, Superintendent of Schools; Michael Fernandez, BOE; Tim Curtin, Old Town Hall; John Leydon, Attorney for Old Town Hall; Charles Spaulding, Fire Marshal; and members of the public.

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| 1. P29.089 | APPROVAL; Clerk of the Works II Agreement with Paul Montanaro.<br>07/13/17 – Submitted by Clemon Williams<br><b>08/23/17 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b>   | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 2. P29.091 | APPROVAL; Employment Contract with Winston M. McKenzie as Assistant Project Coordinator for the Stamford Urban Transitway Project.<br>07/13/17 – Submitted by Clemon Williams<br><b>08/23/17 – Held by Committee 7-0-1</b> | <b>HELD</b>                               |
| 3. P29.090 | APPROVAL; Employment Contract with Ann M. Brown as Project Coordinator for the Stamford Urban Transitway Project.<br>07/13/17 – Submitted by Clemon Williams<br><b>08/23/17 – Held by Committee 7-0-1</b>                  | <b>HELD</b>                               |

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 1, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**<sup>8</sup>LAND USE/URBAN**

**REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

**Harry Day, Chair**

[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)

Meeting: Wednesday, August 30, 2017

[Report](#) & [Video](#)

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Day reported that the Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Day and Committee Member Reps. Heaphy, Hoch, McGarry, Okun, Patterson, Ryan and Summerville. Absent or excused was Rep. Miller. Also present were Reps. de la Cruz, McMullen, Nabel and Zelinsky; and Kathryn Emmett, Corporation Counsel.

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| 1. <a href="#">LU29.096</a> | <b><u>ORDINANCE</u></b> for public hearing and final adoption; Amendment of Code Chapter 88 Regarding Emergency Measures Authorized for Imminently Dangerous or Unsafe Buildings.<br>07/12/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>08/02/17 – Approved by Committee for publication<br><b>08/30/17 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0</b> | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> ( <i>Reps. Coppola and Stella abstaining</i> ) |
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1. [O29.081](#) **ORDINANCE** for public hearing and final adoption; Amendment of Chapter 200, Sewers, [Section 200-33](#), Regarding the Responsibility for the Maintenance and Repair of Sewer Laterals within the City Right of Way.  
 03/08/17 – Submitted by Reps. McMullen, Mahoney, McGarry, Jacobson and de la Cruz  
 04/24/17 – Held in Committee  
 05/30/17 – Approved by Committee, as amended  
 06/05/17 – Returned to Committee by Full Board  
 07/06/17 – Held in Committee  
 08/02/17 – Approved by Committee, as amended, for publication  
**08/29/17 – Approved by Committee 7-0-1**
- APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE 27-5-3**

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 27-5-3 (Reps., Caterbone, Cerasoli, Coppola, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Heaphy, Hoch, Kolenberg, Liebson, Mahoney, McMullen, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Patterson, Pratt, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Coleman, Day, de la Cruz, Franzetti and Skigen opposed; Reps. Okun, Quinones, and Stella abstaining.). [See Vote Record 2012.](#)

2. [O29.086](#) APPROVAL; Contract with A. Vitti Excavators, LLC for Replacement of Riverbank Road Bridge Over the East Branch of the Mianus River – Conn DOT Project No. 135011.  
 08/09/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
 08/24/17- To be considered by Board of Finance  
**08/29/17 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0**
- APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA (Reps. Coleman, Fedeli and Ryan abstaining)**
3. [O29.083](#) REVIEW; Outstanding Blight Complaints.  
 06/05/17 – Submitted by Reps. Coppola and Fedeli  
 07/06/17 – Held in Committee  
 07/31/17 – Held in Committee  
**08/29/17 – Report Made**
- REPORT MADE**
4. O29.084 REVIEW; Compliance with US DEP Order re: Clean Water Act - NDPES Permit #CT0030279 Authorizing Storm Water Discharge via MS4.  
 06/05/17 – Submitted by Rep. Ryan  
 07/06/17 – Held in Committee  
 07/31/17 – Held in Committee  
**08/29/17 – Report Made**
- REPORT MADE**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 2, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.



**PUBLIC SAFETY &  
HEALTH COMMITTEE:**

**Gloria G. DePina, Chair  
Matthew Quinones, Vice Chair**

Chair DePina reported that there was no meeting of the Public Safety & Health Committee and no report.

**PARKS & RECREATION  
COMMITTEE:**

**Jim Caterbone, Co-Chair  
Carl Franzetti, Co-Chair**

Co-Chair Franzetti reported that there was no meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee and no report.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:      Mary Savage, Chair**

Chair Savage reported that there was no meeting of the Education Committee and no report.

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:      Elaine Mitchell, Chair  
Lila Wallace, Vice Chair**

Chair Mitchell reported that there was no meeting of the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee and no report.

**<sup>10</sup>TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:      Robert “Gabe” DeLuca, Co-Chair  
[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)  
[Report](#) & [Video](#)      Rodney Pratt, Co-Chair  
Meeting: Thursday, August 31, 2017  
7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room**

Co-Chair Pratt reported that the Transportation Committee met at the above time and place. In attendance were Co-Chair Pratt and Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo, Franzetti, Giordano and Patterson. Absent or excused were Co-Chair DeLuca and Committee Member Rep. Moore. Also present were Reps. de la Cruz, McMullen, Savage and Zelinsky; Mike Toma, Legal Department; and several members of the public.

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## <sup>12</sup>**COST SAVINGS & REVENUE**

### **ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)

[Report](#) & [Video](#)

**Frank Cerasoli, Co-Chair**

**Keith Silver, Co-Chair**

Meeting: Monday, August 28, 2017

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Co-Chair Cerasoli reported that the Cost Savings & Revenue Enhancement Committee met at the above date and time. In attendance were Co-Chairs Cerasoli and Silver and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Liebson, Okun, Quinones and Zelinsky. Absent or excused was Rep. Mitchell. Also present were Reps. Coppola, McMullen and Ryan; Mayor Martin; Jay Fountain, OPM Director; Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief; and Brian Jay.

1. [CS29.020](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Revising Land Use and Zoning fees. **APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE 29-4-1**  
7/12/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin and Rep. Zelinsky  
07/27/17 – No action taken  
**08/28/17 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 6-1-0**

**Secondary Committee: Land Use/Urban Redevelopment – [Approved by Committee, as amended, 8-0-0](#)**

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 29-4-1 (Reps., Caterbone, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Heaphy, Hoch, Kolenberg, Liebson, Miller, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Skigen, Silver, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Cerasoli, Franzetti, Mahoney and McMullen opposed; Rep. Stella abstaining). [See Vote Record 2014](#).

## **PERFORMANCE METRICS COMMITTEE**

**Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair**

**David Watkins, Co-Chair**

Co-Chair Watkins reported that there was no meeting of the Performance Metrics Committee and no report.

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## MINUTES

1. [August 7, 2017 Regular Board Meeting](#)

**APPROVED BY  
UNANIMOUS  
VOICE VOTE**  
*(Pres. Skigen  
abstaining)*

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

## ADJOURNMENT

President Skigen adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#)