

*The Regular Meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on **Tuesday, September 4, 2018**, 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

President Quinones called the meeting to order at 8:11 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Delivered by Rep. Morson.

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

**<sup>1</sup>ROLL CALL:** Conducted by Clerk Nabel. There were 39 members present and 1 absent. (Reps. Adams, Aquila, Coleman, Cottrell, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Graziosi, Jacobson, Kolenberg, Lee, Liebson, Lion, Lutz, Mahoney, Matherne, McGarry, McMullen, Michelson, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pia, Pratt, Quinones, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Spadaccini; Stella, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky present; Rep. Pendell absent or excused.) [See Vote Record 2157](#). Rep. Pendell joined the meeting at 10:25 p.m. Rep. Pratt left the meeting at 11:02 p.m. Rep. Saftic left the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

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

**MOMENTS OF SILENCE:** For the late: Vito Calo by Rep. Di Costanzo; Francis J. Tatto, Sr., and James Leahy by Rep. Zelinsky; Teodora Laureta Somera by Rep. Fedeli; and Tom Mills by the 30<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives.

Sergeant 1<sup>st</sup> Class Reymund Transfiguracion, 36, Waikoloa, Hawaii and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Taylor Galvin, 34, Spokane, Washington.

## **<sup>2</sup>COMMUNICATIONS:**

Clerk Nabel announced:

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1. The deadline for the Steering Committee Agenda is Friday, September 7th at noon.
2. The Steering Committee meeting will be Wednesday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m.
3. Next month's Regular Board Meeting will be on Monday, October 1st at 8:00 p.m.
4. Reps. Lutz and Miller are celebrating birthdays this month.
5. The Board congratulates and offers best wishes to Rep. Cottrell on the upcoming birth of her baby.
6. The groundbreaking at Stamford's Veterans Park will be on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

## HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION; Congratulating Coach Mike Walsh, **HELD**  
who coached the Trinity Catholic High School Boys'  
Basketball Program for 39 Seasons, on his  
Retirement.  
08/06/18 – Submitted by Reps. Zelinsky, Giordano  
and Fedeli

## <sup>3</sup>TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Lisa Cuscuna spoke regarding problems with the Residential Parking Permit Program.

Mr. Mike Papa spoke about snow removal in the City of Stamford and distributed the [attached document](#).

## STANDING COMMITTEES

**STEERING COMMITTEE:**  
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Meeting: Monday, August 13, 2018  
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

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

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**<sup>4</sup>APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:**  
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**Annie Summerville, Chair**  
**Denis Patterson, Vice Chair**  
Meeting: Tuesday, August 28, 2018  
6:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Summerville reported that the Appointments Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Summerville and Vice-Chair Patterson; and Committee Member Reps. Figueroa, Kolenberg, Liebson, Matherne, and McGarry. Absent or excused were reps. Pia and Pratt. Also in attendance was Rep. McMullen.

Rep. McMullen raised a point of order as to whether the Mayor had authority under the Charter to submit Item Nos. 1 and 2 at the time they were submitted. The Board took a 5 minute recess at 8:32 p.m. for the Parliamentarians to consider this. The Board reconvened at 8:38 p.m.

1. A30.044            **Golf Commission (E.Gaynor Brennan)**            **HELD**  
Andrea J. Brantner (D)            Repl. Lyons  
Stamford, CT 06905  
Term Expires: 12/1/2020  
07/11/18 - Submitted by Mayor Martin  
07/31/18 – No Action Taken  
**08/28/18 – Held by Committee 7-0-0**

2. A30.045            **Board of Ethics**            **HELD**  
Monica S. Smyth (D)            Reappointment  
Stamford, CT 06901  
Term Expires: 12/1/2020  
07/11/2018-Submitted by Mayor Martin  
07/31/18 – No Action Taken  
**08/28/18 – Approved by Committee 4-0-3**

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

3. A30.046            **Stamford Golf Authority (Sterling Farms)**            **APPROVED ON**  
Patricia McGrath (D)            Reappointment            **CONSENT**  
Stamford, CT 06905            **AGENDA**  
Term Expires: 12/1/2019  
07/11/18-Submitted by Mayor Martin  
07/31/18 – No Action Taken  
**08/28/18 – Approved by Committee 6-0-1**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 3, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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**<sup>5</sup>FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

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**Monica Di Costanzo, Chair**

**Lindsey Miller, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Monday, August 27, 2018

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Di Costanzo reported that the Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Miller, and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, and Pendell. Excused were Reps. Jacobson and Pia. Also present was Rep. Summerville; Jay Fountain, OPM; David Yanik, Controller; Scott Duckworth, SPD; Ellen Bromley, Social Services; Lou Casolo, Engineering; and Rick Redniss, Veterans Park Partnership.

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| 1. <a href="#">F30.087</a><br>\$80,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Funding of Police Patrol Communications Utility Account (from Contingency).<br>08/07/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>08/16/18 – To be considered by Board of Finance<br><b>08/27/18 – Approved by Committee 8-1-0</b> | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>MACHINE<br/>VOTE 36-3-0</b> |
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A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 36-3-0 (Reps. Adams, Aquila, Coleman, Cottrell, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Graziosi, Jacobson, Kolenberg, Lee, Liebson, Lion, Lutz, Mahoney, Matherne, McMullen, Michelson, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pia, Quinones, Roqueta, Saftic, Spadaccini; Stella, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky present; Reps. McGarry, Pratt and Sherwood opposed.) [See Vote Record 2158](#).

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| 2. <a href="#">F30.088</a><br>\$805,648.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Affordable Housing/Zoning Initiative (Fee-in-lieu payment).<br>08/07/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>08/07/18 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a><br>08/16/18 – To be considered by Board of Finance<br><b>08/27/18 – Approved by Committee 4-0-5</b> | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>MACHINE<br/>VOTE 23-16-0</b> |
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A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 23-16-0 (Reps. Adams, Coleman, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Giordano, Jacobson, Lee, Liebson, Lion, McMullen, Michelson, Miller, Moore, Patterson, Pia, Quinones, Roqueta, Saftic, Spadaccini; Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Aquila, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Graziosi, Kolenberg, Lutz, Mahoney, Matherne, McGarry, Morson, Nabel, Pratt, Sherwood Stella and Summerville opposed.) [See Vote Record 2159](#).

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| 3. <a href="#">F30.089</a><br>\$2,000,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);<br>Veterans Park Renovation (100% grant funded).<br>08/07/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>08/07/18 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a><br>08/16/18 – To be considered by Board of Finance<br><b>08/27/18 – Approved by Committee 8-0-1</b> | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 4. <a href="#">F30.091</a>                   | APPROVAL; Ceridian Payroll Solution Software<br>Agreement.<br>08/07/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>08/16/18 – To be considered by Board of Finance<br><b>08/27/18 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0</b>   | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 5. F30.090                                   | REVIEW; City Fees and Charges.<br>08/08/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br><b>08/27/18 – Report Made</b>  | <b>REPORT MADE</b>                        |

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos 3 and 4, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

### COMMITTEE:

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**Benjamin Lee, Chair**

**Elise Coleman, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Tuesday, August 21, 2018

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Lee reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Lee, Vice Chair Coleman and Committee Member Reps. Lion, Nabel, Pia and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Committee Members Reps. Fedeli, Jacobson, and Miller. Also present were Kathryn Emmett and Barbara Coughlan, Law Department.

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| 1. <a href="#">LR30.042</a> | REVIEW; <a href="#">Public Act 18-49</a> , Opportunities<br>Regarding Community Support Organizations and<br>Possible Local Tax Benefits.<br>06/06/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin and Rep.<br>Lee<br>06/21/18 – Held by Committee<br>07/31/18 – Held by Committee, 8-0-0<br><b>08/21/18 – Report Made</b> | <b>REPORT MADE</b> |
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**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

**Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair  
Anabel Figueroa, Co-Chair**

Co-Chair Figueroa reported that there was no meeting of the Personnel Committee and no report.

**<sup>7</sup>LAND USE/URBAN**

**REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

**Virgil de la Cruz, Co-Chair  
Charles Pia, Jr., Co-Chair**

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Minutes & Video ([Pt1](#) and [Pt2](#))

Wednesday, August 29, 2018  
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Co-Chair Pia reported that the Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs de la Cruz and Pia and Committee Member Reps. Cottrell, Lee, Michelson and Summerville. Absent or excused were Reps. Graziosi, Lion and Sherwood. Also present were Rep. Stella; Burt Rosenberg, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Cindy Grafstein, Acting Director of Operations; and Robin Stein, Special Assistant to the Mayor.

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| 1. LU30.017 | REVIEW; Process for Referrals to the Board of Representatives under <a href="#">Part 6, Division 3, Subdivision B of the Charter</a> , Zoning Board including Sections C6-40-5 and C6-40-9, and Possible Ordinances to Clarify the Processes and Add a Requirement of Notice To The Land Use Bureau.<br>07/10/2018 – Submitted by Reps. Pia, de la Cruz and Fedeli<br><b>08/29/2018 – Held by Committee 6-0-0</b> | <b>HELD</b>        |
| 2. LU30.018 | REVIEW; Of Initial Application of Peak Street as an accepted City Street in 1984 and subsequent events.<br>08/07/2018 – Submitted by Reps. McMullen and Pia<br><b>08/29/2018 – Report Made</b>  | <b>REPORT MADE</b> |
| 3. LU30.019 | REVIEW; Reporting Requirements for the Harbor Point Infrastructure Improvement District.<br>08/08/2018 – Submitted by Reps. Cottrell, McGarry and Sherwood<br><b>08/29/2018 – Held by Committee 4-2-0</b>   | <b>HELD</b>        |

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**PUBLIC SAFETY &  
HEALTH COMMITTEE:**

**Jeffrey Stella, Chair  
Eric Morson, Vice Chair**

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

**<sup>8</sup>PARKS & RECREATION  
COMMITTEE:**

[Attendance](#) & [Vote](#)  
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)

**Dennis Mahoney, Co-Chair  
Marion McGarry, Co-Chair**  
Meeting: Tuesday, August 21, 2018  
7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair McGarry reported that The Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs McGarry and Mahoney and Committee Member Reps. Giordano, Matherne, Pratt, Watkins, and Wallace. Absent or excused were Reps. Aquila, Saftic and Stella. Also present were Reps. Cottrell, Sherwood and Zelinsky; Ted Jankowski, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Director; Chief Thomas Wuennemann; Althea Brown, and David Winston, Parks and Recreation Commission; and several members of the public.

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| 1. <a href="#">PR30.007</a> | RESOLUTION; Approving Fee Schedule for Terry Conners Ice Rink.<br>04/30/18 – Submitted by Laurie Albano<br>05/14/18 – Moved to Pending<br><b>08/21/18 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0</b> | <b>APPROVED<br/>FOR<br/>PUBLICATION<br/>AND PUBLIC<br/>HEARING BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
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Co-Chair Mahoney noted that although the Committee approved this resolution for final adoption, the Board routinely holds public hearings prior to approving fees charged to the public. He and made a motion to approve this item for publication and public hearing. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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| 2. <a href="#">PR30.008</a> | RESOLUTION; Establishing Fees for Summer Camp Programs.<br>04/30/18 – Submitted by Laurie Albano<br>05/14/18 – Moved to Pending<br><b>08/21/18 – Held in Committee 6-0-0</b> | <b>HELD</b> |
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3. PR30.012            REVIEW; Stamford Park Police Status and            **HELD**  
                                  Contract.  
                                  08/08/18 – Submitted by Reps. McGarry, Matherne,  
                                  Aquila, Roqueta, Pratt, Sherwood, and Zelinsky  
                                  **08/21/18 – Held in Committee 6-0-0**

**<sup>9</sup>OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:**

**Jonathan Jacobson., Chair**  
**John R. Zelinsky, Vice Chair**

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Meeting: Monday, August 20, 2018  
 6:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room  
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[Attendance & Vote](#)  
[Minutes & Video](#)

Public Hearing: Tuesday, August 28, 2018  
 6:30 p.m. – Legislative Chambers

Chair Jacobson reported that the Committee met on August 20<sup>th</sup> as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Jacobson, Vice Chair Zelinsky, and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Coleman, Lee, Mahoney, Sherwood, Spadaccini and Watkins. Also in attendance were Reps. Cottrell, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Lion, McGarry, McMullen, Miller, Nabel, and Watkins. Also in attendance were Prakash Chakravarti, WPCA; Burt Rosenberg, Law Dept.; Chris Dellaselva, Law Dept.; Laura Burwick and Cindy Grafstein, Acting Directors of Operations; Lou Casolo, Engineering Dept.; Doug Hoyt, Highways Dept.; Tyler Theder, Compliance Officer, Stormwater Management; Dan Colleluori, Operations; Libby Carlson, Mayor’s Office; and members of the public.

The Committee also met on August 28<sup>th</sup> as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Jacobson, Vice Chair Zelinsky, and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Coleman, Lee, Mahoney, and Spadaccini. Excused or absent were Committee members Sherwood and Watkins. Also in attendance were Reps. Cottrell, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Giordano, McMullen, Michelson, Miller, Moore Nabel, Patterson, Pia, Pratt, Roqueta, Stella and Summerville; Chris Dellaselva, Law Dept.; Mayor David Martin; Michael Pollard, Chief of Staff; Lou Casolo, Engineering Dept.; Michael Handler, Administration; Jim Travers, Transportation Bureau Chief; Robin Stein, Mayor’s Office; Dudley Williams, President of the Mill River Collaborative; Bonnie Campbell, Take Back Carwin Park Committee; and members of the public.

The Board considered Item No. 1 on the Operations Committee agenda last.

2. [O30.018](#)            ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Definition of Pollutant in [Code Section 201-2](#).            **FAILED BY A MACHINE**  
                                  08/07/18 – Submitted by Rep. McMullen            **VOTE 3-32-3**  
                                  **08/20/18 – Failed in Committee 0-5-3**

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded and failed by a machine vote of 3-32-3 (Reps. Kolenberg, McMullen and Summerville in favor; Reps. Adams, Aquila, Coleman, Cottrell, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Graziosi, Jacobson, Lee, Liebson,

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Lion, Lutz, Mahoney, Matherne, McGarry, Michelson, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Pia, Pratt, Quinones, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Spadaccini; Stella, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky opposed.) [See Vote Record 2160.](#)

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| 3. O30.015   | REVIEW; The New Bagged Leaf Pickup Program Being Proposed By Mayor Martin.<br>07/10/18 – Submitted by Reps. Watkins, Michelson, Sherwood and Zelinsky<br><b>07/26/18 – Held by Committee 4-1-1</b><br><b>08/20/18 – Report made and Held by Committee 7-1-0</b>  | <b>REPORT MADE &amp; HELD</b>               |
| 4. <a href="#">O30.014</a>                                   | REVIEW; Update on Repairs to Sea Wall on Weed Avenue.<br>03/29/18 – Submitted by Reps. Figueroa and Sherwood<br>04/23/18 – Report Made & Held in Committee<br>05/14/18 – Moved to Pending<br>07/26/18 – Held by Committee 8-0-0<br><b>08/20/18 – Held by Committee 8-0-0</b>   | <b>HELD</b>                                 |
| 5. O30.019   | REVIEW; City Procedures on Removal and Processing of Catch Basin Waste.<br>08/08/18 – Submitted by Reps. McGarry, Pratt and Sherwood<br><b>08/20/18 – Report Made and Held in Committee</b>  | <b>REPORT MADE &amp; HELD</b>               |
| 6. <a href="#">O30.020</a>                                   | REVIEW; Glenbrook Community Center RFP Status and Continuity Plan for Current Tenants.<br>08/08/18 – Submitted by Reps. Lee and Sherwood<br><b>08/20/18 – Report Made</b>  | <b>REPORT MADE</b>                          |
| 1. <a href="#">O30.016</a><br><b>August 28, 2018 meeting</b> | PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL; Agreement with Wengell, McDonnell & Costello for West Main Street Bridge - Walkway Rehabilitation Project<br>07/10/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>07/12/18 – Approved by Board of Finance<br>08/28/18 – Approved by the Planning Board<br>07/26/18 – Approved by Committee 4-1-3<br><b>08/06/18 – Returned to Committee by Full Board</b><br><b>08/28/18 – Failed in Committee 1-6-0</b> | <b>APPROVED BY MACHINE<br/>VOTE 21-19-0</b> |

**Secondary Committee:** Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee **Failed 2-2-2**

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made and seconded.

After extensive discussion, Rep. Cottrell made a motion to amend the agreement with Wengell, McDonnell & Costello which motion was seconded. Rep McMullen raised a point of order as to whether the Board has authority to amend a contract. The Board took a 5 minute recess at 9:23

p.m. for the Parliamentarians to consider this issue. This motion was ruled out of order by the President upon advice of the Parliamentarians.

Rep. Pia read the following statement into the record:

I do not think that I will shock anyone with my comments about this item, but I will be supporting the contract this evening and I urge the rest of the board to do so as well. I am not asking you to support a pie in the sky idea, or to support this because I think this is the absolute best solution for every citizen in the city, however, I think this option is the best option for the city as a whole. I believe that many times we, on this board, forget that is what we are actually tasked to do.

During the two committee meetings (operations and land use) this month we heard a number of legitimate issues with the contract. We heard that the potential for overruns in an unknown variable that many representatives are concerned with. I believe that the alterations that we tried to make with the consultant as well as the administration in some concessions in terms of opt out clauses should we get to a point where the project looks problematic are great strides in that direction. I also believe that by starting this process with WMC allows us to get more intimate knowledge of the bridge, the condition and what can be achieved with the current structure that we honestly do not know right now. There was a concern with the contract because it went from stating that the consultant could not be certain it would even be safe for pedestrians to now allowing small emergency vehicles without any increase in cost. While the consultant offered reasoning for the budget staying the same (the large contingency that was allotted as an example), this revision allows the city to pull the plug once the real estimates with more educated knowledge come back to the board. We, the city and consultants, don't know, what we don't know. We are never going to get off the starting line if we do not take a stride to find out the entire story and an accurate assessment of what we are dealing with and unfortunately no one is going to do the analysis for free. These opt out options keep us from having to be committed to the full \$450,000 because at any of the check points the city can change direction. And, if we were to change direction the cost incurred from the execution of this contract to that point will not be wasted because the determination of the stability of the bridge will be required regardless of how we move forward.

Another concern has been the bid waiver – another legitimate claim, but one that was approved unanimously by the board with the proper authority to approve such a request. The consultant in question was awarded the contract back in the late 90s early 2000s after a RFP process, and then again about 10 years ago for projects on this exact bridge. While I would much prefer having all of our agreements go through a competitive bid process I think that this board is kidding itself that we ever ask anything more than “was this the cheapest bid” or “why was this vendor selected” when we go through this process of approving a contract to which we would have received the same answers that we did now. This consultant has worked with us on the bridge previously, they have won the bid previously and the city wanted to move forward with the project quickly that is why the waiver was requested, and granted. This may very well be the city's emergency because of a lack of action for a long time, but that does not make it any less of an emergency. If we cannot recognize an opportunity when one is presented to us, then I am not sure what I am doing here spending another evening away from my

family and dedicating my time. We have the opportunity to use \$2MM that the Mill River Collaborative was able to secure from a re-purposed grant that allows us to refurbish the existing bridge, allow the city to ensure the status on the National registry is reserved as a historic place and keep open an artery from one side of the park to the other that many walkers and bikers use. Do I always think that “historic” is the way to go and preservation is best, no I don’t. However, in this case, with a beautiful old bridge in the heart of what is quickly becoming the center jewel of the city in Mill River I think that it can be a focal point and a destination, not just a byway.

I have also heard discussion of the fact that this contract is under \$2MM while the past projects were in the range of \$3.5MM to \$4MM. The comparison is truly an example of apples and oranges. The simple answer is that the scope has changed, those original projects were a reconstruction of the bridge while this current project is a rehabilitation, a much smaller scope to make the bridge sound and the city confident that it will properly carry our citizens and emergency vehicles when needed.

The last major concern I heard echoed over and over is the potential use for a vehicle bridge. I can say whole heartedly that I think that a full use vehicular bridge is not a feasible option, especially if the historic significance is to be preserved. Also, to be honest I think it is disingenuous to mislead the public that this is a reasonable option, and even furthermore to create innuendo that this is something that the board can initiate. The truth is that a vehicular bridge would be a fundamental change from what has been decided by the necessary channels ahead of the Board of Representatives even deliberating the item. The Urban Redevelopment Commission would need to decide to pursue a vehicular bridge, the administration would need to do the same, we would need to have state agencies like DEEP weigh in depending on the type of bridge, the Army Corps of Engineers, historical preservationist organizations and other city boards, this is a change to the mill river corridor and one that could have and was discussed and decided on in the past 20 years through different master plans and other opportunities. This would be a long drawn out process that I do not think we have the time for any more. Is it a shame that we, the city, not necessarily those that sit in this room tonight but perhaps administrations that preceded could have done something in that direction but that is the past and it leaves us with two options, deal with the what ifs, or deal with reality. I prefer the latter as I tend to believe I am a pragmatic individual, and my analytical personality is telling me that waiting longer to do something is putting the funds for the project, the bridge itself, but most importantly the residents and guests of this city in danger should something happen to the bridge and that would not be something I am ok with. I do not think we are doing our jobs as stewards of the city by opening ourselves up to liability and disregarding the situation but perhaps that is just my conservative nature, so my colleagues you can take that for what it is worth.

However, let’s be clear that this is step 1 – this is not the end all be all of the decision as the new contract is written. I understand that many reps may have reservations because the contract was brought to us in the “11<sup>th</sup> hour” as many like to point out, and that is one way to look at it. Although the other and the more optimistic approach, and the one in my eyes that is more beneficial to the city, is that the consultant, the chairs of the sub-committees and the city tried to alleviate the concerns and showed good faith to move forward with limited time between the meetings last week and tonight all while having a weekend and holiday thrown in the mix. As I lead off with, I do not think this is perfect

but I think that this is what the city needs to look at doing. I for one will not be comfortable with going back to square one on the discussions as I believe the time is now to act and get this project done before there is not a project to discuss. We need look no further than Hartford, or if we really want to get scary, Washington DC to see what a no-compromise approach to government gets us. It gets us an ill-effective, stagnant form of governing. This board wanted to cut funding to protect the community and the citizens of Stamford as a whole, how do we now turn down funds from the state to fund a project to do just that - protect the community and a historic landmark? Yes, there may be future funds to do a similar project to the bridge, but there may not and I generally do not like to gamble with other people's, the citizen's money. The flip-flopping on priorities is not something that I think instills trust with the public in this board, or within this building. We cut the \$300,000 from contracted services from the operating budget because we did not have faith that the administration would use the money as we asked, for Park Police, so I am asking the board to make sure that we show good faith. The consultant has by revising the contract a few times with the city based on our concerns, how can we be thought of as doing the same when every time amendments are made we bring upon new requirements. We cannot take a position that we wanted to hear the public and the historic value was most important, then when that is addressed bring up other issues, and now that we have a contract addressing some of the additional issues we have a concern that the contract is last minute? What will be next, the paper that it is printed on isn't recycled or that the signature of the attorney is not legible enough? We cannot continue to be obstructionists in the city's operations, we are supposed to facilitate smart government not roadblock everything until we have something that everyone on this board thinks is "perfect" which we all know will never happen.

I apologize for the length of my comments but I wanted to touch on the concerns I felt were crucial to the decision I reached in hopes that some of the members here that are undecided had similar questions or needed to hear the same information I did.

Please remember that this, nor any decision we ever make on this board is going to be to the approval of the entire city, it is not possible, but we need to be concerned with the entire city as a whole, the liability it faces and struggles both fiscally and functionally, therefore I urge my fellow board members to recognize the opportunity we have to ensure the preservation of this bridge. To close, I will paraphrase an email that we received today from William Wright – "let's not let perfect be the enemy of good" and do what is good for the city.

Rep. de la Cruz read the following statement into the record:

First and foremost, regardless of what is decided here tonight, I believe the first order of business tomorrow should be proceeding with deliberate speed towards the installation of a temporary pedestrian bridge. Echoing representative Morrison, much has been said about the precarious condition of the existing bridge and the danger it poses to public safety. Representative Jacobson clearly and eloquently stated on the record at the last Operations Committee meeting the legal exposure the condition of the West Main Street Bridge represents. Each and every plan presented for its replacement or rehabilitation included the need for a temporary pedestrian bridge during construction; but beyond pedestrians, the temporary bridge must also carry the critical utilities, water, gas,

electricity, telephone, and possibly cable, which the bridge now supports. These utilities are also an essential component of public health, safety, welfare, and quality of life. Based on what has been stated about the condition of the bridge, and its vulnerability to storms, we should not wait until construction begins in a year or two, but proceed towards installation of the temporary bridge now. Perhaps this temporary pedestrian and utilities bridge can be funded via the State's Local Bridge Program as an emergency application. The hurricane season is now upon us.

Regarding the contract before us, there remains however a concern about the cost estimating approach so far exhibited.

In August 2014 a cost opinion for a "Least Cost Pedestrian Bridge" was prepared. Including a 25% contingency and 4% per year inflation factor, the cost "opinion" resulted in a \$3,544,000 cost. Sixty-five (65) priced line items constituted the total.

In April 2018 a cost "opinion" was produced for the bridge proposed in the contract. Including a 25% contingency and no inflation factor, a cost opinion resulted in a \$1,173,187 cost. Only thirty-one (31) priced line items constituted the total, some applying the same unit cost used in the 2014 estimate without adjusting for inflation. Adding Design and Construction Engineering the estimated cost came to \$1,997,900, just \$2,100.00 below the \$2,000,000 budget.

Comparing the sixty-five (65) priced line items of the "Least Cost Pedestrian Bridge" with the thirty-one (31) priced line items for the proposed bridge, with no inflation factor, makes one wonder what else may have been overlooked.

It is my concern that the proposed approach will lead to underestimation of costs ahead, and the trap of sunk costs will keep us down this path, leading to a cycle of additional appropriations to make up the sure to come overages above the \$2,000,000.

If anything has come out of these deliberations, is the recognition of the need to first proceed with installation of the temporary bridge now. Perhaps this may relieve the pressure to make this decision under the current circumstance and lead to a more inclusive result.

After further extensive discussion, a motion to move the question was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 21-18-0 (Reps. Adams, DePina, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Jacobson, Kolenberg, Lee, Mahoney, McMullen, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pia, Pratt, Quinones, Spadaccini; Stella, Wallace and Watkins in favor; Reps. Aquila, Coleman, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Graziosi, Liebson, Lion, Lutz, Matherne, McGarry, Michelson, Miller, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Summerville and Zelinsky opposed.) [See Vote Record 2161.](#)

After further extensive discussion, a motion to hold Item No. 1 was made and seconded. This item was then discussed. A motion to move the question of the motion to hold Item No. 1 was made, seconded and passed by a vote of 36-4-0 (Reps. Adams, Aquila, Coleman, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Graziosi, Jacobson, Kolenberg, Lee, Liebson, Lion, Lutz, Mahoney, McMullen, Michelson, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pendell,

Pia, Pratt, Quinones, Roqueta, Saftic, Spadaccini; Stella, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Cottrell, Matherne, McGarry, and Sherwood opposed.) [See Vote Record 2162.](#)

The motion to hold Item No. 1 failed by a vote of 6-34-0 (Reps. Adams, Cottrell, Lutz, Matherne, Miller and Roqueta in favor; Reps. Aquila, Coleman, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Graziosi, Jacobson, Kolenberg, Lee, Liebson, Lion, Mahoney, McGarry, McMullen, Michelson, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pendell, Pia, Pratt, Quinones, Saftic, Sherwood, Spadaccini; Stella, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky opposed.) [See Vote Record 2163.](#)

The motion to approve Item No. 1 passed by a vote of 21-19-0 (Reps. DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Graziosi, Jacobson, Kolenberg, Lee, Lion, McMullen, Michelson, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pendell, Pia, Quinones, Summerville and Watkins in favor; Reps. Adams, Aquila, Coleman, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Liebson, Lutz, Mahoney, Matherne, McGarry, Miller, Pratt, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Spadaccini; Stella, Wallace and Zelinsky opposed.) [See Vote Record 2164.](#)

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

[Attendance](#)  
[Minutes & Video](#)

**Diane Lutz, Chair**

**Megan Cottrell, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Monday, August 20, 2018

5:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Lutz reported that the Education Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Lutz, and Vice-Chair Cottrell, Committee Member Reps., de la Cruz, Di Costanzo and Graziosi. Absent or excused were Aquila and Rep. Stella. Also in attendance: J. Perrota, Security Manager for Board of Education; Alexa Eisenberg, Community Liaison and Rep. Lion.

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| 1. <a href="#">E30.005</a> | REVIEW; Provisions for Pedestrian Safety Around Stamford Public Schools.<br>12/06/17 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz<br>12/18/17 – Held In Committee 5-0-0<br>01/29/18 – Report Made & Held in Committee<br>02/15/18 – Report Made & Held in Committee<br>03/12/18 – Moved to Pending<br>04/16/18 – Report Made & Held in Committee<br>05/14/18 – Moved to Pending<br>07/30/18 – Report Made & Held in Committee<br><b>08/20/18 – Report Made &amp; Held in Committee</b> | <b>REPORT<br/>MADE &amp; HELD</b> |
| 2. E30.017                 | REVIEW; Stamford Public Schools Recycling initiatives.<br>05/14/18 – Submitted by Rep. Lutz<br>06/11/18 – Moved to Pending<br><b>08/20/18 – Report Made &amp; Held in Committee</b>  | <b>REPORT<br/>MADE &amp; HELD</b> |

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

**Gloria DePina, Chair  
Lila Wallace, Vice Chair**

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

**<sup>10</sup>TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:**

[Attendance](#) & [Vote](#)  
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)

**Steven Kolenberg, Chair  
Bradley Michelson, Vice Chair**  
Meeting: Thursday, August 23, 2018  
7:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair Kolenberg reported that the Transportation Committee met at the above time and place. In attendance were Chair Kolenberg, Vice Chair Michelson, and Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo, Giordano, Patterson, Pendell, Spadaccini and Wallace. Excused was Rep. Moore. Also present were Rep. McMullen; Rep. Zelinsky; Jim Travers, Transportation Bureau Chief; and Mike Toma, Law Dept.

The Board first considered Item No. 2.

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| 2. <a href="#">T30.017</a> | ORDINANCE for publication; Amending <a href="#">§231-45.1</a> , Residential Parking Program, to Add One-Day Event Residential Parking Exception.<br>08/08/18 – Submitted by Reps. Michelson and Zelinsky<br>07/26/18 – No Action Taken<br>08/23/18 – Approved by Committee, as Amended, 7-1-0 | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>MACHINE<br/>VOTE 30-2-2</b> |
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A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 30-2-2 (Reps. Adams, Aquila, Coleman, Cottrell, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Graziosi, Jacobson, Kolenberg, Lee, Liebson, Lion, Lutz, Mahoney, Matherne, McMullen, Michelson, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Pendell, Pia, Quinones, Roqueta, Sherwood, Spadaccini; Stella, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. McGarry and Patterson opposed; Reps. Saftic and Summerville abstaining.) [See Vote Record 2165.](#)

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1. [T30.016](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amend [§ 231-15](#) **HELD BY  
MACHINE  
VOTE 38-1-0**  
Violation of Pedestrian Right of Way to Increase the  
Fine Amount.  
07/10/18 – Submitted by Rep. Kolenberg  
07/26/18 – No Action Taken  
**08/23/18 – Approved by Committee, as  
Amended, 7-1-0**

A motion to hold Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by machine vote of 38-1-0 (Reps. Adams, Aquila, Coleman, Cottrell, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Graziosi, Jacobson, Kolenberg, Lee, Liebson, Lion, Lutz, Mahoney, Matherne, McGarry, McMullen, Michelson, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Pendell, Pia, Quinones, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Spadaccini; Stella, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; and Rep. Patterson and opposed.) [See Vote Record 2166](#).

**STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE: Lindsey Miller, Chair  
Robert Roqueta, Vice Chair**

Chair Miller reported that there was no meeting of the State & Commerce Committee and no report.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

<sup>11</sup>**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Bob Lion, Chair  
Nina Sherwood, Vice Chair**  
[Attendance](#) & [Vote](#)  
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)  
Meeting: Thursday, August 23, 2018  
6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Lion reported that the Communications Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Lion, Vice Chair Sherwood and Committee Member Reps. Michelson, Matherne, Morson, Nabel and Zelinsky. Absent or excused was Rep. Moore.

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| 1. C30.004 | REVIEW; Discuss a communications allowance to assist Board of Representatives members to communicate issue-oriented matters with constituents, and propose draft rules governing the appropriate use of said allowance.<br>03/06/18 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz, Lion, Sherwood, Michelson, Matherne, Zelinsky<br>03/15/18 – Held in Committee<br>05/02/18 – Held in Committee<br>05/22/18 – Held in Committee<br>06/27/18 – Held in Committee<br><b>08/23/18 – Report Made and Held by Committee 7-0-0</b> | <b>REPORT MADE &amp; HELD</b> |
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**RESOLUTION:**

***Under a Suspension of the Rules:***

A motion to suspend the Rules to take up the following item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote

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| 1. | <b>RESOLUTION;</b> Creating A Special Committee To Search For, Select And Retain Outside Counsel to Represent the Board of Representatives in <i>High Ridge Real Estate Owner LLV v. Board Of Representatives of The City of Stamford</i> .<br>09/04/2018-Submitted by President Quinones, Rep. Pratt; Rep. Fedeli, and Rep. Nabel | <b>APPROVED, AS AMENDED, BY MACHINE VOTE 30-1-7</b> |
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A motion to approve the resolution was made and seconded.

A motion to amend the resolution to add Rep. Zelinsky as a member of the Committee was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 25-5-8 (Reps. Adams, Aquila, Coleman, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Graziosi, Kolenberg, Liebson, Lutz, Mahoney, McGarry, Michelson, Miller, Moore, Nabel, Patterson, Quinones, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Spadaccini; Wallace and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Lee, Lion, Morson, Pia, and Watkins opposed; and Reps. DePina, Fedeli, Jacobson, Matherne, McMullen, Pendell, Stella and Summerville abstaining.) [See Vote Record 2167](#).

A motion to add Reps. Jacobson, Miller, Graziosi and Lee and as members of the Committee was made and seconded.

After extensive discussion, a motion to move the question of whether or not to add the four lawyers was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 32-3-3. (Reps. Adams, Aquila, Coleman, Cottrell, de la Cruz, DePina, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Kolenberg, Lee, Liebson, Lion, Lutz, Mahoney, McGarry, McMullen, Michelson, Moore, Morson, Nabel,

Patterson, Pendell, Pia, Quinones, Sherwood, Spadaccini; Stella, Summerville Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Di Costanzo, Matherne and Roqueta opposed; and Reps. Graziosi, Jacobson and Miller abstaining.) [See Vote Record 2168](#).

The motion to add Reps. Jacobson, Miller, Graziosi and Lee as members of the Committee was approved by a machine vote of 27-4-7 (Reps. Adams, Aquila, Coleman, Cottrell, de la Cruz, DePina, Giordano, Liebson, Lion, Lutz, Mahoney, Matherne, McGarry, McMullen, Michelson, Moore, Nabel, Patterson, Pendell, Quinones, Sherwood, Spadaccini; Stella, Summerville Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kolenberg and Morson opposed; and Reps. Fedeli, Graziosi, Jacobson, Lee, Miller, Pia and Roqueta abstaining.) [See Vote Record 2169](#).

The motion to approve the resolution was approved by a vote of 30-1-7 (Reps. Adams, Aquila, Coleman, Cottrell, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Kolenberg, Liebson, Lion, Lutz, McGarry, McMullen, Michelson, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pendell, Pia, Quinones, Roqueta, Sherwood, Spadaccini; Stella, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Figueroa opposed; and Reps. Fedeli, Graziosi, Jacobson, Lee, Mahoney, Matherne and Miller abstaining.) [See Vote Record 2170](#)

## MINUTES

1. APPROVAL; August 6, 2018 Regular Board Meeting **APPROVED BY**  
[Minutes](#) **UNANIMOUS**  
**VOICE VOTE**

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

President Quinones adjourned the meeting at 11:45 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#)