

The Regular Meeting of the 30th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held remotely on **Monday, December 7, 2020**, at 8:00 p.m.

# MINUTES

**INVOCATION:** Delivered by Rep. Charles Florio [18<sup>th</sup> District].

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

**ROLL CALL:** Conducted by Clerk Nabel. There were 37 members present and 3 members absent or excused. (Reps. Adams, Aquila, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Giordano, Graziosi, Jacobson, Lee, Liebson, Mahoney, Matherne, McMullen, Michelson, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Palomba, Patterson, Pendell, Policar, Pratt, Quinones, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Watkins, and Zelinsky present; Rep. Lion was excused; Reps. DePina and Wallace were absent). Rep. Wallace joined the meeting immediately after Roll Call. Rep. Stella left the meeting at 10:40 p.m. Also present was Patricia Sullivan, Esq., Cohen and Wolf, P.C.

**VOTING MACHINE STATUS:** Not applicable; meeting to be held remotely.

**<sup>1</sup>MOMENTS OF SILENCE:** For the late: Jeffrey Alan Shwartz and Lori Rubino, by the 30th Board of Representatives; Bernhard Storch by Rep. Cottrell; Giuseppe D. Coscarelli by Rep. Curtis; Sharon Clemons by Rep. DePina; and Noel Stella, by Rep. Stella.

Sergeant Jeremy Sherman, 23, Watseka, IL; Chief Warrant Officer 2 Marwan Ghabour, 27, Marlborough, MA; Captain Seth Vandekamp, 31, Katy, TX; Chief Warrant Office 3 Dallas Garza, 34, Fayetteville, NC; Captain Kelliann Leli, 30, Parlin, NJ; Staff Sergeant Kyle McGee, 35, Painesville, OH.

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

1. If you need assistance with Zoom during the meeting, please call: [REDACTED] to speak with IT. Please do not call other members of the Board or the Board office. If you are having problems speaking or hearing with your computer, you can always access the

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meeting through a telephone by dialing the phone number on the Agenda - 1-646-558-8656, and using the Webinar ID on the Agenda: 848 1626 3262 Please call or text IT at [REDACTED] or text the Clerk at [REDACTED] to let us know you are coming on, with the phone number you are using, and we will make sure you are able to speak during the meeting.

2. If you do not respond during a roll call vote, your name will be called 2 more times after the conclusion of the vote. If you do not respond, you will be assumed to have left the meeting and your name will not be called on the next roll call vote.
3. If you decide to leave the meeting, you must text the Clerk when you leave. If you need to leave the floor for a short period, text the Clerk when you leave and return.
4. The deadline for the Steering Committee Agenda is Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
5. The Steering Committee meeting will be on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
6. Next month's Regular Board Meeting will be on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.
7. The Board office will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and on January 1<sup>st</sup>.
8. Birthdays (all within the last 3 days, and Daniel is today):  
Jeff Curtis  
Raven Matherne  
Denis Patterson  
Daniel Sandford
9. The invocation for the January Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the 17<sup>th</sup> District (Reps. Aquila and Fedeli). Representatives are responsible for notifying the Board office with the name of the person doing the invocation.

### <sup>3</sup>RESOLUTIONS:

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| 1. | <a href="#">RESOLUTION</a> ; Approving the 2021 Board of Representatives Calendar.<br>11/03/20 – Submitted by President Quinones | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
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A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved, by unanimous voice vote.

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

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| 1. | <a href="#">RESOLUTION</a> ; Honoring and Thanking Jim Green for Attempting to Rescue a Boater in Distress.<br>11/04/20 – Submitted by Rep. Watkins, Michelson and President Quinones | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
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A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved, by unanimous voice vote.

## **<sup>5</sup>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:**

Kieran Matthew Edmondson spoke about making Election Day a state and local holiday. Hank Cuthbertson spoke in favor of the OC30.021. Susan Halpern spoke about air quality in the South End and the need for air quality monitoring. Elizabeth McCauley, Carmine Tomas, David Judge, Peter Quigley, Bob Katchko, Sheila Barney and Doris Ganus spoke in favor of OC30.021. Dave Adams spoke in opposition to COVID-19 restrictions.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **STEERING COMMITTEE:**

Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2020

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

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

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

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

## **<sup>6</sup>SUSPENSION OF RULES**

A motion to suspend the Rules to take up Item OC30.021 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**OUTSIDE COUNSEL COMMITTEE: Matthew Quinones, Chair**

**Under a Suspension of the Rules:**

**Possibly in Executive Session:**

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| 1. <a href="#">OC30.021</a> | <b><u>RESOLUTION</u></b> ; Approving the Retention of Outside Counsel to Represent the Board of Representatives in the Appeal of <i>Strand/BRC Group LLC, et al. v. Board of Representatives</i> .<br>11/20/20 – Submitted by President Quinones, and Reps. Nabel, de la Cruz and Fedeli | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>ROLL CALL VOTE<br/>36-2-0</b> |
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A motion to go into executive session to discuss legal strategy with outside counsel was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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| 2. <a href="#">F30.379</a><br>\$325,000.00   | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); FY21 Contingency Appropriation MAA & Nurses Reserve – FY20 Wage Increase; Appropriation of Funds from Contingency to Fund Future Obligations of the City.<br>10/30/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>11/12/20 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br><b>11/23/20 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0</b>  | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 3. <a href="#">F30.383</a><br>\$325,000.00   | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); FY21 Fund Balance Appropriation MAA & Nurses Reserve – FY20 Wage Increase; Appropriation of Funds from Fund Balance to Fund Future Obligations of the City.<br>10/30/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>11/12/20 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br><b>11/23/20 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0</b>  | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 4. <a href="#">F30.380</a><br>\$1,800,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); CP7149; Public Safety Equipment Replacement & Upgrade; Purchase of 200 Public Safety Radios for the Fire Department and 270 Public Safety Radios for the Police Department.<br>10/22/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>11/10/20 – To be Considered by Planning Board<br>11/12/20 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br><b>11/23/20 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0</b> | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 5. <a href="#">F30.382</a>                   | REVIEW; FY 2020-21 First Quarter Projections.<br>11/03/20 – Submitted by Director Fountain<br><b>11/23/20 – Report Made</b>   | <b>REPORT MADE</b>                        |

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 4, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**<sup>9</sup>LEGISLATIVE & RULES**

**COMMITTEE:**

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

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

**Benjamin Lee, Chair**

**Elise Coleman, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2020

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Lee reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Lee; Vice Chair Coleman; and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Florio, Jacobson, Lion, Miller, Nabel, and Zelinsky. Also present were Reps. McMullen and Sherwood; Mike Toma, Law Department; Ellen Bromley, Director of Social Services; Christina Crain, Stamford Senior Center; and Kathleen Bordelon, Silver Source.

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| 1. <a href="#">LR30.100</a> | REVIEW; Sale of Unused City Properties.<br>09/24/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>09/29/20 – Approval by Planning Board<br>10/08/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance<br>10/20/20 – Report Made & Held by Committee 8-0-0<br><b>11/17/20 – Held 9-0-0</b>  | <b>HELD</b>                   |
| 2. <a href="#">LR30.101</a> | APPROVAL; Amendment of the Rules of the Board to Add Subsection V.D.6 Concerning Voting During Remote Meeting Authorized by State of Emergency.<br>10/07/20 – Submitted by President Quinones<br>10/20/20 – Held by Committee, as amended, 7-0-0<br><b>11/17/20 – Held 9-0-0</b>                             | <b>HELD</b>                   |
| 3. <a href="#">LR30.097</a> | REVIEW; Possible Ordinance Creating Stamford Senior Commission.<br>09/01/20 – Submitted by Reps. Coleman, Pratt, Sherwood, Stella, Curtis, Zelinsky and Quinones<br>09/22/20 – Report Made & Held by Committee 8-1-0<br>10/20/20 –Held by Committee 8-0- 0<br><b>11/17/20 – Report Made &amp; Held 9-0-0</b> | <b>REPORT MADE &amp; HELD</b> |
| 4. LR30.102                 | REVIEW; Possible Ordinance Declaring Election Day a Municipal Holiday.<br>11/03/20 – Submitted by Rep. Jacobson<br><b>11/17/20 – Report Made &amp; Held 9-0-0</b>  | <b>REPORT MADE &amp; HELD</b> |

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<sup>10</sup>PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

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

Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair

Anabel Figueroa, Co-Chair

Meeting: Monday, November 30, 2020

7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Fedeli reported that the Personnel Committee met at the above date and time. In attendance were Co-Chair Fedeli and Committee Member Reps. DePina, Lion, Nabel, Pendell and Zelinsky. Excused were Reps. Figueroa and Patterson. Also present were Rep. Matherne; Al Cava, HR Director; Jay Fountain, OPM Director; Dr. Tamu Lucero, Superintendent of Schools; Ryan Fealey, Director of Finance, BOE; Andy George, Jackie Heftman, and Dan Dauplaise, BOE; and Christopher Soules, Meryl Meiteles, Human Resources, BOE.

A motion to suspend the Rules to take up Item Nos. 1 and 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Under a Suspension of the Rules:**

1. [P30.060](#) REJECTION; Agreement between City of Stamford and AFSCME Local 1303-263 Council 4, AFL-CIO Dental Hygienists. **FAILED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**  
11/17/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
11/23/20 – [Positive Advisory](#) by Board of Finance  
**11/30/20 – FAILED in Committee 0-7-0**

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

**Under a Suspension of the Rules:**

2. [P30.061](#) REJECTION; Agreement between City of Stamford and Stamford Education Association. **FAILED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**  
11/23/20 – Submitted by Board of Education  
11/23/20 – [Positive Advisory](#) by Board of Finance  
11/24/20 – Approved by Board of Education  
**11/30/20 – FAILED in Committee 0-7-0**  
(Rep. Quinones abstaining)

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

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**<sup>11</sup>LAND USE/URBAN**

**REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

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

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

**Virgil de la Cruz, Co-Chair**

**Bradley Michelson, Co-Chair**

Meeting: Wednesday, December 2, 2020

7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair de la Cruz reported that the Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs de la Cruz and Michelson and Committee Member Reps. Cottrell, Florio, Graziosi, Lee, Lion, and Sherwood. Excused was Rep. Summerville. Also present were Reps. Adams, McMullen, Nabel, and Zelinsky; Thomas Madden, Executive Director of the Urban Redevelopment Commission; Burt Rosenberg, Law Department; and several members of the public.

1. [LU30.049](#)      **ORDINANCE** for public hearing and final adoption;      **APPROVED ON**  
Amending Code §21-3 to Bring the Requirements for      **CONSENT**  
Renaming Existing City Streets in Line with      **AGENDA**  
Commemorative Naming of City Facilities.  
10/07/20 – Submitted by Rep. McMullen  
10/28/20 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0  
**12/02/20 – Public Hearing Held and Approved by**  
**Committee 8-0-0**

2. [LU30.050](#)      **RESOLUTION** and public hearing; Approving the      **HELD**  
Sale of Property Located at 0 West Park Place (a/k/a  
66 West Park Place & Park Square West III),  
Stamford, Connecticut by the City of Stamford Urban  
Redevelopment Commission to Tullamore LLC.  
10/08/20 – Submitted by Thomas Madden  
09/29/20 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
11/12/20 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0  
**12/02/20 – Public Hearing Held and Held by**  
**Committee 8-0-0**

***As a Secondary Committee: Legislative & Rules***

3. [LU30.036](#)      **ORDINANCE** for public hearing and final adoption;      **HELD**  
Creating a City of Stamford Historic Preservation  
Trust Fund.  
01/30/20 – Submitted by Ralph Blessing  
02/26/20 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0  
04/14/20 – Held at Steering  
05/11/20 – Moved to Pending Agenda  
**12/02/20 – Public Hearing Held and Held by**  
**Committee 8-0-0**

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

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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:**

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

Chair Jacobson reported that there was no meeting of the Operations Committee and no report.

**<sup>12</sup>PUBLIC SAFETY &  
HEALTH COMMITTEE:**

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

**Jeffrey Stella, Chair**  
**Eric Morson, Vice Chair**  
Meeting: Thursday, December 3, 2020  
6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

Vice Chair Morson reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Stella, Vice Chair Morson and Committee Member Reps. Curtis, Matherne, McMullen, Sandford, and Sherwood. Excused were Reps. Giordano and Palomba. Also present were Reps. Adams, Coleman, and de la Cruz. Also present were Mayor Martin; Dr. Jennifer Calder, Health Director; Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief; Tracy Babbidge, DEEP; Kathy Emmett, Corporation Counsel; Cynthia Anger, Law Department; Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Tyler Theder, Regulatory Compliance and Administrative Officer, Bharat Gami, Building Official; Richard Talamelli, Environmental Planner; and Ted Ferrarone, Bill Buckley and Jim Luczak, BLT.

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| 1. <a href="#">PS30.075</a> | APPROVAL; Agreement between City of Stamford and Century Protective Services, Inc. for Security Services for the Stamford Government Center under RFP No. 793.<br>10/29/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br><b>12/03/20 – FAILED at Board of Finance</b>   | <b>NO ACTION TAKEN</b>        |
| 2. <a href="#">PS30.068</a> | REVIEW; Impact of Work Performed by A. Vitti Construction on Air Quality.<br>09/01/2020 – Submitted by Reps. Coleman, Adams, Stella, Figueroa, Zelinsky, Sherwood and Di Costanzo<br>10/01/20 –Held in Committee 8-0-0<br>10/29/20 – Report Made & Held in Committee 8- 0-0<br><b>12/03/20 – Report Made &amp; Held by Committee 7-0-0</b> | <b>REPORT MADE &amp; HELD</b> |

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| 3. <a href="#">PS30.073</a> | <p>REVIEW; Impact on Air Quality and Possibility of Discharge of Contaminants into Stamford Waters due to Work being performed by Construction Company at the BLT Property Located in the South End.</p> <p>10/08/20 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Curtis, Sandford, Sherwood, Adams &amp; Coleman</p> <p>10/29/20 – Report Made &amp; Held in Committee 8- 0-0</p> <p><b>12/03/20 – Report Made &amp; Held by Committee 6-1-0</b></p> | <b>REPORT MADE &amp; HELD</b> |
| 4. <a href="#">PS30.076</a> | <p>RESOLUTION; Advocating that the City of Stamford Prepare And Seek State Approval of an Air Quality Monitoring Program and Implement Such a Program.</p> <p>11/05/20 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz, Stella, Sherwood, Lee, Giordano, Adams, Coleman, Curtiss, Pratt, Matherne and Cottrell</p> <p><b>12/03/20 – Held by Committee 6-1-0</b></p>  | <b>HELD</b>                   |
| 5. <a href="#">PS30.077</a> | <p>REVIEW; Covid-19 City Response Update.</p> <p>11/05/20 – Submitted by President Quinones</p> <p><b>12/03/20 – Report Made</b></p>  | <b>REPORT MADE</b>            |

**<sup>13</sup>PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:**

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

**Dennis Mahoney, Chair**  
**Raven Matherne, Vice Chair**  
 Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2020  
 7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Mahoney reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Mahoney, Vice Chair Matherne and Committee Member Reps. Aquila, de la Cruz, Policar, and Wallace. Excused were Reps. Giordano and Pratt. Absent was Rep. Saftic. Also present were Rep. Sherwood; Jennifer Williams, Parks & Recreation and Facilities Bureau Chief; and Laurie Albano, Parks & Recreation Supervisor.

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| 1. <a href="#">PR30.057</a> | <p><b>RESOLUTION</b> and Public Hearing; Approving Ballfield Advertising Banner Fees.</p> <p>09/25/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin</p> <p>10/20/20 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 7-0-0</p> <p><b>11/17/20 – Public Hearing Held and Approved, as amended, 6-0-0</b></p> | <b>APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA</b> |
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**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:**

**David Watkins, Chair  
Mavina Moore, Vice Chair**

Chair Watkins reported that there was no meeting of the Transportation Committee and no report.

**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**

**OUTSIDE COUNSEL COMMITTEE:**

**Matthew Quinones, Chair**

**Under a Suspension of the Rules:**

**Possibly in Executive Session:**

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| 1. <a href="#">OC30.021</a> | RESOLUTION; Approving the Retention of Outside Counsel to Represent the Board of Representatives in the Appeal of <i>Strand/BRC Group LLC, et al. v. Board of Representatives</i> .<br>11/20/20 – Submitted by President Quinones, and Reps. Nabel, de la Cruz and Fedeli | <b>TAKEN UP AT<br/>BEGINNING OF<br/>AGENDA</b> |
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**<sup>15</sup>CODE OF ETHICS  
REVISION COMMITTEE:**

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

**Benjamin Lee, Chair  
J.R. McMullen, Vice Chair**  
Meeting: Tuesday, December 1, 2020  
7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Lee reported that The Code of Ethics Revision Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Lee, Vice Chair McMullen, and Committee Member Reps. Curtis, Fedeli, Miller, Morson, Sherwood, Stella and Zelinsky. Also present were Reps. de la Cruz and Matherne.

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1. [COE30.005](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amending [Chapter 19](#) HELD  
of the Code of Ordinances, Code of Ethics  
08/05/20 – Submitted by Rep. Lee  
09/01/20 – Held by Committee, as amended, 9-0-0  
09/23/20 – Held by Committee, as amended, 9-0-0  
10/27/20 – Held by Committee, as amended, 8-0-0  
**12/01/20 – Held by Committee, as amended, 9-0-0**

## MINUTES

1. [APPROVAL](#); November 4, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes **APPROVED BY 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 10:55 p.m.

This meeting is on video ([Pt. 1](#) and [Pt. 2](#))