The Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. and was held remotely.

MINUTES

President Curtis called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: Delivered by Rep. Mays [19th District].

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Curtis.

¹**ROLL CALL:** Conducted by Clerk Cottrell. There were 34 members present and 6 members absent or excused (Reps. Adams, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Saftic, Sandford, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, David Watkins, and Weinberg were present; Reps. Coleman, Jean-Louis, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Shaw, and Shinn were absent or excused). Reps. Jean-Louis and Shinn joined the meeting immediately after roll call for a total of 36 members present and 4 members absent or excused.

VOTING MACHINE STATUS: Not applicable

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late Dr. Reverend Tommie Jackson, from the 31st Board of Representatives.

²COMMUNICATIONS: Chair Cottrell announced that:

- 1. The deadline for the Steering Committee Agenda Wednesday, August 9th at 5:00 p.m.
- 2. The Steering Committee meeting will be on Monday, August 14th at 7:00 p.m.
- 3. Next month's Regular Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5th at 8:00 p.m.
- 4. The Board office will be closed on Monday, September 4th.
- 5. Representatives Adams and Morson are celebrating Birthdays this month.
- The invocation for the August Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the <u>20th District</u> (Reps. Ley and Weinberg). Representatives are responsible for notifying the Board office with the name of the person doing the invocation.
- 7. If you need assistance with Zoom during the meeting, please call: **Constitution** to speak with IT. Please do not call other members of the Board or the Board office. If you are

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having problems speaking or hearing with your computer, you can always access the meeting through a telephone by dialing the phone number on the Agenda - 1-646-558-8656, and using the Webinar ID on the agenda: 814 7054 1826. Please call or text IT at or text the Clerk at 475-489-5435 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.

- 8. 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.
- 9. If you decide to leave the meeting, you must text the Clerk when you leave. If you need to leave the meeting for a short period, text the Clerk when you leave and return. Members who do not text the Clerk when they leave the meeting will be presumed to be present for all consent items.

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS: None

³**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:** Kieran Matthew Edmondson spoke about air quality management and the need for tax abatements. Jere Eaton spoke about procurement in the City.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: <u>Attendance</u> & <u>Votes</u> <u>Minutes</u> & <u>Video</u> Meeting: Monday, July 10, 2023 7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

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

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

Denis W. Patterson, Chair Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair

Chair Patterson reported that there was no meeting of the Appointments Committee and no report.

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⁴FISCAL COMMITTEE: <u>Attendance & Votes</u> <u>Minutes & Video</u>

Sean Boeger, Co-Chair Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair Meeting: Monday, July 24, 2023 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by Webinar

Co-Chair Boeger reported that the Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance in person were Co-Chair Miller and Committee Member Reps. Goldberg, Morson, and Shaw. In attendance remotely were Co-Chair Boeger and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Fedeli, Garst, Pierre-Louis. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Figueroa and Tomas. Also present in person were Bridget Fox, Chief of Staff; Chief Tim Shaw, Stamford Police Department; Lou DeRubeis, Director of Public Safety, Health, and Welfare; and Frank Lagoe, Public Safety Statistician. Also present remotely were Reps. Matheny and Sherwood; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; Jody Bishop-Pullan, Director of Health; David Yanik, Controller; Elda Sinani, OPM Director; Lou Casolo, City Engineer, Greg Stackpole, Assessor; Al Cava, HR Director; Thomas Cassone, Corporation Counsel; Kevin Murray, Director of Parks and Recreation; and Erin McKenna; Senior Parks Planner.

Grant from the EPA; Program will focus on NO ₂ , U	TO STEERING BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
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A motion to recommit Item No. 1 to the Steering Committee was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

 2. F31.239 RESOLUTION; Regarding the Capital Budget for FY23/24 Appropriation and Bond Authorization for the Davenport School Bathroom Renovation Project Financing and for School Construction Grant (Source of Funds: FY24 Capital Budget). 07/03/23 – Submitted by Anita Carpenter 07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0

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3. <u>F31.240</u>	RESOLUTION; Regarding the Capital Budget for FY 23/24 Appropriation and Bond Authorization for the Newfield School Roof Renovation Project Financing and for School Construction Grant (Source of Funds: FY24 Capital Budget). 07/03/23 – Submitted by Anita Carpenter 07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
4. <u>F31.244</u> \$179,517.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Employee Benefits; Nurses Wage Payout FY23/24 for Current Year Wage Settlements (Source of Funds: Contingency). 06/29/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 07/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
5. <u>F31.246</u> \$510,394.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Emergency Communications Center Reorganization; Creation of 5 Civilian Dispatch Supervisor Positions (Source of Funds: Contingency). 07/06/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 07/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 07/24/23 – Recommitted to Fiscal Committee 9-0- 0	RECOMMITTED TO STEERING BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion to recommit Item No. 5 to the Steering Committee was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

\$25,000.00 C tc P o & 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); CP0122; Park Amenities Upgrade; Private Donation o Remove the Bleachers at Cubeta Stadium and the Power Wash and Paint the Stadium Seating (Source of Funds: Private Donation (to be approved by Parks & Recreation Committee)). 05/30/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 05/23/23 – Approved by Planning Board 06/08/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 06/12/23 – Held at Steering 07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
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7. <u>F31.241</u> \$210,750.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Resiliency and Climate Adaptation Implementation; Identify Actionable Next Steps and Potential Funding Mechanisms; Includes West Side, Waterside and Downtown Neighborhoods; GIS-based Tree Inventories will be Included (Source of Funds: 100% State Grant). 07/06/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 06/27/23 – Approved by <u>Planning Board</u> 07/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0	RECOMMITTED TO STEERING BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 29-5-1
	07/24/23 – Approved by Doard of Finance 9-9-9	

A motion to recommit Item No. 7 to the Steering Committee was made, seconded, and approved by a roll call vote of 29-5-1 (Reps. Adams, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Grunberger, Jean Louis, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Sherwood, Shinn, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, and David Watkins in favor; Reps. Berns, Jacobson, Ley, Sandford, , and Weinberg opposed; Rep. Goldberg abstaining).

8. <u>F31.242</u> \$598,125.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Toilsome Brook Flood Resilience Plan; Overlaps with Engineering Bureau's Citywide Drainage Assessment; Focuses on Chronically Flood Prone Area (Source of Funds: 100% State Grant). 07/06/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 06/27/23 – Approved by Planning Board 07/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
9. <u>F31.243</u> \$481,125.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Cummings Pond Area Flood & Ecological Resilience Plan; Drainage Structures Attached to Stormwater Outfall that Empties into Cummings Pond are out of Proportion to Capacity; Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analysis as basis to Develop Concept Level Plans; Prioritizing Nature-Based Solutions (Source of Funds: 100% State Grant). 07/06/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 06/27/23 – Approved by Planning Board 07/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

10. <u>F31.218</u>	MOTION TO AMEND SOMETHING PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED; Appropriation of Prior Year General Fund Balance (FY21-22) - Approved by Board on 06/05/23; Amending Allocation to City/Capital Non- Recurring from \$2,000,000 to \$2,025,000 to be consistent with allocation approved by Board of Finance. 07/06/23 – Submitted by OPM 07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
11. <u>F31.238</u>	APPROVAL; Agreement between the City of Stamford and Tax Management Associates Inc. for Property Tax Audits under RFP No. 890. 06/28/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 07/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
12. <u>F31.236</u>	REVIEW: Methodology for Establishing Valuation of Commercial Properties for Real Estate Tax Purposes and Comparison of Actual Sale Amounts Versus Appraised Value Amounts for the Last 10 Years. 06/07/23 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz, Sherwood, Patterson, Bewkes, Stella, Watkins, Tomas, and Figueroa 06/26/23 – Held by Committee 9-0-0 07/24/23 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0	RECOMMITTED TO STEERING
13. <u>F31.245</u>	REVIEW: Audit Status Review 07/06/06 – Submitted by Reps. Boeger, Miller,	REPORT MADE

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2 through 4, 6, and 8 through 11, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Watkins, and Tomas. 07/24/23 – Report Made

⁵LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: <u>Attendance</u> & <u>Votes</u>

Minutes & Video

Phil Berns, Chair Sean Boeger, Vice Chair Meeting: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Berns reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Berns, Vice Chair Boeger, and Committee Member Reps. Cottrell, Fedeli, Pierre-Louis, and Sherwood. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps Jacobson,

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Matheny, and Miller. Also present were Reps. Goldberg and Summerville; Bill Napoletano, Director, Tax & Revenue Collections; Burt Rosenberg, Assistant Corporation Counsel; and Jon Gottlieb; Rippowam Corporation.

1. <u>LR31.054</u> ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u>; Concerning a Tax Abatement Agreement among the City of Stamford and Oak Park 1 Limited Partnership and the Housing Authority of the City of Stamford for 61 Below-Market Units Located at Ursula Place, Stamford, CT. 06/27/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 07/27/23 – Approved by Committee 5-0-1

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

⁶PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

<u>Attendance & Votes</u> <u>Minutes</u> & <u>Video</u> Anabel Figueroa, Chair Mary Fedeli, Vice Chair Meeting: Monday, July 17, 2023 7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Figueroa reported that the Personnel Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Figueroa, Vice Chair Fedeli, and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Berns, Mays, Pavia, and Patterson. Reps. Goldberg and Jean-Louis were absent/excused. Also present were Rep. Summerville; Al Cava, Director of Human Resources; Jody Bishop-Pullan, Health Director and Moira Bryson, School Nurse Supervisor.

1. P31.041 APPROVAL; Employment Contract with Amy APPROVED ON LiVolsi as Deputy Corporation Counsel. THE CONSENT 06/12/23 - Submitted by Al Cava AGENDA 07/17/23 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 2. P31.042 REJECTION; Tentative Agreement Between the REJECTION City of Stamford and the City of Stamford Municipal FAILED BY A Nurses Association, July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026. UNANIMOUS 06/22/23 - Submitted by AI Cava VOICE VOTE Rep. 07/13/23 – To be Considered by Board of Finance Pavia abstaining)

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

07/17/23 – FAILED in Committee 0-7-0

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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LAND USE/URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Bradley Bewkes, Chair Nina Sherwood, Vice Chair

Chair Bewkes reported that there was no meeting of the Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee and no report.

⁷ OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:
<u>Attendance</u>
Minutes & Video

Virgil de la Cruz, Chair Carmine Tomas, Vice Chair Meeting: Monday, July 31, 2023 6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair de la Cruz reported that the Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair de la Cruz and Committee Member Reps. Boeger, Ley, and Dakary Watkins. Absent or Excused were Vice Chair Tomas and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Sherwood, Stella, and David Watkins. Also in attendance was Rep. Summerville; Louis Casolo, Engineering Dept.; Tyler Theder, Stormwater Management; Matt Quinones, Director of Operations; William Brink, WPCA Executive Director; and members of the public.

1. <u>031.029</u>	APPROVAL; Agreement between the City of Stamford and Rauhaus Freedenfeld & Associates LLP for Architectural/Engineering Design Services for New Animal Control Center under RFP No. 885. [Contract Cost: \$320,000 plus expenses] 06/29/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 07/13/23 – FAILED in Board of Finance	NO ACTION TAKEN
2. <u>031.001</u>	REVIEW; Administration plans to Develop Short and Long Term Plan to Mitigate the Impact of Severe Storm and Rain Events as expressed in <u>Resolution 4113</u> . 12/08/21 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz and Berns 12/20/21 – Held by Committee 9-0-0 01/31/22 – Held by Committee 9-0-0 03/03/22 – Held by Committee 5-0-0 03/11/22 – Moved to Pending 04/27/22 – Held by Committee 7-0-0 06/20/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 9-0-0 07/11/22 – Moved to Pending 07/31/23 – REPORT MADE	HELD BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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

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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.

⁸PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

<u>Attendance</u> & <u>Votes</u> <u>Minutes</u> & <u>Video</u> Jennifer Matheny, Chair Daniel R. Sandford, Vice Chair Meeting: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Matheny reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Matheny and Committee Member Reps. de la Cruz, Gilbride, and Weinberg. Vice Chair Sandford and Rep. Bewkes were excused. Rep. Saftic was absent. Also present was Rep. Summerville; Matt Quinones, Director of Operations; Erin McKenna, Planning Dept.; Chris Dellaselva, Law Dept.; and members of the public.

- 1. <u>PR31.025</u> APPROVAL; Agreement between the City of Stamford and BSC Group, Inc. for a Citywide Parks Invasive Species Plan under RFP No. 899. [Total Contract Cost \$139,100] 06/29/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 07/13/23 – To be Considered by Board of Finance 07/19/23 – Approved by Committee 4-0-0
- 2. <u>PR31.026</u> RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Acceptance of a Gift From Terra Green LLC for Refurbishments/Enhancements to the Seating Located at Cubeta Stadium 07/06/23 – Submitted by Matt Quinones 07/19/23 – Approved by Committee 4-0-0

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 and 2, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Megan Cottrell, Chair Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair

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

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HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mavina Moore, Co-Chair Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair

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

⁹ TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:	David Watkins, Chair
Attendance & Votes	Terry Adams, Vice Chair
<u>Minutes</u> & <u>Video</u>	Meeting: Wednesday, July 26, 2023
	7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Watkins reported that the Transportation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Watkins, Vice Chair Adams, and Committee Member Reps. Grunberger, Moore, Gilbride and Sandford. Committee Member Rep. Shinn was absent. Also present was Frank Petise, Transportation Bureau Chief; Luke Buttenwieser, Transportation, Traffic and Parking Bureau; and Chris Dellaselva, Legal Department; and members of the public.

1. <u>T31.021</u> APPROVAL; Agreement between City of Stamford and Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. for Roundabout Design & Inspection Services for Shippan Avenue, Harbor Drive & Magee Avenue under RFP No. 867 [total cost \$308,000] 05/12/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons 06/08/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 07/26/23 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0

A motion to recommit Item No. 1 to the Steering Committee was made, seconded, and approved by a roll call vote of 29-5-1 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pollack, Sandford, Sherwood, Shinn, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, David Watkins, and Weinberg in favor; and Rep. Ley opposed).

2. T31.022 REVIEW; Activities of the Traffic and Transportation **REPORT MADE** Department. 06/06/23 – Submitted by Rep. Watkins 07/26/23 – Report Made

⁹ Video Time Stamp 00:44:18

STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE: Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair Jonathan Jacobson, Vice Chair

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

¹⁰ CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE: <u>Attendance & Votes</u> <u>Minutes & Video</u> <u>Attendance & Votes</u> <u>Minutes & Video</u>		Jeff Curtis, Co-Chair Bradley Bewkes, Co-Chair Meeting: Monday, July 10, 2023 8:00 p.m. – by Webinar - and – Tuesday, July 18, 2023 6:30 p.m. – by Webinar	
1. <u>CR31.009</u>	RESOLUTION; Concerning R Changes to the Draft Report of Revision Commission [7/10/2 06/07/23 – Submitted by Rep 07/10/23 – Recommendation Committee, 9-0-0 07/18/23 – Approved by Con amended, 8-0-0 07/20/23 – Approved by Full	of the 19 th Charter 3, 7/18/23] s. Curtis and Bewkes ns approved by mmittee, as	NO ACTION TAKEN
2. <u>CR31.012</u>	2 nd PUBLIC HEARING; Draft Charter Revision Commissior	•	REPORT MADE

OUTSIDE COUNSEL COMMITTEE: Jeff Curtis, Chair

07/03/23 – Submitted by Rep. Bewkes 07/18/23 – Public Hearing Held

President Curtis reported that there was no meeting of the Outside Counsel Committee and no report.

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¹¹HIGH RIDGE LITIGATION PROPOSED RESOLUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE:

<u>Attendance</u> & <u>Votes</u> <u>Minutes</u> & Video (<u>Pt. 1</u> & <u>Pt. 2</u>) Jeff Curtis, Chair Bradley Bewkes, Vice Chair Meeting: Thursday, July 13, 2023 6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

Possibly in Executive Session:

1. <u>HR31.001</u> REVIEW AND RESPONSE; Proposed Resolution **RECOMMITTED TO** Offers. 04/04/23 – Submitted by President Curtis 05/02/23 – Recommitted to Steering 06/08/23 – Recommitted to Steering 07/13/23 – Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0

MINUTES

1.	APPROVAL; July 5, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes.	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (Reps. Berns and Sherwood abstaining)
2.	APPROVAL; July 5, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (Reps. Berns and Sherwood abstaining)
3.	APPROVAL; July 20, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes.	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (Reps. Berns and Sherwood abstaining)

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

President Curtis adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

This meeting is on video.

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