

*The Regular Meeting of the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was held remotely.*

# MINUTES

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

**INVOCATION:** Delivered by Rep. Bonnie Kim Campbell [5<sup>th</sup> District].

**<sup>1</sup>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Led by President Curtis.

**<sup>2</sup>ROLL CALL:** Conducted by Clerk Cottrell. There were 35 members present and 5 members absent or excused (Reps. Adams, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Grunberger, Jacobson, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, Dakary Watkins, David Watkins, and Weinberg were present; Reps. Berns, Jean-Louis, Moore, Pierre-Louis, and Pollack were absent or excused). Rep. Pollack joined the meeting at 8:32 p.m. for a total of 36 members present and 4 members absent or excused. Also present was Mayor Simmons. Rep. Sherwood left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.; Reps. Jacobson and Walston left the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

**VOTING MACHINE STATUS:** Not applicable, meeting held remotely.

**<sup>3</sup>MOMENTS OF SILENCE:** For the late Former Representative John R. Zelinsky, from the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives; and Lisa Poltrack, from Rep. Berns.

Specialist Breonna Moffett, 23, Savannah, GA; Specialist Kennedy Sanders, 24, Waycross, GA; Special Warfare Operator 2nd Class Nathan Ingram, 27, Roanoke, TX; Special Warfare Operator 1st Class Christopher Chambers, 37, Bowie, MD; Sergeant William Rivers, 46, Carrollton, GA.

**<sup>4</sup>COMMUNICATIONS:** Clerk Cottrell announced:

1. The deadline for the Steering Committee Agenda is Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
2. The Steering Committee meeting will be on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
3. The next regular Board meeting will be on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.

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4. The Board office will be closed on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.
5. Representatives Goldberg and Summerville are celebrating birthdays this month.
6. The invocation for the March Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the 6<sup>th</sup> District (Reps. Patterson and Summerville). 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: [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 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 [REDACTED] 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.

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

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| 1. | <p><a href="#">RESOLUTION</a>; Congratulating Silver Source on its 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.<br/>01/08/24 – Submitted by Rep. Roqueta</p> | <p><b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b></p> |
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A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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| 2. | <p><a href="#">RESOLUTION</a>; Congratulating the Stamford Veterans Resource Center on its One Year Anniversary.<br/>01/15/24 – Submitted by Reps. Cottrell and de la Cruz</p> | <p><b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b></p> |
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A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Simmons read the following proclamation into the record:

WHEREAS: We honor the life of John R. Zelinsky, Jr., who passed away at the age of 81, and was a dedicated member of the Stamford community. John, born on July 15, 1942, in Yonkers, New York, was a longstanding resident of Stamford; and

WHEREAS: John was a pillar of the community, known for his public service. He was an Independent Insurance Agent and Real Estate Broker, contributing his expertise to the

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local community. A graduate of Stamford Catholic High School, class of 1960, John pursued further education at UCONN in the Insurance Program; and

WHEREAS: His dedication to public service was evident through his 44 years as a Representative on the Board of Representatives from District 11 and a member of the Democratic City Committee, who tirelessly represented his constituents.

WHEREAS: John's commitment extended beyond politics, as he was an active member of various organizations, including the Certified Emergency Response Team of Stamford, Holy Name Athletic Club, Polish American Cultural Society, Senior Men's Club, Red Cross Youth Group, Salvation Army, and the Stamford Jaycees; and

WHEREAS: His impact on the community was also felt through his service on the Human Rights Commission, where he served as Chairman. John was a proud member of the City of Stamford Auxiliary Police Department and the Connecticut Army National Guard. He also served as a Commissioner on the State Public Transportation Commission; and

WHEREAS: We remember John Zelinsky for his unwavering dedication to the Stamford community. He leaves behind a legacy of service and commitment that will be cherished by all who knew him.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CAROLINE SIMMONS, Mayor of the City of Stamford, proclaim February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as a day of: Remembrance for Former representative John Zelinsky

And I encourage Stamford residents to reflect on his legacy and honor his memory by continuing to strive for a more just, inclusive, and compassionate community.

**<sup>6</sup>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:** Kieran Matthew Edmondson spoke about traffic safety and the Veterans Resource Center; Mike Papa spoke about the need to focus on quality; Barry Michelson spoke about Items F31.307 and F31.311; Dave Adams spoke about board and commission vacancies; Stephen Fischer spoke about the Veterans Day holiday in schools.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

**<sup>7</sup>STEERING COMMITTEE:**

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Meeting: Monday, January 8, 2024

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

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

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**<sup>8</sup>APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:**

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**Denis W. Patterson, Chair**  
**Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Tuesday, January 16, 2024  
6:30 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Patterson reported that the Appointments Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Shaw, and Committee Member Reps. Cottrell, Figueroa, Grunberger, Kuczynski, Pavia, Summerville, and Walston. Also present were Reps. Camporeale, Goldberg, Mays, Stella, Strain and Weinberg.

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| 1. A31.097 | <b>Chief of Stamford Fire Department</b><br>Rex Morris                      Repl. Roach<br>01/03/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br><b>01/16/24 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0</b>                    | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA (Rep.<br/>Strain abstaining)</b> |
| 2. A31.098 | <b>Director of Emergency Management</b><br>Lou DeRubeis                      Repl. Roach<br>New Canaan, CT<br>01/03/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br><b>01/16/24 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0</b> | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b>                              |

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

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

[Attendance & Votes](#)  
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**Sean Boeger, Co-Chair**  
**Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair**

Meeting: Monday, January 29, 2024  
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. Fedeli and Morson. In attendance remotely were Co-Chair Boeger, and Committee Member Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas. Also present were Lucy Corelli and Monica Di Costanzo, Registrar of Voters; and Anthony Romano, OPM. Also present remotely were Reps. Adams, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, and Walston; Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief; Matthew Quinones, Director of Operations; Ron Malloy, Registrar of Voters; Luke Bittenwieser, Transportation Planner; William Brink, WPCA Director; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; Elda Sinani, OPM Director; Thomas Turk, Traffic & Road Maintenance Supervisor; and Ben Barnes, Director of Administration.

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| <p>1. <a href="#">F31.307</a><br/>\$199,074.00</p> | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); CP0042; Master Plan; 10-year Comprehensive Plan, including an update to the Stamford Affordable Housing Plan and to Address Data Collection needs of the City's Community Development Department to update the Consolidated Plan and create the Equity Action Plan (Source of Funds: City Bonds).<br/>12/06/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>12/12/23 – Approved by Planning Board<br/>12/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/>01/02/24 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board<br/><b>01/29/24 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0</b></p> | <p><b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>                          |
| <p>2. <a href="#">F31.311</a></p>                  | <p><a href="#">RESOLUTION</a>; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by adding an Appropriation of \$199,074 for the Master Plans Project and Authorizing \$199,074 General Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation.<br/>12/06/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>12/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/>01/02/24 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board<br/><b>01/29/24 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0</b></p>  | <p><b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>                          |
| <p>3. <a href="#">F31.321</a><br/>\$10,500.00</p>  | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Registrar of Voters; Early Voting/Presidential Primary; Early Voting Implementation Costs (Source of Funds; 100% State Grant Funded).<br/>12/26/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>01/11/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/><b>01/29/24 – Approved by Committee 10-0-1</b></p>   | <p><b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (Rep. Graham abstaining)</b></p> |
| <p>4. <a href="#">F31.322</a></p>                  | <p><a href="#">GRANTS RESOLUTION</a>; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into and Sign Agreements with the CT Secretary of State for the Early Voting Grant.<br/>12/21/23 – Submitted by Anita Carpenter<br/><b>01/29/24 – Approved by Committee 10-0-1</b></p>   | <p><b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>                          |

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| 5. <a href="#">F31.319</a><br>\$1,800,000.00 | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); 001389; Belltown Roadway; Roadway Safety and Infrastructure Upgrades to Burdick Street, Upland Road, and Belltown Road Including: New Sidewalks, New Drainage Structures, New Crosswalks, Traffic Calming Measures, and Upgraded Lighting. (Source of Funds: State Grants).</p> <p>01/03/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/> 01/09/24 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a><br/> 01/11/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/> <b>01/29/24 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0</b></p>                       | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p> |
| 6. <a href="#">F31.327</a>                   | <p><a href="#">GRANTS RESOLUTION</a>; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into and Sign Agreements with CT OPM for the Local Capital Improvement Program (\$1,000,000.00).</p> <p>12/28/23 – Submitted by Anita Carpenter<br/> <b>01/29/24 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0</b></p>   | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p> |
| 7. <a href="#">F31.328</a>                   | <p><a href="#">GRANTS RESOLUTION</a>; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into and Sign Agreements with CT Department of Transportation for a Community Connectivity Grant (\$800,000.00).</p> <p>12/28/23 – Submitted by Anita Carpenter<br/> <b>01/29/24 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0</b></p>   | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p> |
| 8. <a href="#">F31.325</a><br>\$2,000,000.00 | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); C56182; Street Patch and Resurfacing; Patch and resurface Stamford's roadway infrastructure using accepted engineering standards; includes milling, overlay, reconstruction, associated fixes to public streets and associated subsurface replacements for drainage system. (Source of Funds: Federal Grant ARP).</p> <p>12/19/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/> 12/19/23 – Approved by Planning Board<br/> 01/11/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/> <b>01/29/24 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0</b></p> | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p> |

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| 9. <a href="#">F31.320</a>                    | <p>REJECTION; Capital Project Closeout Recommendation; WPCA; CP5025 Aeration Blowers Upgrade - \$258,074.44 (WPCA Bonds) and \$480,000.00 Rebates; CP1455 Primary Sludge De-Gritting - \$1,200,000.00 WPCA Reserve; C71282 Vehicle Replacement &amp; Repair - \$140,367.00 (WPCA Bonds).</p> <p>12/13/23 – Submitted by Ben Barnes<br/> 12/19/23 – Approved by Planning Board<br/> 01/11/24 – Not Rejected by Board of Finance<br/> <b>01/29/24 – No action taken by Committee</b></p>   | <p><b>NO ACTION<br/>TAKEN</b></p>                    |
| 10. <a href="#">F31.326</a><br>\$140,367.00   | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); C71282; Vehicle Replacement and Repair; WPCA; Replace aging vehicles and purchase of a new Vac/Jet Truck. (Source of Funds: WPCA Reserve Fund).</p> <p>12/27/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/> 12/19/23 – Approved by Planning Board<br/> 01/11/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/> <b>01/29/24 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0</b></p>   | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p> |
| 11. <a href="#">F31.318</a><br>\$1,200,000.00 | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); CP1455; WPCA; Primary Sludge De-Gritting System Replacement; Replacement of Primary Sludge Pumps, Sludge De-Gritting Equipment and Primary Clarifier Arm and Drive Replacement; Additional Request Due to Inclusion of Primary Clarifier Arm and Drive Unit Replacement and Inflation Costs (Source of Funds: WPCA Bond).</p> <p>12/19/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/> 12/19/23 – Approved by Planning Board<br/> 01/11/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/> <b>01/29/24 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0</b></p> | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p> |
| 12. <a href="#">F31.324</a>                   | <p><b>RESOLUTION</b>; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for Water Pollution Control Project CP1455 Primary Sludge De-Gritting System<br/> 12/12/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/> 01/11/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/> <b>01/29/24 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0</b></p>   | <p><b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b></p> |

13. [F31.284](#)  
\$7,371,066.00
- ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);  
Fire Wage Retro Payout; Request to Appropriate  
Funds to Fund Fire Retro Wage Increase Obligations  
for FY18/19 – FY22/23 per a Recent Contract  
Settlement (Source of Funds: Fund Balance).  
10/30/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
11/09/23 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0  
11/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee  
12/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance  
12/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee  
01/11/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0  
**01/29/24 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0**
- APPROVED ON  
THE CONSENT  
AGENDA (Rep.  
Strain abstaining)**
14. [F31.288](#)  
\$4,461,103.00
- ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);  
Fire Wage Increase FY23/24; Request to  
Appropriate Funds per the Increased Obligations for  
FY23/24 per a Recent Contract Settlement (Source  
of Funds: Contingency).  
10/30/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
11/09/23 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0  
11/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee  
12/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance  
12/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee  
01/11/24 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
- HELD**
15. [F31.313](#)  
\$540,606.00
- ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);  
MAA Wage Increase FY23/24; Request to  
Appropriate Funds per the Increased Obligations for  
FY23/24 per a Recent Contract Settlement (Source  
of Funds: Contingency).  
12/01/23 - Submitted by Ben Barnes  
12/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance  
12/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee  
01/11/24 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
- HELD**
16. [F31.314](#)  
\$1,047,321.00
- ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);  
Police Wage Retro Payout; Request to Appropriate  
Funds to Fund Police Retro Wage Increase  
Obligations for FY22/23 per a Recent Contract  
Settlement (Source of Funds: Fund Balance).  
12/01/23 - Submitted by Ben Barnes  
12/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance  
12/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee  
01/11/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0  
**01/29/24 – Approved by Committee 9-0-2**
- APPROVED ON  
THE CONSENT  
AGENDA (Reps.  
Boeger and  
Figueroa  
abstaining)**

17. [F31.315](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **HELD**  
 \$2,203,914.00 Police Wage Increase FY23/24; Request to  
 Appropriate Funds per the Increased Obligations for  
 FY23/24 per a Recent Contract Settlement (Source  
 of Funds: Contingency).  
 12/01/23 - Submitted by Ben Barnes  
 12/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance  
 12/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee  
 01/11/24 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
18. [F31.323](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **HELD**  
 \$1,500,000.00 Transfers from Salary (Fire, MAA, Police) line items  
 to Contingency. [Replacing F31.312]  
 12/06/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
 12/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance  
 01/11/24 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 8, 10 through 13, and 16, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

<sup>10</sup>**LEGISLATIVE & RULES**

**COMMITTEE:**

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**Phil Berns, Chair**

**Sean Boeger, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Tuesday, January 23, 2024

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

1. [LR31.060](#) REVIEW; Potential Ordinance to Stop Loud and **HELD**  
 Excessive Exhaust Pollution (SLEEP).  
 09/27/23 – Submitted by Rep. Jacobson  
 10/24/23 – Held by Committee  
 11/28/23 – Held by Committee 7-0-0  
**01/23/24 – Held by Committee 9-0-0**
2. LR31.064 REVIEW; Possible Requirement that City Post **REPORT MADE**  
 Transcripts of all Public Meetings.  
 11/09/23 – Submitted by Tom Cassone and Carmen  
 Hughes  
 11/28/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 6-  
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**01/23/24 – Report Made**
3. LR31.067 REVIEW; Creation of an ADA Commission. **REPORT MADE**  
 12/06/23 – Submitted by Rep. Stella  
**01/23/24 – Report Made**

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| 4. <a href="#">LR31.066</a> | APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure Section V.C.3 to add Privileged or Incidental Motions.<br>12/05/23 – Submitted by Rep. Jacobson<br><b>01/23/24 – Motion to Recommit to Steering Failed in Committee 3-3-2</b> | <b>NO ACTION TAKEN</b>                    |
| 5. <a href="#">LR31.068</a> | ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u> ; Compensation for Acting Mayor under C3-10-4.<br>01/03/24 – Submitted by Reps. Stella and Pollack<br><b>01/29/24 – Approved by Committee 7-2-0</b>   | <b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 22-12-2</b> |

A motion to approve Item No. 5 was made, seconded, and approved by a roll call vote of 22-12-2 (Reps. Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Gilbride, Graham, Jacobson, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Walston, and Dakary Watkins in favor; Reps. Adams, Fedeli, Goldberg, Grunberger, Mays, Miller, Morson, Patterson, Sandford, Shaw, David Watkins, and Weinberg opposed; and Reps. Pavia and Curtis abstaining)

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** **Anabel Figueroa, Chair**  
**Mary Fedeli, Vice Chair**

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

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

**REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** **Nina Sherwood, Co-Chair**  
**Carmine Tomas, Co-Chair**  
[Attendance](#)  
[Minutes & Video](#)  
Meeting: Wednesday, January 17, 2024  
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Co-Chair Tomas reported that the Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chair Sherwood, Co-Chair Tomas, and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Camporeale, de la Cruz, Grunberger, Kuczynski, and Summerville. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Campbell, Matheny, and Mays. Also present were Lou Casolo, City Engineer; and Nette Compton, CEO Mill River Collaborative.

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| 1. <a href="#">LU31.033</a> | REVIEW; Update on Upcoming Projects Planned by the Mill River Collaborative.<br>10/05/23– Submitted by Rep. Adams<br>10/18/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee<br>10-0-0<br><b>01/17/24 – Report Made</b> | <b>REPORT MADE</b> |
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**<sup>12</sup>OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:**

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

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**Virgil de la Cruz, Chair**

**Carmine Tomas, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Monday, January 22, 2024

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, Vice Chair Tomas, and Committee Member Reps. Boeger, Graham, Sherwood, Stella, Dakary Watkins, and David Watkins. Rep. Ley was absent. Also in attendance were Reps. Adams, Fedeli, Matheny, Morson, and Summerville; Lyda Ruijter, Town Clerk; and Lucy Correlli and Ron Malloy, Registrars of Voters.

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| 1. O31.044                 | REVIEW; Early Voting Process; Infrastructure Requirements and Implementation Including Locations, Security, Storage and the Role of the BOR.<br>01/03/24 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood<br><b>01/17/24 – Report Made &amp; Recommitted to Steering by Committee 8-0-0</b>   | <b>REPORT MADE &amp; RECOMMITTED TO STEERING</b> |
| 2. <a href="#">O31.017</a> | REVIEW; Stamford Transfer Station Operations and Possibility of Increasing Fees for Non-Residential and Commercial Businesses using the Transfer Station.<br>07/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Stella and Curtis<br>07/18/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 7-0-0<br>08/15/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 7-0-0<br>09/12/22 – Moved to Pending<br>10/17/22 –Held by Committee 8-0-0<br>12/29/22 –Held by Committee 9-0-0<br>01/23/23 – Held by Committee<br>03/02/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 6-0-0<br>03/13/23 – Moved to Pending<br>05/15/23 – Report Made & Recommitted to Steering by Committee 7-0-0<br>06/12/23 – Moved to Pending<br>09/18/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0<br>10/10/23 – Moved to Pending<br><b>01/17/24 – Held by Committee</b> | <b>HELD</b>                                      |

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3. O31.038                      REVIEW; Status of plans to replace multiple gas                      **HELD**  
    fired HVAC units with fewer heat pumps units and  
    installation of solar panels on the roof of the  
    Yerwood Community Center.  
    10/05/23 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz  
    10/16/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to  
    Steering by Committee 5-0-0  
    11/13/23 – Moved to Pending  
    **01/17/24 – Held by Committee**

**<sup>13</sup>PUBLIC SAFETY &  
 HEALTH COMMITTEE:**  
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**Jeffrey Stella, Chair**  
**Eric Morson, Vice Chair**  
 Meeting: Thursday, January 25, 2024  
 6:30 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Stella reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Stella, Vice Chair Morson, and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Campbell, Camporeale, Graham, Pavia, and Pollack. Absent or excused was Rep. Roqueta. Also in attendance were Reps. Adams, Matheny, Summerville, and Walston; Josie Carpanzano, Deputy Director of Operations; Lou DeRubeis, Director of Public Safety; and Dana Lee and Michael Toma, Law Department.

1. [PS31.047](#)                      [ORDINANCE](#) for final adoption; Amending [Chapter](#)  
    [242 of the Code of Ordinances](#) Adding § 242-5                      **APPROVED BY**  
    Prohibiting the Possession of Firearms and                      **ROLL CALL VOTE**  
    Explosives in Government Buildings and Polling                      **24-9-2**  
    Places.  
    09/05/23 – Submitted by Lou DeRubeis  
    09/21/23 – Approved by Committee for Publication,  
    as Amended, 5-0-1  
    10/26/23- Public Hearing Held and Approved by  
    Committee for Final Adoption, as Amended, 4-0-1  
    11/08/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board  
    11/29/23 – Approved by Committee for final  
    adoption 6-0-1  
    12/04/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board  
    **01/25/24 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0**

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a roll call vote of 24-9-2 (Reps. Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Matheny, Miller, Morson, Pavia, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Shaw, Stella, Dakary Watkins, David Watkins, and Weinberg in favor; Reps. Adams, Boeger, Figueroa, Kuczynski, Mays, Sandford, Strain, Tomas, and Walston opposed; and Reps. Patterson and

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Summerville abstaining)

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| 2. PS31.034                 | REVIEW; Difficulties of Enforcement of City Ordinances under Civil Citation process and possible solutions, including Cross-Training of Civil Citation Officers.<br>12/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Stella and de la Cruz<br>02/13/23 – Moved to Pending<br>11/29/23 – Held by Committee<br><b>01/25/24 – Held by Committee</b>   | <b>HELD</b>                   |
| 3. <a href="#">PS31.020</a> | REVIEW; Of a "duty to report law" Requiring Property Managers, Building Superintendents, Security Personnel, Doormen, Etc. to Notify 911 of any Emergencies.<br>04/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Curtis, Stella, and Pavia<br>04/20/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 6-0-0<br>05/18/22 – No Action Taken<br>06/22/22 – Report Made & Held in Committee 7-0-0<br>07/11/22 – Moved to Pending<br>03/01/23 – Held by Committee 6-0-1<br>03/13/23 – Moved to Pending<br>07/10/23 – Moved to Pending<br>11/29/23 – Held by Committee<br><b>01/25/24 – Held by Committee</b> | <b>HELD</b>                   |
| 4. PS31.029                 | REVIEW; Legal Role and Authority of City Constables.<br>09/07/22 – Submitted by Reps. Stella and Pavia<br>09/12/22 – Moved to Pending<br>01/09/23 – Moved to Pending<br>08/14/23 – Moved to Pending<br>11/29/23 – Held by Committee<br><b>01/25/24 – Report Made &amp; Held by Committee 6-0-0</b>  | <b>REPORT MADE &amp; HELD</b> |
| 5. <a href="#">PS31.050</a> | RESOLUTION; Requiring the City of Stamford to purchase Bunker Gear/Turnout Gear free of PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) as soon as available (follow up from <a href="#">PS31.030</a> ).<br>12/06/23 – Submitted by Reps. Stella and Pavia<br><b>01/25/24 – Held by Committee 6-0-0</b>  | <b>HELD</b>                   |





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| 2. <a href="#">T31.025</a> | REVIEW; Potential Ordinance Regarding Automated Speeding Cameras Near School Zones. 10/05/23 – Submitted by Reps. Adams, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Mays, Miller, Morson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Sandford, Shaw, Shinn, Stella, Dakary Watkins, David Watkins, and Weinberg. 11/29/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 6-0-0<br><b>01/24/24 – Report Made</b> | <b>REPORT MADE</b>                    |
| 3. <a href="#">T31.026</a> | APPROVAL; Agreement between City of Stamford and IPS Group Inc. for Parking Ticket, Permit and Civil Citation Management Services under RFP No. 895. 11/13/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 12/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-1-0<br><b>01/24/24 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0</b>  | <b>APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA</b> |

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

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

President Curtis stated that there was no meeting of the State & Commerce Committee and no report.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**OUTSIDE COUNSEL COMMITTEE: Jeff Curtis, Chair**

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

**HIGH RIDGE LITIGATION PROPOSED RESOLUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE: Jeff Curtis, Chair**

President Curtis stated that there was no meeting of the High Ridge Litigation Proposed Resolution Review Committee and no report.

## MINUTES

1. [APPROVAL](#); January 2, 2024 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 Curtis adjourned the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#).