

*The Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, 4th Floor, Stamford, Connecticut. This meeting was also held remotely via Zoom.com.*

# MINUTES

Representative Nina Sherwood called the meeting to order at 8:11 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Delivered by Rep. Jennifer Matheny [19<sup>th</sup> District].

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Led by Representative Sherwood.

**ROLL CALL:** Conducted by Clerk Cottrell. There were 39 members present and 1 members absent or excused (Reps. Adams, Baines, Berns (left meeting at 8:23 p.m.), Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Graham, Grunberger, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sanford (left meeting at 11:24 p.m.), Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams were present; Rep. Curtis was absent/excused).

## VOTING MACHINE STATUS:

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON IN PRESIDENT'S ABSENCE:** A motion to name Representative Sherwood the chair of the meeting was made (Rep. Cottrell), seconded (Rep. Boeger), and approved by unanimous voice vote (Rep. Sherwood abstaining).

**MOMENTS OF SILENCE:** For (1) Mr. Douglas Haywood Henley, Sr.; (2) former Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Tappe; (3) retired City of Stamford employee Mr. Eddie Floyd Walston; **MILITARY:** (1) Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Dante Taitano, 21, Dededo, Guam; (2) Sergeant Edwin Franco, 25, Glendale, California; (3) Sergeant Jose Duenez, Jr., 25, Joliet, Illinois; (4) Staff Sergeant Troy Knutson-Collins, 28, Battle Creek, Michigan

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Read by Clerk Cottrell:

1. The deadline for the Steering Committee Agenda is **Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** Please submit all items for Steering to [BOR\\_officestaff@stamfordct.gov](mailto:BOR_officestaff@stamfordct.gov).
2. The Steering Committee meeting will be on **Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**
3. There will be a Special Budget Meeting on **Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00pm.**
4. The next regular Board meeting will be on **Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm.**
5. Rep. Saftic and Ms. Montalvo are celebrating their birthdays this month.

6. The invocation for the May Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the 20<sup>th</sup> District (Representatives Ley and Weinberg). Representatives are responsible for notifying the Board office with the name of the person doing the invocation.
7. All votes at tonight's meeting will be conducted by roll call. We will no longer be using the TownVote voting software due to significant issues experienced during recent meetings.
8. If you need assistance with Zoom you can call IT at [REDACTED]. Please do not call other members of the Board or the Board office staff. 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 - [REDACTED], and using the Webinar ID on the agenda: 314 7054 1826. 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.
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. 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.

## HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

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| 1. | <p><b><u>RESOLUTION</u></b>; Honoring Ron Malloy for his years of service as the Democratic Registrar for the City of Stamford.</p> <p>2/5/2025 - Submitted by Rep. Gilbride</p>  | <p><b>APPROVED<br/>BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b></p> |
| 2. | <p><b><u>RESOLUTION</u></b>; Congratulating Westhill High School's Percussion ensemble for being named WGI (Winter Guard International) Dartmouth Scholastic Open Class Champions and advancing to the WGI World Championships in Dayton, OH.</p> <p>3/12/2025 - Submitted by Rep. Strain</p> | <p><b>APPROVED<br/>BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b></p> |

A motion to approve Item Nos. 1 and 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: Opened at 8:32 p.m.

The following individuals spoke during the public participation session: (1) Kieran Edmondson – Remote; (2) Brittany Lawrence – In person; (3) Cynthia Bowser – In person; (4) Dave Adams – In person; (5) Bary Michelson – In person; (6) Gina Calabrese – Remote; (7) Gormandie Maximan – In person; (8) Myles (no last name given) – In person; (9) Chris Dawson – Remote.

During the public participation session, there was a point of order made regarding if speakers could discuss the West Main Street Bridge in a general fashion (not relating to the agenda item on the bridge) or if they could not. Additional discussion ensued, and meeting Chair Sherwood ruled that her interpretation of the Board rule on public participation is that so long as the discussion is not specifically about supporting or not supporting the agenda item on a piece of city infrastructure, she would not rule such a statement from the public as being out of order. A motion to appeal the Chair's ruling on the public's ability to discuss a piece of city infrastructure

that is listed in agenda items was made, seconded and additional discussion ensued. The motion to allow the Chair's decision to stand passed 19-18-1 via roll call vote (Reps. Adams, Baines, Boeger, Camporeale, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Graham, Kuczynski, Matheny, Moore, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Tomas and Walston voted yes; Reps. Blank, Campbell, Cottrell, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Ley, Mays, Morson, Pollack, Roqueta, Sandford, Shaw, Vandervoort, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams voted no; Rep. Summerville abstained).

Public Participation Session closed at 9:19 p.m.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### STEERING COMMITTEE:

[Attendance](#)  
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Meeting: Monday, March 10, 2025  
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:

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**Denis W. Patterson, Chair**  
**Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair**  
Meeting: Wednesday, March 26, 2025  
6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by  
webinar

Chair Patterson reported that the Appointments Committee met as indicated above.

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| 1. A31.182 | <b>Planning Board</b><br>Jeremy Linder (R) <i>Repl. Tunga R 12/1/2025</i><br>Stamford, CT 06902<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2025<br>2/5/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons<br>02/26/25 – Held by Committee 4-3-0<br><b>03/26/25 – Approved by Committee 6-0-1</b> | <b>APPROVED<br/>BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
| 2. A31.198 | <b>Board of Assessment Appeals</b><br>Raymond Leyden (R) <i>Reappointment R 12/1/2027</i><br>Stamford, CT 06902<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2027<br>3/5/2025 -- Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons<br><b>03/26/25 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b>                      | <b>APPROVED<br/>BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
| 3. A31.188 | <b>Harbor Management Commission</b><br>Damian Ortelli (R) <i>Reappointment</i><br>Stamford, CT 06905<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2027<br>3/5/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons<br><b>03/26/25 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b>                                  | <b>APPROVED<br/>BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |

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| 4. A31.189  | <b>Health Commission</b><br>Tabitha Fortt, MD (D <i>Reappointment</i><br>Stamford, CT 06902<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2027<br>3/5/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons<br><b>03/26/25 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b>                               | <b>APPPROVED<br/>BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
| 5. A31.191  | <b>Arts &amp; Culture Commission</b><br>Sarah King (D <i>Repl. Varamo D 12/1/2025</i><br>Stamford, CT 06907<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2025<br>3/5/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons<br><b>03/26/25 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b>               | <b>APPPROVED<br/>BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
| 6. A31.192  | <b>Arts &amp; Culture Commission</b><br>Lou Chen (D <i>Repl. Cooper D 12/1/2025</i><br>Stamford, CT 06901<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2025<br>3/5/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons<br><b>03/26/25 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b>                 | <b>APPPROVED<br/>BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
| 7. A31.193  | <b>Social Services Commisison</b><br>Meghan Zimmerman (D <i>Repl. Teichman D 12/1/2021</i><br>Stamford, CT 06906<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2027<br>3/5/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons<br><b>03/26/25 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b>          | <b>APPPROVED<br/>BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
| 8. A31.195  | <b>Patriotic &amp; Special Events Commission</b><br>Steve Urso (D <i>Repl. Mehta U 12/1/2026</i><br>Stamford, CT 06905<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2026<br>3/5/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons<br><b>03/26/25 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b>    | <b>APPPROVED<br/>BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
| 9. A31.196  | <b>Patriotic &amp; Special Events Commission</b><br>Seth Lapine (D <i>Repl. Delaney D 12/1/2024</i><br>Stamford, CT 06903<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2027<br>3/5/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons<br><b>03/26/25 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b> | <b>APPPROVED<br/>BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
| 10. A31.197 | <b>Patriotic &amp; Special Events Commission</b><br>Charles Paksi (R <i>Repl. Gonzalez R 12/1/2027</i><br>Stamford, CT<br>Term Expires: 12/1/2027<br>3/5/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons<br><b>03/26/25 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0</b>    | <b>APPPROVED<br/>BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |

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

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

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**Sean Boeger, Co-Chair****Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair**

Meeting: Monday, March 24, 2025

6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room and by  
webinar

Co-Chair Boeger reported that the Fiscal Committee met as indicated above.

1. [F31.546](#)      APPROVAL; Appropriation of Prior Year General Fund Balance (FY2022-23) - \$5,300,00.00 – funding for City/Capital Non-Recurring.  
02/28/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
03/17/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance  
03/17/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-2-0  
**03/24/25 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0**      **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
2. [F31.547](#)      APPROVAL; Appropriation of Prior Year General Fund Balance (FY2022-23) - \$10,000,00.00 – funding for Long Term School Facilities/Capital Nonrecurring – BOE (Fund 57).  
02/28/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
03/17/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance  
03/17/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0  
**03/24/25 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0**      **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
3. [F31.548](#)  
\$57,800.00      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Project: CP4000071; Old Long Ridge Road Bridge #135007; Operations: Engineering – the request to increase is for design purposes. Fund Source: State Grant and Bond (City).  
02/28/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
03/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board  
03/17/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0  
**03/24/25 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0**      **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
4. [F31.549](#)      RESOLUTION; Amending The Capital Budget For Fiscal Year 2024-2025 By Adding An Appropriation Of \$57,800 For The Old Long Ridge Road Bridge #135007 Project And Authorizing \$28,900 General Obligation Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation  
02/28/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
03/17/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance  
03/17/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0  
**03/24/25 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0**      **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

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| <p>5. <a href="#">F31.550</a><br/>\$500,000.00</p> | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);<br/>Project: C16012; City Wide Storm Drains; Operations:<br/>Engineering; Installation and Replacement of storm<br/>drains, catch basins and curbs. Fund Source: Capital<br/>Non-Recurring<br/>02/28/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>03/17/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance<br/>03/17/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/><b>03/24/25 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0</b></p>   | <p><b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b></p>   |
| <p>6. <a href="#">F31.551</a><br/>\$404,142.50</p> | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);<br/>Project: CP400020: Wire Mill Road Bridge:<br/>Operations: Engineering; to approve an increase of the<br/>prior approved authorization. Fund Source: 100%<br/>Federal Grant.<br/>02/28/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>03/17/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance<br/>03/11/25 – To be Considered by the Planning Board<br/>03/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning<br/>Board<br/>03/17/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/><b>03/24/25 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0</b></p> | <p><b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b></p>   |
| <p>7. <a href="#">F31.552</a><br/>\$5,210.00</p>   | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grant Budget);<br/>Stamford Police Department: Federal /funds: to be<br/>used to conduct Distracted Driving Patrols on an<br/>Overtime basis. This Amount reflects the actual award<br/>amount.<br/>02/28/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>03/17/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance<br/>03/17/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br/><b>03/24/25 – Approved by Committee 8-0-2</b></p>  | <p><b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b><br/><i>(Reps. Boeger &amp;<br/>Figueroa abstaining)</i></p> |
| <p>8. <a href="#">F31.553</a><br/>\$23,000.00</p>  | <p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grant Budget);<br/>Youth Services: Mayor's Budget: Internship for the<br/>Unpaid Experiential Learning Project (UELP) for High<br/>School Seniors; Funding for seasonal hire of this<br/>program to support administrative tasks.<br/>02/28/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/>03/17/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance<br/>03/17/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-2-0<br/><b>03/24/25 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0</b></p>   | <p><b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b></p>   |

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 8, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Boeger & Figueroa abstained on Item No. 7).



**LEGISLATIVE & RULES  
COMMITTEE:**

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**Phil Berns, Chair**

**Sean Boeger, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Tuesday, March 25, 2025

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Vice Chair Boeger reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above.

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| 1. <a href="#">LR31.091</a> | ORDINANCE for discussion; on banning the sale, provision, and distribution of single use plastic products in food and beverage establishments.<br>01/06/25 – Submitted by Reps. Camporeale, Cottrell and de la Cruz<br>01/28/25 – Recommitted to Steering<br>01/28/25 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0<br>02/25/25 – Recommitted to Steering<br><b>03/25/25 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0</b>   | <b>APPROVED FOR<br/>PUBLICATION &amp;<br/>PUBLIC<br/>HEARING BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b>         |
| 2. <a href="#">LR31.092</a> | RESOLUTION and public hearing; Approving an Amended and Restated Lease for the Smith House Skilled Nursing Facility and Scofield Manor The Residential Care Home at 88 Rock Rimmon Road and 614 Scofieldtown Road, City of Stamford, State of Connecticut.<br>01/09/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br>01/28/25 – Approved by the Planning Board 5-0-0<br>02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance<br>02/13/25 – Board of Finance Held item 6-0-0<br>02/25/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0<br>03/17/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-1-0<br><b>03/25/25 – Failed by Committee 3-5-1</b> | <b>FAILED BY<br/>ROLL CALL<br/>VOTE 1-34-2</b><br><i>(Reps. Baines &amp;<br/>Goldberg<br/>abstained)</i> |
| 3. <a href="#">LR31.093</a> | ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption; Concerning a Tax Abatement Agreement with Augustus Manor Associates Limited Partnership and Augustus Manor Preservation, L.P., for 101 Main Street, Stamford, CT.<br>01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br>02/25/25 – Approved for Publication by Committee 8-0-0<br><b>03/25/25 – Approved by committee 9-0-0</b>   | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b>  |

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| 4. <a href="#">LR31.094</a> | RESOLUTION and Public Hearing; Approving a proposed contract for sale and First (only) amendment for the purchase and renovation of the YMCA at 10 Bell Street, Stamford, CT for use as a recreation center.<br>01/22/2025 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br>02/11/25 – To be considered by the Planning Board<br>02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance<br>02/13/25 – Board of Finance Held item 6-0-0<br><b>03/17/25 – Board of Finance failed item 2-3-1</b><br><b>03/25/25 – No action taken by committee</b> | <b>NO ACTION<br/>TAKEN</b>                      |
| 5. <a href="#">LR31.072</a> | ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption; Regulating the Sale of Dogs and Cats in Pet Stores<br>02/07/24 – Submitted by Reps. Sherwood and Camporeale<br>02/27/24 – Held by Committee<br>04/30/24 – Held by Committee<br>05/13/24 – Moved to Pending<br>02/24/25 – Approved for Publication by Committee 8-0-0<br><b>03/25/25 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0</b>   | <b>RECOMMITTED<br/>TO STEERING</b>              |
| 6. <a href="#">LR31.095</a> | RESOLUTION; Urging the State of Connecticut to Pass Bill No. 6832 an Act Authorizing Municipalities to Prohibit the sale of Dogs, Cats and Rabbits in Pet Shops.<br>03/04/25- Submitted by Sherwood and Camporeale<br><b>03/25/25 – Approved by committee 9-0-0</b>  | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
| 7. LR31.096                 | RESOLUTION; Requiring members of the Board of Representatives attend a Cultural Diversity Training workshop at the beginning of every new board term and a refresher course at midterm to ensure continuous awareness and understanding of diversity and inclusion principles.<br>2/5/2025 - Submitted by Reps. Stella, Curtis, and Cottrell<br><b>03/21/25 – Held by committee</b><br><b>03/25/25 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0</b>   | <b>RECOMMITTED<br/>TO STEERING</b>              |



A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 3 and 6, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote. No motions were made on Item Nos. 1, 4, 5 and 7.

A motion to hold or recommit Item 2 (LR31.092) was made, seconded, and failed via roll call vote 17-20-1 (Reps. Adams, Blank, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Ley, Mays, Morson, Pavia, Pollack, Sandford, Shaw, Vandervoort, Watkins, Weinberg and Williams voted to recommit; Reps. Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Graham, Kuczynski, Matheny, Moore, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, and Walson voted not to recommit; Rep. Baines abstained).

A motion to approve Item 2 (LR31.092) was made, seconded, and failed via roll call vote 1-34-2 (Rep. Weinberg voted to approve; Reps. Adams, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Graham, Grunberger, Kuczynski, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston, Watkins and Williams voted against; Reps Baines and Goldberg abstained; Rep. Moore did not vote)

Vice Chair Boeger made a motion to discharge Item 1 (LR31.091) from committee and to send it for publication and public hearing at the next Legislation & Rules committee hearing, stating the 3 changes the committee wanted to make had been worked on since the committee meeting. The motion was seconded, and during discussion, Rep. Mays called for a point of information to find out what the changes were and Vice Chair Boeger provided the information:

- 1) For enforcement: The ordinance previously had the Dept. of Health staff reporting to the Director of Operations. This was changed so they now report to the Director of Public Health
- 2) For fines: The fines fund was previously listed as being administered by the Director of Operations. This was changed to having the fines fund administered by the Mayor's designee
- 3) For language on black plastic: The language was clarified to include information on plastic that is banned by resin indicator

After discussion, the item was approved unanimously for publication and public hearing via voice vote.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

**Mary Fedeli, Chair**  
**Bobby Pavia, Vice Chair**

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

**LAND USE/URBAN  
REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**  
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**Nina Sherwood, Co-Chair**  
**Carmine Tomas, Co-Chair**  
Meeting: Wednesday, March 19, 2025  
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Co- Chair Tomas reported that the Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above. No motions were made on any of the items.

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| 1. <a href="#">LU31.043</a> | REVIEW; Widening of Garden Street between Henry Street and Dock Street.<br>08/12/24 – Submitted by Rep. Adams<br>08/21/24 – Recommended to Steering 8-0-0<br>09/18/24 – Held by Committee<br>10/24/24 – Recommended to Steering 11-0-0<br>11/20/24 – Recommended to Steering 8-0-0<br>12/09/24 – Held at Steering<br>01/22/25 – Recommended to Steering 10-0-0<br>02/27/25 – Recommended to Steering 10-0-0<br><b>03/19/25 – Recommended to Steering 9-0-0</b>           | <b>RECOMMENDED TO STEERING</b> |
| 2. <a href="#">LU31.050</a> | REVIEW; of the CT HB No. 5474 – specifically in regards to reviewing a “new” State law passed on October 1, 2024 explicitly authorizing municipalities, by vote of their legislative bodies to adopt an ordinance regulating the operation and use of short-term rental properties.<br>01/08/25 – Submitted by Rep. Graham<br>01/22/25 – Recommended to Steering 10-0-0<br>02/27/25 – Recommended to Steering 10-0-0<br><b>03/19/25 – Recommended to Steering 10-0-0</b> | <b>RECOMMENDED TO STEERING</b> |
| 3. <a href="#">LU31.051</a> | REVIEW; Status of Sale of 0 West Park Place<br>02/03/25 - Submitted by Rep. Sherwood<br>02/27/25 – Recommended to Steering 10-0-0<br><b>03/19/25 – Recommended to Steering 9-0-0</b>   | <b>RECOMMENDED TO STEERING</b> |
| 4. <a href="#">LU31.053</a> | REVIEW; Status of 1201 Washington Boulevard, Resident Relocation Plans and Potential Conversion to UConn Dorms as well as the future plans of the University of Connecticut (UConn)- University and Research Overlay District.<br>03/05/25 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell, Campbell, and Sherwood<br>02/27/25 – Recommended to Steering 10-0-0<br><b>03/19/25 – Recommended to Steering 11-0-0</b>   | <b>RECOMMENDED TO STEERING</b> |

***As a Secondary Committee: HCD/SS Committee***

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:**

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**Virgil de la Cruz, Chair**  
**Carmin Tomas, Vice Chair**  
 Meeting: Thursday, March 20, 2025  
 6:30 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair de la Cruz reported that the Operations Committee met as indicated above.

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| 1. <a href="#">O31.068</a> | RESOLUTION for public hearing; for selecting the alternative for replacement of the West Main Street Bridge.<br>02/04/25 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz<br>02/20/25 – Approved as amended 6-3-0<br>03/03/25 – Recommitted to Steering by full Board<br><b>03/20/25 – Approved by committee 6-2-0</b>   | <b>APPROVED VIA<br/>ROLL CALL<br/>VOTE 24-12-0</b> |
| 2. O31.049                 | REVIEW; Obligations of City to Maintain and Repair Unaccepted Roads.<br>03/06/24 – Submitted by Rep. Pierre-Louis<br>03/11/24 – Held at Steering<br>04/15/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0<br>05/20/24 – Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0<br>06/17-24 – No Action Taken<br>07/15/24 – Held at Steering<br>08/12/24 – Held at Steering<br>02/20/25 – Held by Committee 8-0-0<br><b>03/20/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0</b>      | <b>RECOMMITTED<br/>TO STEERING</b>                 |
| 3. O31.069                 | REVIEW; status and update on the South End Community Center Repairs.<br>03/05/25 – Submitted by Reps. Adams and Graham<br><b>03/20/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0</b>  | <b>RECOMMITTED<br/>TO STEERING</b>                 |
| 4. <a href="#">O31.070</a> | APPROVAL; of 1st amendment to an agreement with Wengell, McDonnell & Costello, Inc. DBA WMC Consulting Engineers for construction engineering inspection services for the replacement of Hunting Ridge Road Bridge. No. 135009.<br>2/27/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br>03/17/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance<br>03/17/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0<br><b>03/20/25 – Approved by committee 8-0-0</b> | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>THE CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b>      |
| 5. O31.064                 | REVIEW; status of opening day for cafeteria at government center<br>01/07/25 – Submitted by Rep. Figueroa<br>01/13/25 – Moved to pending<br><b>03/20/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0</b>  | <b>RECOMMITTED<br/>TO STEERING</b>                 |
| 6. O31.065                 | REVIEW; organizations allowed to use city hall for public meetings and the money generated from it.<br>01/07/25 – Submitted by Rep. Figueroa<br>01/13/25 – Moved to pending<br><b>03/20/25 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0</b>   | <b>RECOMMITTED<br/>TO STEERING</b>                 |

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 4, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote. No motions were made on Item Nos. 2, 3, 5 and 6.

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved via roll call vote of 24-12-0

(Reps. Adams, Baines, Blank, Boeger, Campbell, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Graham, Matheny, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Walston and Williams approved; Reps. Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Kuczynski, Ley, Mays, Morson, Pollack, Shaw, Watkins and Weinberg voted against; Rep. Moore did not vote).

**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.

**PARKS & RECREATION  
COMMITTEE:**

**Jennifer Matheny, Chair**  
**Daniel R. Sandford, Vice Chair**  
Meeting: ~~Monday, March 24, 2025~~ **CANCELED**  
~~7:00 p.m. – By webinar~~

1. [PR31.028](#) REVIEW; Proposed Scalzi Park Bocce Court Reconstruction Plan, along with Associated Costs.  
10/04/23 – Submitted by Reps. Matheny and Tomas  
11/30/23 – Report Made  
12/04/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board  
01/08/24 – Moved to the Pending Agenda
2. PR31.041 REVIEW; New Leone Park parking lot progress  
03/04/25 – Submitted by Rep. Matheny

Chair Matheny reported that there was no meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee and no report.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

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

**Megan Cottrell, Chair**  
**Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair**  
Meeting: Thursday, March 27, 2025  
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Cottrell reported that the Education Committee met as indicated above. No motions were made on Item Nos. 1 or 2.

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| 1. E31.045 | REVIEW; overview of the public library system in Stamford.<br>3/5/2025 - Submitted by Reps. Cottrell and Shaw<br><b>03/27/25 – Report Made</b>      | <b>REPORT<br/>MADE</b> |
| 2. E31.046 | REVIEW; overview with what's going on with school construction.<br>3/5/2025 - Submitted by Reps. Cottrell and Shaw<br><b>03/27/25 – Report Made</b> | <b>REPORT<br/>MADE</b> |

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

**Mavina Moore, Co-Chair  
Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair**

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

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:**

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

**David Watkins, Chair**

**Terry Adams, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 2025

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Watkins reported that the Transportation Committee met as indicated above. No motions were made on Item No. 1.

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| 1. T31.042 | REVIEW; Update on Mitigating Traffic around Strawberry Hill School - since a pedestrian was hit on 10/31/24<br>02/05/25 – Submitted by Reps. Gilbride, Morson, Grunberger, Mays, Blank, Goldberg, Pollack and Shaw<br>02/18/25 – Held by Committee<br><b>03/18/25 – Held by Committee 5-1-0</b> | <b>HELD</b> |
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**STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE:**

[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)  
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**Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair**

**Ashley Ley, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Wednesday, March 19, 2025

7:30 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Pierre-Louis reported that the State & Commerce Committee met as indicated above.

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| 1. SC31.022                 | REVIEW; of Resolution to Ban the Use of Toxic Biosoil as Fertilizer.<br>03/05/25 – Submitted by Reps. Adams<br><b>03/19/25 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0</b>  | <b>RECOMMITTED<br/>TO STEERING</b>   |
| 2. <a href="#">SC31.015</a> | RESOLUTION; to pledge to treat others with dignity (to practice and promote civility in the City of Stamford).<br>04/03/24 – Submitted by Reps. Cottrell, Camporeale, Pavia, Strain<br>04/17/24 – Held by Committee 4-0-0<br>07/15/24 – Held at Steering<br>08/12/24 – Moved to Pending<br><b>03/19/25 – Motion to approve failed 2-3-1</b> | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>ROLL CALL<br/>VOTE 28-2-4</b><br><i>(Reps. Blank,<br/>Campbell,<br/>Figueroa &amp;<br/>Walston<br/>abstained)</i> |

No motions were made on Item No. 1. A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and after discussion, was approved via roll call vote of 28-2-4 (Reps. Adams, Baines, Boeger, Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Graham, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Moore, Morson, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Vandervoort, Watkins and Williams approved; Reps. Goldberg and Weinberg voted against; Reps. Blank, Campbell, Figueroa and Walston abstained. Reps. Grunberger, Kuczynski

and Strain did not vote).

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **OUTSIDE COUNSEL/HIGH RIDGE LITIGATION COMMITTEE:**

**Jeff Curtis, Chair**  
**Meeting: TBD**

Meeting Chair Sherwood reported that there was no meeting of the Outside Counsel/High Ridge Litigation Committee and no report.

## **MINUTES**

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| 1. | APPROVAL; March 3, 2025, Regular Board Meeting<br><a href="#">Minutes</a> . | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
| 2. | APPROVAL; March 10, 2025, Special Board Meeting<br><a href="#">Minutes</a>  | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |

A motion to approve Item Nos. 1 and 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT** Rep. Sherwood adjourned the meeting at 12:08 a.m.

This meeting is on [video](#).