



## **Legislative & Rules Committee – Board of Representatives**

Eileen Heaphy, Chair

Elise Coleman, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, November 24, 2014

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Heaphy, Vice Chair Coleman, and Committee Member Reps. Mitchell, Nabel, Okun Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. Day. Also present were Rep. Reeder; Burt Rosenberg, Law Department; Jon Gottlieb, Housing Authority of the City of Stamford; Sue Greene, Tax Assessor's Office; John Strazza and Jerry Slater.

Vice Chair Coleman called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
<sup>1</sup> 1. LR29.023	REVIEW; Planning Board's latest triennial list of City-owned and City-leased properties (Code §9-4) 06/04/14 – Submitted by Reps. Reeder and Ryan 06/16/14 – No Action Taken 07/21/14 – Held by Committee 08/11/14 – Held at Steering 09/08/14 – Held at Steering 10/14/14 – Held at Steering	<b>Held in Committee 6-0-0</b>

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Coleman, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

<sup>2</sup> 2. <a href="#">LR29.029</a>	ORDINANCE <u>for public hearing and final adoption</u> ; Amendment of Chapter 220, Article IV of the Code, Senior Citizens Tax Abatement 10/08/14 – Submitted by Rep. Fountain 10/27/14 - Approved by Committee for publication 11/13/14 – Recommended by Board of Finance as amended	<b>Held in Committee 7-0-0</b>
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Vice Chair Coleman opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed. Sue Greene noted that the new provision making residents who are delinquent on their taxes ineligible for the abatement might present a problem for those seniors who are paying regularly but can't pay their taxes all at once due to their

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limited income. Committee members noted that this might hurt the people who need this abatement the most. The Committee decided to hear from Bill Forker regarding this provision. A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote. (Reps. Heaphy, Coleman, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

- <sup>3</sup>3. [LR29.030](#) RESOLUTION and public hearing; Approving a **Approved 5-0-3**  
Purchase and Sales Agreement with the Housing  
Authority of the City of Stamford for Colahan Street  
10/24/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
10/28/14 – Approved by Planning Board  
11/13/14 – Approved by Board of Finance

Chair Heaphy opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed. Burt Rosenberg explained that Colahan Street was discontinued by the Board in 2010, with a recommendation from Mayor Pavia that it be sold to the Housing Authority in connection with the revitalization of Vidal Court.

Jon Gottlieb explained that Colahan Street is a very small street which will be incorporated into the 4<sup>th</sup> phase of the Vidal Court revitalization. The 4<sup>th</sup> phase will included 78 total apartment units above 22,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of commercial space. 60% of the units will be affordable and 40% will be at market rate. Colahan Street was appraised at \$74,000 and consists of 1,611 ft<sup>2</sup>. The affordable units will be for individuals at less than 25%, 50% and 60% of the area median income. 23 of the affordable units will be for individuals with project-based Section 8 vouchers.

Burt Rosenberg explained that the property is of no useful value to the City.

Jon Gottlieb stated that Housing Authority will be reimbursed for ½ of the acquisition cost by HUD. The entire parcel is approximately 1½ acres. The commercial space and the market units will be fully taxed by the City.

The committee discussed the cost of the different units in both this phase and phase 3 of the development, which is set to start renting in December. Mr. Gottlieb will provide the committee with the exact rental rates for the various units.

Rep. Zelinsky made a motion to hold this item, which motion did not receive a second. A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-3 (Reps. Heaphy, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun and Silver in favor; Reps. Coleman, Ryan and Zelinsky abstaining.)

Chair Heaphy adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Heaphy, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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