



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

Eileen Heaphy, Chair

Elise Coleman, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2017

**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 and Silver. Absent or excused were Reps. Day, Ryan and Zelinsky. Also present were Tilford Cobb, Animal Control Manager; Burt Rosenberg, Law Department; Kevin Murray, Parks & Facilities Manager; Laurie Albano, Recreation Services; Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health and Welfare; and members of the public Jenny Collucci and Ali Girardi, OPIN.

Chair Heaphy called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">LR29.092</a>	RESOLUTION <u>and public hearing</u> ; Authorizing the acceptance of the conveyance of Cubeta Stadium from the State of CT to the City of Stamford. 09/26/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 10/24/17 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a> 10/30/17 – To be considered by Board of Finance	<b>Approved 6-0-0</b>

### **Secondary Committee: Parks & Recreation**

Chair Heaphy opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Rosenberg stated that the State is conveying Cubeta Stadium to the City, per a State Special Act. The property had been conveyed to the State in 1954. The City has been using and maintaining the stadium. The only change is the change in ownership. There are anticipated to be \$1500 in administrative costs in connection with the transfer, but no other costs beyond the costs already expended by the City and any cost of including the property in the City's insurance rolls.

A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Heaphy, Coleman, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun and Silver in favor).

2. [LR29.093](#) RESOLUTION and public hearing; Approving a Lease between Our Lady Star of the Sea Corporation and the City of Stamford for 1170 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT. **Approved 6-0-0**  
10/05/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
10/17/17 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
10/30/17 – To be considered by Board of Finance

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Mr. Rosenberg explained that the school has been closed, and the building is empty. This presents an opportunity to run the programs listed on Exhibit B. The lease is for 4 years and consists of 11,000 ft<sup>2</sup>.

Ms. Albano explained that this will provide a home for the daytime recreation programs. Cleaning and maintenance expenses were included in the budget. The programming will hopefully start in December.

A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Heaphy, Coleman, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun and Silver in favor).

3. [LR29.091](#) REVIEW; Possible Ordinance Restricting Single-Use Plastic Shopping Bags. **Report Made**  
09/15/17 – Submitted by Rep. Heaphy

Chair Heaphy explained that there are currently plastic bag bans in Westport, California, Austin, TX and an entire nation, Kenya. Westport is the only town in CT with a plastic bag ban, but there are other cities which have imposed one. The concern is that plastic bags get into the food chain. Committee members noted they would like to hear from Mr. Madden and members of the business community about this possibility.

4. [LR29.094](#) REVIEW; Annual Report of Animal Control Officer of Activities, Practices and Policies of Stamford Animal Control and Care Center as required by [Code §111-10.F.](#) **Report Made**  
10/10/17 – Submitted by Rep. Heaphy

Mr. Jankowski and Mr. Cobb reviewed the [attached report](#). Feral cats continue to present a problem, particularly since the State stopped giving out spay/neuter vouchers. The existing site has been cleaned and painted. Illegal breeding has not been a problem. Nobody has sought a breeder's license because that has not been publicized yet.

Ms. Collucci and Ms. Girardi noted that they have received requests for help with medical costs and spaying/neutering.

Chair Heaphy adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Heaphy, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).