



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

Benjamin Lee, Chair

Elise Coleman, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, January 6, 2020

**Time:** 6:00 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 Lee and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Jacobson, Lion, Miller and Nabel. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Florio and Zelinsky. Also present were Reps. Di Costanzo, McMullen and Morson; Greg Stackpole and Steve Parenti, Assessor's Office; Chris Dellaselva, Legal Department; and Mark McGrath, Director of Operations.

Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">LR30.087</a>	RESOLUTION; Approving an Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Representative Himes for Office Space on the 10th Floor of the Government Center. 10/18/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 10/29/19 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a> 11/14/19 – Approved by Board of Finance 11/19/19 – Public Hearing Held and Approved by Committee 5-0-0 12/03/19 – Held by Full Board 12/30/19 – Held by Committee	Approved 5-0-1

Mr. Stackpole read some of his [responses to the questions raised by Rep. McMullen](#).

He noted that the rent range for Class C buildings is from the teens to low 20s, for Class B buildings is low 20s to mid 30s, and Class A buildings is mid 30s and up.

The Government Center was constructed as a Class A building in the 1980s, but has been an administrative building since then. The lease is within the range for a Class B building. It is more difficult for the City to draw in a 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> tenant. He does not know how the GSA came up with its rent number.

Mr. Dellaselva explained that the EPA lease was done by a different procurement process, including a solicitation by the EPA. He does not know what the Government's selection criteria are. The Himes lease was directly negotiated with the City.

Mr. Stackpole stated that this building is not a C space because of the construction materials used, but Class A or B space is typically refitted when a tenant moves out. This building does not do that. This is a unique building in the City.

Mr. Dellaselva explained that \$18 is the target rent for this building.

A motion to approve this lease was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-1 (Reps. Lee, Fedeli, Lion, Miller and Nabel in favor; Rep. Jacobson abstaining)

Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Benjamin Lee, Chair

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