



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

Phil Berns, Chair

Sean Boeger, Vice-Chair

# **Committee Minutes**

**Date:** Thursday, September 28, 2023

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

**Place:** *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Berns, Vice Chair Boeger, and Committee Member Reps. Cottrell, Fedeli, Jacobson, Matheny, and Miller and Sherwood. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Cottrell and Pierre-Louis. Also present were Reps. Adam, Coleman, Garst, Goldberg, Mays, Morson, Pavia, Stella, Summerville, and Weinberg; Chris Dellaselva, Assistant Corporation Counsel; and Jon Gottlieb; Rippowam Corporation.

| <b>Item No.</b>             | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Committee Action</b>         |
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| 1. <a href="#">LR31.054</a> | ORDINANCE <u>for public hearing and final adoption</u> ;<br>Concerning a Tax Abatement Agreement among the City of Stamford and Oak Park 1 Limited Partnership and the Housing Authority of the City of Stamford for 61 Below-Market Units Located at Ursula Place, Stamford, CT.<br>06/27/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br>07/27/23 – Approved by Committee 5-0-1 | <b>COMMITTEE APPROVED 7-0-0</b> |

Chair Berns opened the public hearing and 1 person spoke in favor of this tax abatement.

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Berns, Boeger, Fedeli, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller and Sherwood in favor)

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| 2. <a href="#">LR31.056</a> | RESOLUTION <u>and public hearing</u> ; Approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Stamford and SMTG LLC for 560 Atlantic Street, Stamford, CT.<br>08/11/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br>09/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 | <b>COMMITTEE APPROVED 5-0-2</b> |
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Mr. Dellaselva spoke regarding LR31.056 and LR31.057, stating that they are two small properties left over by the Urban Transit Way project. The properties were purchased using federal money and the City wants to dispose of them because they don't have any use. In order to do this, they have to follow the Federal Transit Authorities rules and proceeded to have the land appraised and submitted for FTA approval. The properties were put out to bid and received a bid that exceeded the FTA bid price.

Chair Berns opened the public hearing with 3 people speaking in opposition of this item.

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-2 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Jacobson, Matheny, and Miller in favor; and Berns and Sherwood abstained)

3. [LR31.057](#) RESOLUTION and public hearing; Approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Stamford and SMTG LLC for 13 Manhattan Street, Stamford, CT. **COMMITTEE APPROVED 5-0-2**  
08/11/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
09/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Chair Berns opened the public hearing with 3 people speaking in opposition of this item.

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-2 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Jacobson, Matheny, and Miller in favor; and Berns and Sherwood abstained)

4. [LR31.055](#) APPROVAL; Agreement between City of Stamford and Steven G. Mednick for Legal Advisory Services under RFP No. 881 [Estimated Total Cost: \$177,000]. **RECOMMITTED TO STEERING 7-0-0**  
07/31/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
08/10/23 – Held by Board of Finance  
08/14/23 – Held at Steering  
09/14/23 – Deemed Approved by Board of Finance due to Inaction (Code §23-18.4)

Mr. Dellaselva explained that this contract was entered with Mr. Mednick in October of 2022 for legal services for the Charter Commission. He did not come before the boards for approval because the contract did not exceed the \$100,000.00 threshold.

Rep. Miller stated that Mr. Mednick will meet with the Fiscal Committee next month to discuss the details of the billing and would like to hold until after that discussion.

Rep. Boeger asked if holding this would have this item be automatically approved liked it was for the Board of Finance.

Mr. Dellaselva confirmed that the board has 60 days to approve.

Rep. Sherwood spoke in opposition to hold this item.

A motion to recommit this item to steering was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Berns, Boeger, Fedeli, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller and Sherwood in favor)

**\*\*\*After this meeting it was brought to the attention of the President of the board that despite the information presented at this meeting, if this item is not considered at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> full board meeting, it will be automatically approved.**

5. [LR31.048](#) APPROVAL; Amending the Rules of the Board to Allow the Public Comment Period prior to the Filling of a Vacancy. **RECOMMENDED TO STEERING 7-0-0**  
02/09/23 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood  
03/29/23 – Recommended to Steering 6-0-0  
04/25/23 – Recommended to Steering 8-0-0  
05/23/23 – FAILED in Committee 4-4-0  
06/05/23 – Recommended to Committee by Full Board  
06/26/23 – Held by Committee 9-0-0  
07/10/23 – Held at Steering  
08/14/23 – Held at Steering

A motion to recommit this item to steering was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Berns, Boeger, Fedeli, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller and Sherwood in favor)

6. [LR31.040](#) APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure re: Use of Virtual Meeting Licenses by Representatives. **RECOMMENDED TO STEERING 7-0-0**  
11/29/22 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell  
12/12/22 – Moved to Pending  
03/29/23 – Recommended to Steering 6-0-0  
04/25/23 – Recommended to Steering 8-0-0  
05/23/23 – Recommended to Steering 8-0-0  
06/26/23 – Held by Committee 8-0-0  
07/10/23 – Held at Steering  
08/14/23 – Held at Steering

A motion to recommit this item to steering was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Berns, Boeger, Fedeli, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller and Sherwood in favor)

17. [LR31.053](#) APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure to Delete Board Section V. Rules of Procedure, Subsection C. Motions. **RECOMMENDED TO STEERING 4-3-0**  
06/07/23 – Submitted by Rep. Boeger  
06/26/23 – Held by Committee 3-2-2  
07/10/23 – Held at Steering  
08/14/23 – Held at Steering

A motion to recommit this item to steering was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 4-3-0 (Reps. Berns, Boeger, Matheny, and Sherwood in favor; Reps Fedeli, Jacobson and Miller opposed)

Chair Berns adjourned the meeting at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phil Berns, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Video Time Stamp 01:08:50 LR31.053 Discussion and Vote