



Operations, Parks and Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives

Daniel R. Sandford, Chair

John Pelliccia, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2026
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: This meeting was held remotely.

The Operations, Parks and Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Sandford, Vice Chair Pelliccia, and Committee Member Reps. Bradford, Didelot, Finkel, Gardner, Salas, and Zachary. Rep. Beckham was absent. Also in attendance was Jody Bishop-Pullan, Director of Health & Human Services; Ebrima Jobe, Director of Environmental & Health Inspection Services; Lou DeRubeis, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Matt Quiñones, Director of Operations; Luke Bittenwieser, Senior Transportation Planner; Brandon Mark, Energy & Sustainability Engineer; Ben Pomerantz, Parks & Recreation Commissioner; and members of the public.

Chair Sandford called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. OPR32.018	RESOLUTION and public hearing; Approving Cost Recovery Fee Model for Electric Vehicle Chargers at the Bell Street Garage 09/10/2026 – Submitted by Director Quiñones 09/24/2026 – Approved to for public hearing by Committee 6-0-0 10/05/2026 – Approved for public hearing by Board via unanimous voice vote	APPROVED 8-0-0

Chair Sandford opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. Two members of the public spoke in opposition to the resolution. There being no other members of the public wishing to speak the public hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

There was a brief discussion. Mr. Mark explained that the chargers were supported by a Connecticut DEEP grant covering 65% of total project cost, with the stipulation that the first three years are intended for cost recovery rather than profit. Because electric rates change, this type of model allows for that variable.

A motion to approve Item No.1 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Sandford, Pelliccia, Bradford, Didelot, Finkel, Gardner, Salas, and Zachary in favor).

2. [OPR32.019](#) **RESOLUTION and public hearing;** Approving Cost Recovery Fee Model for Electric Vehicle Chargers at the Government Center Garage **APPROVED 8-0-0**
09/10/2026 – Submitted by Director Quiñones
09/24/2026 – Approved to for public hearing by Committee 6-0-0
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Chair Sanford opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. One member of the public spoke in opposition to the resolution. There being no other members of the public wishing to speak the public hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Sanford, Pelliccia, Bradford, Didelot, Finkel, Gardner, Salas, and Zachary in favor).

3. OPR32.020 **REVIEW;** Feedback and suggestions for potential revisions of Chapter 164 – Stamford's Noise ordinance **REPORT MADE**
10/06/2026 – Submitted by Rep. Sanford

Chair Sanford stated that the last time this ordinance was thoroughly looked at was about 40 years ago, and it would be good to get feedback from the people implementing it.

Director Bishop-Pullan gave a detailed background on the current noise ordinance and there was discussion between the Committee members and invited guests.

Some issues discussed were:

- Enforcement challenges.
- Amplified sound rules for events.
- Variances and waivers.
- Allowed times for construction work, road work, and garbage pickup.
- The importance of working with restaurant and bar owners so they are in compliance.
- Keeping Stamford a vibrant place that people want to live and visit, while balancing the needs of others who prefer quiet.

Chair Sanford stated he agrees with Director DeRubeis and Director Bishop-Pullan that it would be a good idea to use DEEP (Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection) as a starting point for updating Stamford's noise ordinance.

In future Committee meetings there will be an ordinance presented for revision. Representatives can contact Chair Sanford and Vice-Chair Pelliccia with any proposed changes.

Chair Sanford adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel R. Sanford, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).