

The Regular Meeting of the 26th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will be held Monday, January 6, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 p.m.

INVOCATION: Given by Rep. Brian O'Neill.

“Dear Lord, as we gather here tonight, let us remember the thousands of men and women in our armed forces who have been mobilized. Let us pray for them and pray for peace. In a world filled with ignorance and hate, let us pray for wisdom and brotherhood. We thank you, Lord, for the blessings you have bestowed upon our fair city. Amen.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President David R. Martin.

ROLL CALL: Led by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There were thirty-four members present and six members absent/excused. Excused were Reps. Sherer, Biancardi, Mitchell, DeLuca, Skigen and Imbrogno.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late: Mary Elizabeth Johnson by the 26th Board of Representatives; Gloria Jean Blue, by Rep. Cannady; Morgan P. Ames, by Rep. Day; Mark Melzer and Eleanor Corbo by Reps. Zelinsky and Loglisci; Alvah W. Swain, Chris Furnega, Anna Summa and Anthony M. Sollitto, by Rep. Loglisci; Lewis R. DeRubis, by Reps. Giordano, Loglisci and Zelinsky; Joseph J. DeLuca, Edward M. Rauh, James J. Cartis and Waldo F. Jones, by Rep. Giordano; Max Fodiman, Carlton W. Smith, Joseph J. Koproski and Vincenza Vecere by Reps. Giordano and Zelinsky; and Michael Zap, by Rep. Zelinsky.

FILLING OF VACANCY: President Martin read the letter of resignation from Rep. Sherer. Rep. Browne moved nominate Michael Pavia to replace Rep. Sherer; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. President Martin administered the oath of office.

President Martin read a letter of resignation from Representative Victor Biancardi.

RESOLUTIONS: Rep. Zelinsky moved to suspend the rules to take up two resolutions. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

1. SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION; **APPROVED BY**
 congratulating the students at Scofieldtown **UNANIMOUS**
 Middle Magnet School on their outstanding **VOICE VOTE**
 accomplishments in the Fourth Connecticut
 Lego League Competition Challenge for 2002
 City Sites.
 12/12/02 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky

2. SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION; **APPROVED BY**
 congratulating the students at Hart Magnet **UNANIMOUS**
 School on their outstanding accomplishments in **VOICE VOTE**
 the Fourth Connecticut Lego League
 Competition Challenge for 2002 City Sites.
 12/12/02 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky

Representative Zelinsky presented the resolutions to the students and faculty in attendance at the meeting.

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STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Meeting: Monday, December 9, 2002
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Majority Leader Boccuzzi moved to waive the Steering Committee Report; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: Paul A. Esposito, Chair
(Attendance) Annie M. Summerville, Vice Chair
(Votes) Meeting: December 3, 2002

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Esposito reported that the Appointments Committee met on December 3, 2002. Present were Committee Member Reps. Summerville, Esposito, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Clear, Coppola, Fahan, Mirkin and Morrow; Rep. Kernan was excused.

1. [A26.066](#) Greater Fairfield Tourism District **APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**
Kelly, Joseph K. (D) *(Term Exp. 12/01/02)*
Stamford Marriott
Two Stamford Forum
Stamford, CT 06901
Term Expires: 12/01/04
10/16/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P.
Malloy
12/03/02 – Committee Approved 9-0-0

2. [A26.067](#) Stamford Golf Authority **APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**
Michael P. Feighan (D) *(Term Exp. 01/01/02)*
21 Van Rensselaer Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 01/01/05
11/05/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P.
Malloy
12/03/02 – Committee Approved 9-0-0

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 and 2, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: **Randall Skigen, Chair**
[\(Attendance\)](#) **Linda Cannady, Vice Chair**
[\(Votes\)](#) Meeting: Monday, December 30, 2002
[\(Report\)](#) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Vice Chair Cannady reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Monday, December 30, 2002. Present were Committee Member Reps. Cannady, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Loglisci, Lyons and Mirkin. Others present were Reps. Adams, Benyus, Kernan, White, Clear and Shapiro; Tom Connors, Stamford Times; Robin Stein, Land Use; Sandra Dennies, Grants Director; Michael Pensiero, Technical Management Services; Assistant Police Chief Priolo; Donna Loglisci, Town Clerk; Jeanette Brown, WPCA; and Tom Hamilton, Director of Administration.

1. [F26.148](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Planning; West Park Place; Mill River Corridor; to fund land acquisition of properties with grant funds. APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE (25-8-1)
- 11/05/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/12/02 – Approved by Board of Finance
12/02/02 – Held in Committee
12/30/02 – Committee approved 6-0-2

Secondary Committee: Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee

Vice Chair Cannady reported that Robin Stein provided details and maps. He stated that the source of funds is two grant sources from the State Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The latter grant award deadline date is September 30, 2003, which was reported to the Committee Chair after the committee meeting by Sandra Dennies, Grants Director.

Vice Chair Cannady stated the Committee voted 6-0-2 for approval.

Rep. Loglisci asked that the item be removed from consent. Rep. White stated that the Land Use Committee concurred on the vote.

Ms. Cannady stated that the first grant from the State DEP is for \$546,000, and the Department of Commerce's grant is for \$348,700. She stated that the Committee asked several questions of Ms. Dennies, and she answered those questions at the meeting and provided answers to questions after the meeting. Vice Chair Cannady moved to approve Item No. F26.148; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Loglisci moved to hold the item; said motion was seconded. Rep. Loglisci stated that we should ask ourselves if this is the best way to use our capital funds at this time and perhaps the City should be prioritizing its funds. Rep. Loglisci stated that the Committee did not get a lot of information, including assessed value, who did the assessment, at what time was it done. Rep. Loglisci stated he wanted to assure that we get true value for all of our citizens. Further, this application is not due until September of 2003, and therefore we should take a month to decide whether we want to accept this money. This project will cost \$3.5 million, and we only have \$900,000 in grant funds; the rest of the money has to come from city funds.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that the only part of the grant with a September deadline is the \$348,700. The other grant has already been received.

Rep. Cannady stated that even though we received the grant funds, before they are expended, the Committee will have a chance to review the item.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that we can always reject the project later on and return the funds to the State. Therefore, he said it makes no sense to send it back to Committee.

Rep. Loglisci stated that he is more concerned about the total cost of the project, not the \$900,000 in grant funds. There is \$2.5 million in public funds, and in these times, he doesn't see how this body can ignore this fact. Further, this body should uphold the fiscal integrity required of it. The funds is going to be there in a month, and by holding it, we would be able to say that we really knew what we were voting on, we asked the questions, got the answers and feel secure. Rep. Loglisci stated that once we have the money, he has never known of it to go back.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that we are not approving an expenditure right now, and he agrees with Mr. Loglisci that we need more information. This information will come when we get the appropriation expenditure request. At that time, if the majority of this Board decides it is not a good investment, we can send it back. At this point, we are just locking this money up for the city's expenditure, if approved by the Board.

Rep. Loglisci stated we are putting the cart before the horse. If we put it in the coffers now, we will find a way to add a couple of million dollars to it so it can be spent.

Rep. Hunter stated that we already have \$500,000 so we are really only discussion \$300,000, and given the fiscal condition of the State and the governor's talk of layoffs and cutbacks, there is no guarantee the money will be there in 30 or 45 days. Therefore, he believes we should accept the money, lock it up, and later on decide whether we want to go ahead with it.

The motion to hold failed by a machine vote of 13-22-0 (See [Vote Record #335](#)). The main motion was approved by a machine vote of 25-8-1 (See [Vote Record #336](#)).

2. [F26.155](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants
\$11,100.00 Budget); DUI Enforcement Program; to fund
DUI patrols and enforcement on an overtime
basis; matched 50% by City.
12/02/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P.
Malloy
12/12/02 – Approved by Board of Finance
12/30/02 – Committee approved 8-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

Concur 6-0-0

3. F26.154 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Emergency Communications; Overtime; to fund overtime through April 2003 due to underbudgeting and unanticipated vacancies.
\$46,188.00
\$40,000.00
- 11/27/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/12/02 – \$40,000 approved by Board of Finance
12/30/02 – Committee approved 8-0-0
- APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

Concur 6-0-0

4. F26.161 RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the State of Connecticut for funding assistance regarding operation of the Stamford Day Care Program; amount of grant: \$1,648,083.
12/09/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/30/02 – Committee approved 8-0-0
- APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**
5. F26.162 RESOLUTION; regarding the Women's, Infants' and Children's (WIC) Nutrition Program; amount of grant: \$340,000.
12/09/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/30/02 – Committee approved 8-0-0
- APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**
6. F26.157 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Government Access Tech; Data Communications; to enable emergency procedures to be made available to public via a public access channel for governments and to post Stamford website information on Government Channel; source of funds: Area Nine Cable Council
\$10,701.00
- 12/02/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/12/02 – Approved by Board of Finance
- APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

12/30/02 – Committee approved 8-0-0

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

Concur 6-0-0

7. F26.156 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Technology Infrastructure; Non Capital Computer Equipment; to purchase switch gear for all elementary schools in order to connect with the Connecticut Education Network.
\$23,285.00
- 12/02/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/12/02 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/30/02 – Committee approved 8-0-0
- APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

Secondary Committee: Education

A motion to waive the secondary committee report was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

8. F26.160 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Town & City Clerk; Land Recording Fee – Preservation Fund; to cover deficit in account used to resolve the backlog in land recordings.
\$11,860.00
- 12/02/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/12/02 – Approved by Board of Finance
12/30/02 – Committee approved 8-0-0
- APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

Secondary Committee: Legislative & Rules

Approved 8-0-0

9. F26.158 RESOLUTION; approving the issuance of \$10,713,825. \$10,713,825 in revenue bonds to finance existing capital improvements for the WPCA; bonds to be secured and repaid solely by WPCA revenues.
(additional info on file)
- 12/02/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/12/02 – Approved by Board of Finance
12/00/02 – To be considered by WPCA
12/30/02 – Committee approved 8-0-0
- APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

10. F26.153 REVIEW; of City of Stamford budget projections.
12/02/02 – Submitted by Chair Skigen
12/30/02 – Held in Committee

**HELD IN
COMMITTEE**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2-9, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

(Attendance)

(Votes)

(Report)

Maria C. Nakian, Chair

Jim Shapiro, Vice Chair

Meeting: Monday, December 16, 2002

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Nakian reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on December 16, 2002. Present were Committee Member Reps. Nakian, Fahan, Mitchell, Spandow, Zelinsky, Browne, Shapiro and Greenberg present. Also present was Derek Gillman of Day, Berry & Howard on Item Number 2.

1. LR26.025 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; FOR FINAL ADOPTION & PUBLIC HEARING; providing for an increased limit to \$5,000 for property tax relief for veterans as a result of recent state legislation.
07/16/02 – Submitted by Reps. DeLuca and Zelinsky
09/03/02 – Held in Committee
10/07/02 – Report Made
10/21/02 – Committee voted 9-0-1 to increase exemption to \$5,000
11/18/02 – Committee approved 7-0-0
12/16/02 – Committee approved 7-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

2. LR26.022 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; FOR FINAL ADOPTION & PUBLIC HEARING; providing for a tax abatement for property located at 258 Atlantic Street, Unit 1, owned by the Print Research Foundation.
10/09/02 – Submitted by Day, Berry & Howard
10/21/02 – Held in Committee 10-0-0
11/18/02 – Committee approved 5-0-1
12/16/02 – Committee approved 8-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

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| 3.
LR26.023 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>FOR FINAL ADOPTION & PUBLIC HEARING</u> ; amending Chapter 220, Tax Abatements to change the time period for application to the Board of Representatives.
10/09/02 – Submitted by Day, Berry & Howard
10/21/02 – Committee voted to suspend rules to take up this item not on agenda
11/18/02 – Committee approved 6-0-1
12/16/02 – Committee approved 7-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 4.
LR26.024 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>FOR FINAL ADOPTION & PUBLIC HEARING</u> ; providing for a tax abatement for property at Mill Road (Lot No. 0402-5744-2-R) owned by the Stamford Land Conservation Trust.
10/29/02 – Submitted by Joel M. Berns, DMD
11/18/02 – Committee approved 6-0-0
12/16/02 – Committee approved 8-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 5.
LR26.026
<i>(contract on file)</i> | APPROVAL; of an agreement with ACS Enterprise Solutions for records management services for the City and Town Clerk's Office; amount of contract: \$149,551.10.
11/25/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/12/02 – Approved by Board of Finance
12/16/02 – Held in Committee | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1-4, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: <u>(Attendance)</u> <u>(Report)</u>	Sanchia Spadow, Co-Chair Mary Lisa Fedeli, Co-Chair Meeting: Wednesday, December 18, 2002 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room – and – Meeting: Thursday, January 2, 2003 6:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room – and – Meeting: Monday, January 6, 2003 6:45 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room
<u>(Attendance)</u> <u>(Report)</u>	
<u>(Votes)</u> <u>(Report)</u>	

Co-Chair Spandow reported that the Personnel Committee met on December 18, 2002. Present were Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Loglisci, Boccuzzi, Browne, Cannady, Greenberg and Spandow. Excused were Reps. Skigen, Figueroa, McCullen and DeLeo. Also in attendance was Fred Manfredonia of Human Resources.

1. P26.031 REJECTION; of a tentative agreement between the City of Stamford and the United Automobile Workers Local 2377 for the period 7/1/1 to 6/30/3. **DEFEATED BY MACHINE VOTE (0-34-1)**
12/04/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/12/02 – Positive Advisory by Board of Finance
12/18/02 – Meeting Continued to 1/2/03
01/02/03 – Committee approved 8-0-0
01/06/03 – Committee rejected 0-9-0

Co-Chair stated that an overview of the contract was given, which included a 3% increase for the years 2001-02 and 3% for 2002-03. Health insurance from January 2003 will include a 5% contribution, and they will receive a \$1,000 one-time orthodontic allowance. The pension will be based on a final year of base salary, and retirement is eligible after 33 years at 66% of salary; formerly it was 35 years at 70%. There is a slight increase in the tools allowance. The Committee voted not to reject the contract by a vote of 0-9-0.

President Martin stated that the Committee first met and voted 9-0-0. Co-Chair Spandow stated that tonight the Committee rescinded that vote and failed to reject the contract by a vote of 0-9-0.

Co-Chair Spandow moved to reject Item No. P26.031; said motion was seconded and failed by a machine vote of 0-34-1 (See [Vote Record #337](#)).

Co-Chair Spandow moved to suspend the rules, said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Suspension of Rules:

2. P26.032 REJECTION; of an arbitration agreement between the Board of Education and the Stamford Administrators Unit. **APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE 31-1-2**
12/04/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/12/02 – Positive Advisory by Board of Finance

01/02/03 – Meeting Continued to 1/6/03
01/06/03 – Committee approved 6-0-3

Co-Chair Spadow stated that the Committee met on January 2, 2003. Present were Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Loglisci, Boccuzzi, Browne, Greenberg, DeLeo, McCullen and Figueroa. Excused were Committee Member Reps. Cannady and Skigen. Also present was Rep. Mirkin; Thomas Mooney, Esq., Board of Education; William Stover, Director of Human Resources; John Chardavoyne, Deputy Superintendent of Schools and Gail Okun, School Board Member.

Co-Chair Spadow reported that Attorney Mooney provided an overview of the contract. The questions asked by the Committee concerned the increases in salary, the salary one year maintenance for administrators transferred because of reductions in force, the cost impact of the contract. The Committee voted to continue the meeting until January 6, 2003.

The Committee met this evening, and members present were Reps. Fedeli, Spadow, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Greenberg, Loglisci, McCullen, Browne and Figueroa. The item was on the agenda again this evening, and the Committee voted to reject the arbitration award by a vote of 6-0-3.

Co-Chair Spadow moved to reject Item No. P26.032; said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 31-1-2 (See [Vote Record #338](#)).

President Martin stated that a letter must be forwarded stating the reasons the contract had been rejected.

LAND USE/URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Patrick J. White, Co-Chair

Harry Day, Co-Chair

Meeting: Monday, December 30, 2002

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

(in conjunction with Fiscal Committee)

- and -

Monday, January 6, 2003

6:45 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

(Report)

(Attendance)

Co-Chair White reported that the Land Use Committee met on December 30, 2002. For lack of a quorum, the meeting was rescheduled to January 6, 2003. Present were Committee Member Reps. Boccuzzi, Loglisci, Nakian, Spadow, Summerville, Day and White. Excused were Reps. Benyus, Biancardi, Mitchell and Shapiro.

The Committee voted as secondary on fiscal items.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

(Attendance)

(Votes)

(Report)

John R. Zelinsky, Jr., Co-Chair

Anthony Imbrogno, Co-Chair

Meeting: Wednesday, December 18, 2002

7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Co-Chair Zelinsky stated the Operations Committee met on December 18, 2002. Present were Committee Member Reps. Zelinsky, Adams, Hunter, O'Neill, Coppola and McDermott. Rep. Imbrogno was excused; absent were Reps. Biancardi, Day, Sherer and White. Also present were President Martin, Reps. Giordano and Morrow; Director of Operations Tim Curtin; Director of Legal Affairs, Tom Cassone; Glen MacWilliams and several refuge service representatives.

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| 1. <u>O26.026</u> PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for publication</u> ;
amending Section 137-10 of the Code
regarding Tipping Fees; providing for tipping
fee increases by resolution.
12/04/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P.
Malloy
12/18/02 – Committee approved 6-0-0 as
amended & to waive publication 5-1-0 | APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE |
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Co-Chair Zelinsky reported that the city's costs have increased since October 2, 2003. There is a \$100,000 shortfall in the account. The City sends its waste to Pennsylvania, and their costs have increased by \$5 per ton. The current tipping fee is not adequate to offset the City's costs. Co-Chair Zelinsky stated that the Committee voted 6-0-0 to approve the ordinance and then voted to waive publication and for final adoption by a vote of 5-1. This changes the fee from \$77 to \$82 per ton, effective the 15th day of the month the ordinance was enacted. Co-Chair Zelinsky moved to waive publication for Item No. O26.026; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Mirkin stated that it is bad policy to waive a public hearing on matters that financially impact citizens of Stamford. This particular increase will affect certain parts of the city more than others. Rep. Mirkin stated he would not vote to waive a public hearing.

Rep. Loglisci stated that this ordinance has built-in increases, and therefore we should not waive a public hearing on this increase. The public should have a right to respond to it.

Co-Chair Zelinsky stated he appreciates the other two representatives' opinions, but because this fee was effective last October, if we do not vote for final adoption this evening, the City will incur additional expenses. Rep. Zelinsky

stated that there were four commercial haulers at the meeting, whom he allowed to speak, and while they were not enthusiastic about the increases, they understood that the City had no choice due to the fee increase from Pennsylvania. Bearing all that in mind, there is sufficient reason to waive publication.

Rep. Day stated he could not attend the meeting, but asked what the emergency is.

President Martin stated that the Charter allows the Board of Representatives to waive publication upon an emergency, and there is no necessity to find that there is an emergency. The very nature of waiving publication states that there is an emergency of sufficient nature to waive publication.

Co-Chair Zelinsky stated that the emergency is the funds that the City will lose if it waits longer.

Rep. Day stated that, with all due respect to the president, it is too facile to just say that waiving automatically implies that there is an emergency. The Charter states that you don't waive publication and public hearing absent an emergency. Especially in this case, when it affects some constituents differently than others. In his view an emergency is a danger to the public's health, welfare or safety. Or, in the alternative, it is a financial detriment that needs to be measured by some standard. Rep. Day supports the ordinance but is uncomfortable with waiving publication.

Rep. O'Neill stated he voted in Committee against waiving publication, publication should be waived only in emergency situation, and the haulers need to have an opportunity to speak to this ordinance.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that he is favor of waiving publication because an emergency does exist. So far, the City has lost \$100,000. If we don't waive publication, the City will lose another \$50,000 or more. That is going to be on the backs of the taxpayers. The tipping fee increase is over \$5 per ton. At one time, there was a survey, and it was pointed out that a homeowner probably would put about a ton of refuse per year, which would be less than \$.50 per month in this case for an increase. Rep. Boccuzzi stated that this is something that the State of Pennsylvania put on the City, and the City should recoup these funds.

Rep. Mirkin stated that it would be wrong for anybody to project who would or would not show up at a public hearing. He states it is bad public policy to not have a public hearing. He stated that you can go through the city budget and find many occasions where the city was over budget, such as snow removal.

Rep. Day stated that these increases have been in effect since October 1, 2002. You can argue that this is an emergency because someone waited an awful long

time to do anything about it. Then the question becomes that we should flirt with the edge of an express provision of the Charter because someone in the administration took several months to bring this to the Board's attention.

Rep. Hunter stated that the trash haulers themselves are most affected by this increase, and Tim Curtin stated that he had posted a notice at the transfer station, for all of the haulers to see, inviting them to the Operations Committee meeting. So, there was some limited notice to the public, even though it was very limited.

Rep. Lyons stated that in many industries, especially truck and freight, they are adding surcharges for fuel and energy each month. Generally, he is not in favor of waiving publication, but he can no longer see the City incurring a deficit based upon a dumping charge in Pennsylvania, that the taxpayers here have to subsidize for any further amount of time.

A motion to move the question was made and seconded; said motion was approved by a machine vote of 25-9-0 (See [Vote Record #339](#)). The motion to waive publication failed by a machine vote of 19-13-2 (See [Vote Record #340](#)). The motion to approve the item for publication was approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. O26.027 RESOLUTION; approving an amendment to an **HELD IN**
(contract on agreement with AFB Construction Management **COMMITTEE**
file) of Trumbull, Inc. for Stamford High School
Code Compliance and Alterations.
11/18/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P.
Malloy
12/12/02 – Held by Board of Finance
12/18/02 – Held in Committee 6-0-0

Co-Chair Zelinsky stated that Item No. 2 was held because the Board of Finance had not taken the item up.

**PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH
COMMITTEE:**

[\(Votes\)](#)
[\(Report\)](#)
[\(Attendance\)](#)

Richard Lyons II, Chair

Gail Clear, Vice Chair

Meeting: Mon., December 30, 2002

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

(in conjunction with Fiscal Committee)

Vice Chair Clear reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on Monday, December 30, 2003. Present were Committee Member Reps. Lyons, Adams,

Blackwell, Clear, DeLuca and Mirkin. Reps. Coppola, DePina and DeLeo were absent; Rep. Zelinsky was excused.

The Committee met on secondary items.

PARKS & RECREATION

COMMITTEE:

(Attendance)

(Votes)

(Report)

Linda Cannady, Co-Chair

Steve McDermott, Co-Chair

Meeting: Wednesday, December 18, 2002

7:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Rep. McDermott reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on December 18, 2002. Present were Committee Member Reps. Adams, Cannady, Clear, Coppola, Fedeli, Giordano, Lyons, McDermott and Morrow. Excused were Reps. Imbrogno, McCullen and White. Also present was Joyce Sun of OPM; Tim Curtin and Glen MacWilliams.

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| 1. <u>PR26.036</u> | RESOLUTION; authorizing new marina rates for Calendar Year 2003.
12/02/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/18/02 – Committee voted 5-0-2 for 9% rate increase | APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE
(for publication) |
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Co-Chair McDermott moved to amend the motion to provide for a public hearing; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. The main motion, to approve for publication, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Thomas Hunter, Co-Chair

Brian O'Neill, Co-Chair

No report.

STATE AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE: Jim Shapiro, Chair

John Morrow, Vice Chair

No report.

HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Elaine Mitchell, Chair

Philip Giordano, Vice Chair

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| 1.
HCD26.010 | REVIEW; setting of Year 27 schedule for CDBG planning and budgeting process. | NO
REPORT |
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11/12/02 – Submitted by Rep. Mitchell
11/20/02 – Report Made

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: Robert “Gabe” DeLuca, Chair

(Attendance)

Meeting: Thursday, December 19, 2002

(Vote)

7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

(Report)

Rep. Mirkin reported that the Transportation Committee met on December 19, 2002. Present were Committee Member Reps. Mirkin, DeLuca, Fahan, Giordano, Blackwell, Kernan and Zelinsky. Also present were Reps. Shapiro; Director of Operations Tim Curtin; and Sandra Goldstein and John Ruotolo of the DSSD.

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| 1. <u>T26.022</u> | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>FOR FINAL ADOPTION AND PUBLIC HEARING</u> ;
amending Chapter 231-Residential Parking Permit Program
11/12/02 – Submitted by Rep. DeLuca
11/21/02 – Committee approved 5-0-0
12/19/02 – Committee approved 6-0-0 | APPROVED BY
MACHINE VOTE
(24-7-0) |
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Rep. Zelinsky asked that the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Rep. Mirkin stated that the ordinance provides for an increase in the residential parking permit fee from \$5 to \$10; a transfer fee increase from \$2 to \$5; a one-year buffer period to reapply if a permit is not approved; and the permit will be issued for one calendar year.

Rep. Zelinsky stated he cannot vote on this because he doesn't feel it is proper to increase the fees by 100% in the case of the permit. The transfer fee increase from \$1 to \$3 seems excessive also.

Rep. Mirkin moved to approve Item No. T26.022; said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 24-7-0 (See Vote Record #341).

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| 2. T26.023 | REVIEW; of all downtown parking lots and rate structure.
12/02/02 – Submitted by Rep. Shapiro
12/19/02 – Report Made | REPORT
MADE |
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Rep. Mirkin stated that everyone received a copy of Mr. DeLuca's written report on Item No. 2.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

CHARTER COMMITTEE:

Maria Nakian, Co-Chair

Robert "Gabe" DeLuca, Co-Chair

Monday, December 9, 2002

8:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

- and

Wednesday, December 11, 2002

7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

- and

Wednesday, January 8, 2003

7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

[\(Attendance\)](#)

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Co-Chair Nakian reported that the Charter Committee met on December 9, 2002. Present were Committee members DeLuca, Nakian, Summerville, Skigen, Day, Benyus, Fedeli and Lyons present. Reps. Fahan and Loglisci were also present.

The Committee met again on Wednesday, December 11, 2002 at 6:45 p.m. Present were Committee Member Reps. Nakian, DeLuca, Summerville, Skigen, Day, Benyus, Fedeli and Lyons present. Also present was Rep. Loglisci.

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| 1. <u>C26.001</u> | RESOLUTION; establishing a Charter Review Commission.
02/04/02 – Submitted by President Martin
10/07/02 – Report Made
10/29/02 – Report Made
11/18/02 – Report Made | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
| 2. <u>C26.002</u> | RESOLUTION; appointing the members to a Charter Review Commission.
02/04/02 – Submitted by President Martin
11/18/02 – Report Made | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
| 3. <u>C26.003</u> | RESOLUTION; outlining the charge to the Charter Review Commission.
02/04/02 – Submitted by President Martin
11/18/02 – Report Made | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |

Co-Chair Nakian stated we had 31 applicants to the Commission; one person withdrew and another did not show up for two interviews. There were 17 Democrats, 10 Republicans and 2 unaffiliated voters. The Committee will meet on January 8, 2003 to begin the process of selecting commissioners. After that, the Committee will

set at least one meeting to work on the charge. No one outside of the Committee members has submitted any ideas to be included in the charge.

SCHOOL BUDGET COMMITTEE:
(Attendance)

Randall Skigen, Chair
Meeting: Monday, December 9, 2002
8:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room
- and
Meeting: Monday, January 13, 2003
8:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

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| 1. SB26.001 | REVIEW; status of Board of Education Budget.
09/09/02 – Submitted by Rep. Skigen
12/02/02 – Report Made
12/09/02 – Report Made | NO
REPORT |
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RESOLUTIONS

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| 1. | <u>SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION</u>
encouraging the State to increase the Local
Option for the Veterans Exemption.
12/12/02 – Submitted by the 26 th Board of Reps. | APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE |
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MINUTES

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| 1. | <u>November 12, 2002 Regular Board Meeting</u> | APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE |
| 2. | <u>December 2, 2002 Regular Board Meeting</u> | APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE |

COMMUNICATIONS

1. President Martin announced that Steering Committee would meet one week from tonight. Also, the Education Budget Committee will meet after Steering. Leadership members will also meet before Steering.

2. Rep. O'Neill asked that a letter from the Board congratulating Rep. Sherer be sent. President Martin stated he would send the letter.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.