The Regular Meeting of the 27th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, March 6, 2006 in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, 4th Floor, Stamford, Connecticut.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 by President David R. Martin.


“Let us pray. Tonight we thank you for another opportunity to thank you for life, understanding, love, peace, and one another and to strive for the betterment of our community. Bless all of our representatives and their homes tonight, as we continue to do our work. Bless our leaders, at home and abroad. May they continue to lead us in the best of their abilities. This is my prayer. Amen.”

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

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There were thirty-seven (37) members present, two (2) vacancies (Reps. Pavia and Blum) and one member not present at the time of roll call but who arrived shortly after roll call (Rep. Berns).

VOTING MACHINE STATUS: The machine was in good working order.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. President Martin announced that the public hearing on the budget will be held next Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Turn of River Middle School.


APPOINTMENT OF NEW REPRESENTATIVES:

A motion to suspend the rules to take up an item not appearing on the agenda (the replacement for Irving Blum) was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Rep. Giordano moved to appoint Carolyn V. Young to fill the vacancy in the 10th District created by the resignation of Irving Blum. Rep. Giordano added that Carolyn Young has been a life-long resident of Stamford, having attended the Stamford School System. She is a registered Democrat and works at Lord & Taylor in Stamford, and she has worked in the City of Stamford for over twenty years. Ms. Young told Mr. Giordano that she wants to give back to our great City of Stamford by volunteering her time and effort in volunteering on the Board of Representatives. Said motion was seconded.

Majority Leader Boccuzzi reported that Ms. Young is a Democrat in good standing and resides in the 10th District.

The motion to approve Ms. Young was approved by a voice vote (Rep. Skigen abstaining).

A motion to suspend the rules to take up an item not appearing on the agenda (the replacement for Michael Pavia) was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Rep. DeLuca moved to appoint Mark Larobina to fill the vacancy in the 18th District created by the resignation of Michael Pavia. Rep. DeLuca stated that Mr. Larobina is a life-long resident of Stamford, has attended Stamford Public Schools and is a former police officer for the Town of Greenwich. Mr. Larobina is married with one child; he is young and dynamic and will be a vital asset to the Board of Representatives with his new ideas. Mr. DeLuca added that he confirmed that Mr. Larobina is a registered Republican and resides in the 20th District. Said motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote (Rep. Skigen abstaining).

President Martin announced that Mr. Larobina will be temporarily serving on the Committees that Mr. Pavia formerly served on (Parks & Recreation and Operations) and
Ms. Young will be serving on the Committees that Mr. Blum formerly served on (Parks & Recreation, Education and Transportation).

President Martin administered the oath of office to Ms. Young and Mr. Larobina.

A motion to take an item up out of order was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

*Elaine Mitchell, Chair*

*Philip J. Giordano, Vice Chair*

**Attendance**

Meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2006

6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Mitchell reported that the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met on Tuesday, February 21, 2006. Present were Chair Mitchell and Committee Members Reps. Aposporos, Giordano, Molgano and Nowakowski. Excused were Committee Member Reps. Blackwell, Figueroa, McCullen and Munger. Also present: Rep. Cannady and Tim Beeble, Director of Community Development.

1. HCD27.05 REVIEW; status report of HOME program funding for Year 30 (7/1/2004 – 6/30/2005)
   02/07/06 – Submitted by Chair Mitchell
   02/21/06 - Committee approved 5-0-0

2. HCD27.06 REVIEW; status of projects with unexpended CDBG funds.
   02/07/06 – Submitted by Chair Mitchell
   02/21/06 - Committee approved 5-0-0

3. **HCD27.04** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; amending Chapter 13, Community Development Program, to include approval by Board of Representatives of any modifications to CDBG budget after adoption (except as per 13-6(E) – transfers under $1,000).
   01/10/06 – Submitted by Rep. Cannady
   02/21/06 - Committee approved 4-0-1

Chair Mitchell stated that the Committee approved adding language under 13-6, a-d to provide for the full Board of Representatives approval or rejection.

A motion to approve Item No. HCD27.04 was made, seconded and approved by a voice vote (Rep. Mitchell abstaining).
Operations Committee
A motion to take an item up out of order was made and seconded. Said motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Zelinsky reported that the Operations Committee met on February 22, 2006. Present were Chair Zelinsky; Committee Member Reps. Adams, Berns, Coppola, Hunter, Lodato and Munger; excused were Reps. Pavia, White and Mirkin. Also present were Reps. DeLuca and Rauh; Tim Curtin, Director of Operations; Morty Klein, Solid Waste Supervisor; Alex Tergis the new Service Bureau Chief in Operations; Tom Cassone, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs; Jeanette Brown, Executive Director of the WPCA and Joe Capalbo, Esq., attorney for Linden House; Rick Smeriglio of Plaza Realty and Management and Wendy Froelich, the President of Linden House’s condo association.

3. O27.003 DETERMINATION; of the validity of the appeal of the Director of Operations discontinuance of the City’s Trash Reimbursement Program by Linden House Condominiums.
   12/09/05 – Submitted by Joseph J. Capalbo, Esq.
   12/12/05 – Placed on Pending Agenda
   02/22/06 – Validity of Petition Failed 3-3-0

Chair Zelinsky reported there were lengthy presentations by both Director Cassone, Mr. Klein and Mr. Curtin as well as Mr. Capalbo, the attorney for Linden House, and Mr. Smeriglio, who is the representative of Plaza Realty Management.

Chair Zelinsky stated that the Committee voted 3-3-0. Chair Zelinsky moved to designate the appeal as valid; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Coppola stated he represents the district of Linden House along with Mr. Molgano. His position is that we should let the appeal go forth, at least to give the residents an opportunity to be heard. Rep. Coppola stated there was some foot-dragging here on the part of the management company, though he doesn’t want to place any blame, but he feels there is enough blame that we should at least hear what the concerns of the residents of Linden House are prior to making any final decision. Rep. Coppola will vote in favor of validating the appeal.

Rep. Zelinsky read from the ordinance that deals with this item outlining the procedure for appeal. Rep. Zelinsky stated that tonight we are not voting on the merits of the case but on the validity of the appeal to see if it should be heard. Chair Zelinsky read the letter from Director Cassone, dated 12/2/2004. Rep. Zelinsky stated that this letter did not go to the president of the association, but to the management company. Rep. Zelinsky stated that the proper procedures were not followed in the mailing of this letter. Also, there was correspondence between Mr. Povodator of the Law Department and
Attorney Capalbo, the attorney for Linden House, and that correspondence is dated January 20, 2005. The Association had 30 days from December 2nd in which to appeal. Much has been said pertaining to why they waited almost a year and a half later to appeal; regardless of the time frame in which they appealed, technically the appeal deadline was January 2nd. This does not have a bearing on whether the appeal should be heard.

Chair Zelinsky read from a letter from Director Cassone to the Clerk of the Board, Annie Summerville, “accordingly, we believe that the Board should treat the time limit as a mandatory requirement for an appeal subject to the possible existence of equitable of equitable considerations that might justify a late appeal. To the extent that this appeal appears to be approximately 11 months late, the threshold question before the Board would appear to be whether there is a claimed justification for any delay in filing an appeal and whether the Board wishes to accept a claimed justification.” Chair Zelinsky stated that he specifically asked Attorney Capalbo at the meeting to sum up why the Board should hear the appeal, and Attorney Capalbo responded: 1) the original notice was not provided directly to Linden House and never set forth the appeal requirements; 2) the first notice they received about the appeal was Attorney Povodator’s letter dated January 20, 2005, after the appeal period ended; 3) there were letters discussing the issues with this particular condo complex.

Chair Zelinsky stated everyone received in the mail a letter from Attorney Capalbo, and he reiterates the points above in this letter.

Chair Zelinsky stated that the Board is not here to decide whether it will have to hear appeals from other condominium associations. Also, the fact that they were ignorant of the law does not justify hearing the appeal. Chair Zelinsky feels that the justification is clear and evident in that they were not notified of the appeals process, the letter was not sent to the condominium association but to the management company, and he believes that we should allow the residents to present their appeal and then vote on the merits of it at that time. Chair Zelinsky asked the Board to determine that they have a right to have their appeal heard.

Rep. Day stated that he has a lot of sympathy for the homeowners at Linden House and admiration for Attorney Capalbo, who has been a very good advocate for his client. However, the ordinance is very clear. The management company is the agent of the homeowners, and it is not disputed, and it is clear as a matter of principal and agency law that the notice was not defective. The notice probably could have been better phrased and given some advice as to appeal rights, but we are all charged with knowledge of the law, so that is not an issue. By the way, this was the culmination of a lawsuit brought back in the 1980s where the condominiums got what they asked for. The record shows that the residents of Linden House may have a valid complaint, but it is probably against the management company, and this is not the forum to resolve that dispute. Therefore, Rep. Day stated he finds himself in disagreement with Chair Zelinsky.
Rep. Lyons stated he, too, sympathizes with the residents of Linden House, and he did not attend the Operations Committee meeting, but he read the report, and he can find no way or method by which we can determine there are any tests to validate this appeal. Clearly, in the correspondence received March 1st from Linden House’s attorney, it says the “sole issue before the Board at this time is the determination of the validity of the appeal by Linden House.” In the same letter, the attorney says that “Linden House does not dispute the fact that they received notice in December of 2004.” The notice may have been somewhat deficient, but the notice was sent registered mail to Plaza Realty and the condominium association. Rep. Lyons stated there is a paper trail that goes back two years on this matter, so if the issue is the validity of the appeal, we must disregard all the paper on this issue written by Plaza Realty & Management Corporation, which is a top firm in Stamford. Rep. Lyons stated Plaza owes a real apology to its tenants and they may have some fiscal reparations to deal with, but that is an issue between Linden House and Plaza Realty & Management. Rep. Lyons stated he sees no way that we can validate an appeal tonight.

Rep. Molgano stated he understands the feelings of the members who have spoken, but the people have the right to speak, so he is going to support the appeal.

Rep. Mirkin stated as Vice Chair, he could not attend the meeting but he did thoroughly review the report. He was party to a conversation with Chair Zelinsky, President Martin, Clerk Summerville and a representative from the Law Department. The conversation was how to bring this before the Committee. Rep. Mirkin stated that there is enough confusion in the process as to how the City communicated and the fact that information about the appeal process was not included (considering that it is included in parking tickets, false alarm notices), he is favorably disposed to hearing the appeal. Rep. Mirkin stated that we are also not a court, and he looks at the Board of Representatives as being the people’s court, and he feels the people living in Linden House have proven that there is validity for us to take this up. They deserve to have their day in court.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that he read the report and followed the paper trail, and he cannot see where Linden House complied with the appeal requirements. Rep. Boccuzzi stated that over the years he has heard board members say that we want citizens and city staff to abide by ordinances and to follow the rules. Now, Linden House is asking us to go against our own ordinance, and he can’t see any reason for this Board to allow this to happen. There is a lot of material, documents, statements to the effect that even to this day, no progress has been made whatsoever. The Linden House residents can’t get together for one reason or another. Rep. Boccuzzi stated that we have an ordinance with a 30-day limit, Plaza Realty has received many letters regarding this matter, and they represent many other condominiums that abided by the ordinance. Rep. Boccuzzi stated he doesn’t know whose fault it is that the appeal didn’t come in on time, but it is not the fault of the Board of Representatives. Rep. Boccuzzi stated the Board should stand by the ordinance and reject the appeal.

Rep. Rauh stated that by the letter of the law, the City is correct, but what we are saying is that the public’s ignorance of an ordinance is the City’s bliss. The Charter/Code is not
readily available to people. In no place was there any recognition of the ordinance. Even when you get an assessment, there is a reference to appeal processes. Nowhere was it mentioned in the letter, nor were many of the letters sent by the managing agent even acknowledged until January 20th. Now, we have a lawsuit because they were told they had missed the appeal deadline. It was almost a year later that our own city attorney suggested that they perhaps come to us and ask for the appeal. While we might be technically correct in court, we are insensitive to citizens of this community, and she urges the Board to hear the appeal – we are not judging the merits of it.

Rep. Lyons stated that if we use the supposition that the 30 days started in January or May, in their own testimony, their real estate manager says that if they were granted the appeal tomorrow, they still couldn’t be ready in 30 days to comply. So this begs the questions, is this some type of stall tactic, or is there another issue driving this or are they trying to murky the waters with the validity of a Board of Representatives appeal. The more you get into it, the deeper the layers get, and we have seen in 16 months that they have not made any attempt to comply – not even 10 or 20 percent of the units have been converted.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated, in response to the comment that the Charter/Code is not readily available, but Linden House and Plaza Realty, who represents Linden House, knows the Charter, and the attorneys for Linden House know what is in the Charter. So, they had ample time to file the appeal.


Note: Clerk of the Board Summerville announced that Rep. Young will be voting from Mr. Blum’s seat and Rep. Larobina will be voting from Mr. Pavia’s seat.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Wednesday, February 15, 2006
(Attendance) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room
(Report)  

Majority Leader Boccuzzi moved to waive the Steering Committee Report; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.
Chair Summerville reported that the Appointments Committee met on Tuesday, February 28, 2006. Present were Committee Chair Summerville and Committee Member Reps. Boccuzzi, Molgano, Aposporos, Blackwell, Munger and Nowakowski. Excused were Committee Member Reps. Layton and DePina.

Chair Summerville reported that the Appointments Committee also met this evening at 6:35 p.m. Present were Chair Summerville and Committee Member Reps. Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Layton, Molgano and Nowakowski; excused were Committee Member Reps. Aposporos and DePina.

1. **A27.008**  
   **Zoning Board**  
   Maria Nakian (D)  
   Repl. Heftman  
   90 Campbell Drive  
   Stamford, CT 06903  
   Term Expires: 12/01/07  
   02/07/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
   02/28/06 – Committee approved 4-3-0

Chair Summerville moved to approve A27.008, said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 30-7-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Young, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, Espsoito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Heaphy, Hunter, Layton, Lodato, Lyons, Martin, C., Martin, D., McCullen, Nowakowski, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Aposporos, D’Orso, Lombardo, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger and Larobina opposed (See RCS Vote Record No. 680).

2. **A27.009**  
   **Board of Ethics**  
   Cheryl G. Bader (D)  
   Repl. Klein  
   243 Jonathan Drive  
   Stamford, CT 06903  
   Term Expires: 06/30/08  
   02/10/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
   02/28/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0

3. **A27.010**  
   **Environmental Protection Board**  
   Barbara M. Hicks (D)  
   Repl. Berns  
   248 Loveland Road  
   Stamford, CT 06905

**APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:** Annie M. Summerville, Chair  
**(Attendance)** John J. Boccuzzi, Vice Chair  
**Report** Meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 2006  
**Votes** 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room  
- and -  
**Attendance** Meeting: Monday, March 6, 2006  
**Votes** 6:35 p.m. – Conference Room #2
Chair Summerville reported that on February 28, 2006, the Committee voted 0-6-1 not to approve the appointment of Ms. Hicks. The Committee then received correspondence from Ms. Hicks asking for consideration of another interview next month. The Committee met this evening and voted 6-0-0 to hold the appointment so that she can be re-interviewed next month.

4. A27.006  
**Golf Authority**  
William W. Ward (D)  
1318 Bedford Street  
Stamford, CT 06905  
Term Expires:  01/01/08  
02/01/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/28/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0

5. A27.007  
**WPCA**  
Donald A. Huppert (D)  
63 Turn of River Road  
Stamford, CT 06905  
Term Expires:  01/01/08  
02/03/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/28/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2, 4 and 5, was made, seconded and approved by voice vote (Rep. Larobina abstaining on Item No. 4).

FISCAL COMMITTEE:  
Randall M. Skigen, Chair  
Linda Cannady, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Monday, February 27, 2006  
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Skigen reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Monday, February 27, 2006. Present were Committee Chair Skigen and Committee Member Reps. DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Lyons and Mirkin; excused were Committee Member Reps. Cannady, Day, DePina and Hunter. Also present was Clerk of the Board Summerville; Tim Curtin, Director of Operations; Bill Callion, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Ben Barnes, Director of Administration; Peter Privitera, Director of OPM; Sandra Dennies, Grants Director; Alice Fortunato and Lucy Corelli, Registrars of Voters; Brent Larrabee, Chief of Police; Mike Sullivan of the Golf Commission; Robert McGrath, Stamford Fire & Rescue Chief; Johnnie A. Lee, MD, MPH, Director of Health & Social
1. **F27.036**  
**PUBLIC HEARING (Grants); to notify Board of Representatives and allow public input on the Justice Assistant Grant Local Application; to fund case management for alternative juvenile court process.**
- 01/27/06 – Submitted by Sandra Dennies
- 01/30/06 – Committee accepted grant 9-0-1
- 02/06/06 – No action taken
- 02/27/06 – No vote required

Chair Skigen stated that no one from the public spoke at the public hearing, and this requires no Board Action.

2. **F27.066**  
**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); WIC Grant; Salaries; to cover increases in salaries due to recent UAW contract settlement.**
- 01/30/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
- 01/10/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
- 02/27/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0

3. **F27.041**  
**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Grants Administration; Professional Consultant; to fund state and federal lobbying services.**
- 01/30/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
- 02/09/06 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-1-0
- 02/27/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0

4. **F27.065**  
**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); to fund development activities, site acquisition and infrastructure to enhance Mill River Corridor project.**
- 01/30/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
- 02/07/06 – Approved by Planning Board
- 02/09/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
- 02/27/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0

5. **F27.037**  
**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Operations – Engineering; Kosciuszko Park; to fund construction costs associated with CT DEP required closure plan.**
- 01/30/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
- 02/07/06 – Approved by Planning Board
- 02/09/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
- 02/27/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0
6a. **F27.038**  
$20,000.00  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);  
E.G. Brennan; Salaries; to fund approved positions:  
full time cashier and full time laborer.  
02/27/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0  
ALL THREE ITEMS (6a, 6b and 6c) APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

6b. **F27.039**  
$35,000.00  
Supplies; Land; to purchase a fairway mower  
02/27/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0

6c. **F27.040**  
$195,000.00  
Building; Maintenance; for clubhouse renovations, window and door replacement.  
02/27/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0  
01/30/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/09/06 – Approved by Board of Finance

7. **F27.042**  
$142,188.00  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);  
Parking Fund; Salaries; to cover shortfall in salary, seasonal and social security.  
01/30/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/09/06 – Approved by Board of Finance  
02/27/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0  
APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

8. **F27.043**  
$42,020.00  
$35,000.00  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);  
Registrar of Voters; Election Expense; $17,020 to cover November election expenses and $25,000 to cover expenses for March primary.  
01/30/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/09/06 – $35,000 Approved by Board of Finance  
02/27/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0  
APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

9. **F27.068**  
$109,000.00  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);  
Homeland Security; Cap Out-Vehicles; grant from Stamford Health Systems to purchase a $209,000 mobile medical vehicle; this grant to be combined with $100,000 Homeland Security Grant.  
02/10/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/13/06 – To be considered by Board of Finance  
02/27/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0  
HELD IN COMMITTEE

Chair Skigen reported that Item No. F27.068 was held as the Board of Finance has not acted on this item.

10. **F27.045**  
$72,944.00  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);  
Police Department Wide; Part-Time; to fund 3% increase given to crossing guards.  
APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA (Rep...
Chair Skigen reported that Item No. F27.046 was held as the Board of Finance has not acted on this item.

12. F27.047  ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Emergency Communications; Salaries; to fund reallocation of dispatchers ($80,114), costs related to UAW contract settlement (153,652), increased overtime due to sickness and vacancies (150,710) and differential ($11,515).
01/30/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/09/06 – $375,000 Approved by Bd of Finance
02/27/06 – Committee approved 6-0-0

Chair Skigen reported that Item No. F27.048 was held as the Board of Finance has not acted on this item.

13. F27.048  ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Stamford Fire & Rescue; Overtime; overtime due to 4 vacancies and sickness incidents.
01/30/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/09/06 – Failed by Board of Finance 3-0-1
03/13/06 – To be considered by Board of Finance
02/27/06 – Committee approved 6-0-0

Clerk of the Board Summerville announced that Rep. Mitchell had left the meeting.
A motion to approve Item No. 15a F27.049 was made, seconded and failed by a machine vote of 24-15-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Young, Boccuzzi, Cannady, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Figueroa, Giordano, Heaphy, Hunter, Lyons, Mallozzi, Martin, C., Martin, D., McCullen, Nowakowski, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Aposporos, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, D’Orso, Fedeli, Franzetti, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger, Larobina and Pia opposed) (See RCS Vote Record No. 681).

Clerk of the Board Summerville moved for a 5-minute recess at 10:15 p.m. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

(See vote on returning to Committee below – RCS Vote Record No. 685).

The Board returned to session at 10:35 p.m.

A motion to approve Item No. 15g F27.050 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Board returned to session at 10:35 p.m.

A motion to approve Item No. 15b F27.052 was made, seconded and failed by a machine vote of 24-15-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Young, Boccuzzi, Cannady, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Figueroa, Giordano, Heaphy, Hunter, Lyons, Mallozzi, Martin, C., Martin, D., McCullen, Nowakowski, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Aposporos, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, D’Orso, Fedeli, Franzetti, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger, Larobina and Pia opposed) (See RCS Vote Record No. 681).
A motion to return Item No. 15b F27.052 to committee was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 36-2-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Young, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, D’Orso, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Heaphy, Hunter, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, Martin, C., Martin, D., McCullen, Molgano, Munger, Nowakowski, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Mirkin and Larobina opposed (See RCS Vote Record No. 682).

### 15c. F27.053
- **Amount:** $14,347.00
- **Description:** ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); to cover projected shortfall in overtime and social security – Operations Department: Vehicle Maintenance; Overtime
- **Dates:**
  - 01/30/06 – Items Submitted by Mayor Dannel Malloy
  - 02/09/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
  - 02/27/06 – Committee approved 4-0-3
- **Status:** RETURNED TO COMMITTEE 37-2-0

### 15d. F27.054
- **Amount:** $110,430.00
- **Description:** ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); to cover projected shortfall in overtime and social security – Operations Department: Transfer Station; Overtime
- **Dates:**
  - 01/30/06 – Items Submitted by Mayor Dannel Malloy
  - 02/09/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
  - 02/27/06 – Committee approved 4-0-3
- **Status:** RETURNED TO COMMITTEE 37-2-0

### 15e. F27.055
- **Amount:** $97,554.00
- **Description:** ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); to cover projected shortfall in overtime and social security – Operations Department: Collections; Overtime
- **Dates:**
  - 01/30/06 – Items Submitted by Mayor Dannel Malloy
  - 02/09/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
  - 02/27/06 – Committee approved 4-0-3
- **Status:** RETURNED TO COMMITTEE 37-2-0

### 15f. F27.056
- **Amount:** $46,552.00
- **Description:** ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); to cover projected shortfall in overtime and social security – Operations Department: Traffic Maintenance; Overtime
- **Dates:**
  - 01/30/06 – Items Submitted by Mayor Dannel Malloy
  - 02/09/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
  - 02/27/06 – Committee approved 5-0-2
- **Status:** RETURNED TO COMMITTEE 37-2-0

A motion to return Item Nos., 15c, 15d, 15e and 15f (F27.053, F27.054, F27.055 and F27.056) to Committee was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 37-2-0 (Reps. Adams, Aposporos, Berns, Blackwell, Young, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, D’Orso, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Heaphy, Hunter, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, Martin, C., Martin, D., McCullen, Molgano, Munger, Nowakowski, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Mirkin and Larobina opposed (See RCS Vote Record No. 682).
White and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Mirkin and Larobina opposed (See RCS Vote Record No. 683).

A motion to reconsider Item No. 15a, F27.049, was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 37-2-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Young, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, D’Orso, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Heaphy, Hunter, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, Martin, C., Martin, D., McCullen, Molgano, Munger, Nowakowski, Larobina, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Aposporos and Mirkin opposed (See RCS Vote Record No. 684).

A motion to return Item No. 15a, F27.049 to committee was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 37-2-0 (Reps. Adams, Aposporos, Berns, Blackwell, Young, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, D’Orso, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Heaphy, Hunter, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, Martin, C., Martin, D., McCullen, Molgano, Munger, Nowakowski, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Mirkin and Larobina opposed (See RCS Vote Record No. 685).

15i. F27.057  ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); NO ACTION TAKEN
$53,825.00 to cover projected shortfall in overtime and social security – Operations Department:
  Maintenance; Overtime
  01/30/06 – Items Submitted by Mayor Dannel Malloy
  02/09/06 – Defeated by Board of Finance 3-0-0
  03/13/06 - To be considered by Board of Finance
  02/27/06 – Committee approved 4-0-3

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6a, 6b, 6c, 7, 8, 10, 12 and 14, was made, seconded and approved by a voice vote (Rep. Franzetti abstaining on Item No. 10).

Chair Skigen stated that all representatives are invited to attend any budget hearing they wish; they should check with the office to confirm the schedule prior to attending as the schedule tends to change during the hearing process.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: James D. Diamond, Chair
(Attendance) Arthur Layton, Vice Chair
(Report) Meeting: Monday, February 27, 2006
(Votes) 7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair Diamond reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday, February 27, 2006. Present were Chair Diamond, Vice Chair Layton, committee
member Reps. Esposito, Heaphy, Lodato, Lombardo, Mitchell and Zelinsky; excused/absent were Reps. Berns, Day and C. Martin. Also present were President Martin; Clerk Summerville; Reps. Molango and Rauh; Joseph O’Callaghan, BOE Executive Director for Youth Development; Joshua Starr, Superintendent of Schools; John Chardavoyne, Asst. Superintendent; Susan Nabel, BOE President; Thomas Cassone, Director of Legal Affairs; Sandy Goldstein, DSSD President and John Leydon, attorney for the DSSD.

1. **LR27.010**  
   **Exhibit A**  
   APPROVAL; of a letter of agreement between the City of Stamford and Agudath Shalom to continue to license a portion of 159 Colonial Road to be used as an Alternative High School.  
   01/10/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
   01/23/06 – Held in Committee 11-0-0  
   01/31/06 – Approved by Planning Board  
   02/09/06 – Approved by Board of Finance  
   02/27/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0  
   **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA (Rep. Pia abstaining)**

Secondary Committee: Education  
Waived

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the Secondary Committee Report was waived.

2. **LR27.005**  
   PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; amending the DSSD Ordinance to provide for a tax exemption for property owners of affordable housing units.  
   11/29/05 – Submitted by President Martin, Clerk Summerville & Rep. Rauh  
   12/19/05 – Held in Committee 8-0-1  
   01/23/06 – Held in Committee 8-0-1  
   02/27/06 – Committee approved publication 7-0-1 (as amended)  
   **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA (Rep. Lodato abstaining)**

3. **LR27.006**  
   PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; amending the Ethics Ordinance.  
   12/06/05 – Submitted by President Martin, Rep. Lyons and Jim Rubino  
   12/19/05 – Held in Committee 10-0-0  
   01/23/06 – Held in Committee 11-0-0  
   02/27/06 – Amended by Committee & Held  
   **HELD IN COMMITTEE**

Chair Diamond recommended that all representatives review the proposed Ethics Ordinance as it is a complicated ordinance, and it will be taken up next month in Committee.
Chair Diamond stated that last month the Board approved increasing the eligibility requirements under the local option for seniors who are entitled to a tax exemption; this month, the Committee approved the same eligibility requirements for veterans.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1, 2 and 4, was made, seconded and approved by voice vote (Rep. Pia abstaining on Item No. 1; Rep. Lodato abstaining on Item No. 2).

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:     Mary Lisa Fedeli, Chair
(Attendance)      Pauline S. Rauh, Vice Chair
(Votes)               Meeting: Monday, March 6, 2006
                                     6:30 p.m. – Conference Room #1
Chair Fedeli reported that the Personnel Committee met this evening at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chair Fedeli, Vice Chair Rauh, and Committee Member Reps. Boccuzzi, Cannady, D’Orso, Figueroa, Layton, Lodato; excused was Rep. Skigen. Also present was Clerk of the Board Summerville; Tim Curtin, Nancy Markey, Antonio Iadarola and Joseph Tarzia of the Operations Department.

Suspension of Rules:
Chair Fedeli moved to suspend the rules to take up an item not appearing on the agenda was made; said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 33-1-2 (Reps. Adams, Aposporos, Berns, Young, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DePina, Diamond, D’Orso, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Heaphy, Hunter, Layton, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, Martin, C., Martin, D., McCullen, Molgano, Nowakowski, Larobina, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White and Zelinsky in favor; opposed was Rep. Mirkin; abstaining were Reps. Lodato and Munger) (See RCS Vote Record No. 686).

Note: Rep. DePina left the meeting. Reps. De Luca and Pia left the floor for Item No. P27.021.
Chair Fedeli moved to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. P27.021, said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote (Reps. Mirkin and Lodato abstaining).

LAND USE COMMITTEE: Harry Day, Chair
Patrick J. White, Vice Chair

No meeting; No report.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: John R. Zelinsky, Jr., Chair
Scott Mirkin, Vice Chair

Meeting: Wednesday, February 22, 2006
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

1. O27.001 REVIEW; problems at the new public works highway garage.
10/11/05 – Resubmitted by Rep. Mirkin
12/12/05 – Placed on Pending Agenda
01/25/06 – Held in Committee
02/22/06 – Held in Committee

2. O27.006 REVIEW; final report on new WPCA facility; change orders submitted/approved/rejected; cost of items in contract that did not take place; final cost to construct new facility.
02/06/06 – Submitted by Rep. DeLuca
02/22/06 – Report Made

Chair Zelinsky reported that a written report was provided to all committee members.

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE: Richard Lyons, II, Chair

Meeting: Wednesday, March 1, 2006
7:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Lyons reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on March 1, 2006. Present were Chair Lyons, committee member Reps. Adams, Berns, Coppola, DeLuca, C. Martin, Mirkin, Pia and Zelinsky; absent/excused were Reps. Aposporos and DePina. Also present were Reps. Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Hunter, Mitchell, Molgano and Rauh;
President Martin; Clerk Summerville; Brent Larrabee, Police Chief; Bill Callion, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Joshua Starr, Superintendent of Schools; Richard Fox, SHA Executive Director; Estella Alexander, SHA Deputy Executive Director; John Elliott, Southwood Square Manager; Peggy Hinton, President of Vidal Court Resident Association as well as several members of the public.

1. **PS27.003** REVIEW; security and safety policies and programs within Stamford Housing Authority properties.
   02/07/06 – Submitted by Reps. Lyons, DePina, DeLuca and Mitchell
   03/01/06 – Report Made

*Secondary Committee: HCD/SS*

2. **PS27.004** REVIEW; Police Department and Board of Education initiatives to reduce youth violence.
   02/07/06 – Submitted by Reps. Lyons, Hunter, Molgano and DeLuca
   03/01/06 – Report Made

*Secondary Committee: Education*

Chair Lyons stated that both items were covered in the Committee Report distributed to all members.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that the Committee Report omitted his question to Chief Larrabee pertaining to availability of guns and youth. Chief Larrabee replied that the City has a program to purchase guns. Rep. Zelinsky stated he would like the report to reflect this exchange.

**PARKS & RECREATION**

**COMMITTEE:** Linda Cannady, Co-Chair

**Attendance**

**Joseph Coppola, Co-Chair**

**Report**

Meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 2006

7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

**Votes**

Co-Chair Coppola reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on February 28, 2006. Present were Committee Members Reps. Cannady, Coppola, Fedeli, Lyons, Pia and Heaphy; excused were Committee Member Reps. Blum, D’Orso and Pavia. Also present was Mickey Docimo of Parks & Recreation.

1. **PR27.004** RESOLUTION and approval of PUBLIC HEARING; approving changes in park fees for 2006; one day picnic pass reduced from $25 to $15; one day
   APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE
   36-1-0
weekday pass reduced from $30 to $20 and weekly permit to remain at $80.
01/27/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/01/06 – Committee approved 6-0-0

Co-Chair Coppola moved Item No. PR27.004 was made; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Lyons stated that although the public hearing is coming up, he wanted all representatives to know that this is an initiative that came from the prior Board, and from both sides of the aisle. This is an important initiative in some neighborhoods, so if anyone has any issues, they should attend the public hearing or get their comments/concerns to the committee co-chairs. Rep. Lyons stated this issue was sent upstairs from this Board and resulted from an outcry of many, many neighbors that are affected by the beaches and parking situations.

The motion was approved by a machine vote of 36-1-0. (Reps. Aposporos, Berns, Blackwell, Young, Bocuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, D’Orso, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Heaphy, Hunter, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, Martin, C., Martin, D., McCullen, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger, Nowakowski, Larobina, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. White opposed (See RCS Vote Record No. 687).

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Thomas C. Hunter, Chair
Michael L. Molgano, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, March 2, 2006
7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room
Meeting Canceled

No meeting; no report.

1. E27.002 REVIEW; 1) academic goals/objectives for current year by school type (middle, high); programs, policies and procedures to meet these goals; yardsticks used to judge success in meeting these goals; 2) criteria used to judge success in meeting these goals; 3) percent of the annual budget allocated for items in 2).
01/11/06 – Submitted by Chair Hunter
02/02/06 – Report Made

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: Robert “Gabe” DeLuca, Chair
Terry Adams, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, February 23, 2006
7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room
Chair DeLuca reported that the Transportation Committee met on Thursday, February 23, 2006. Present were Chair DeLuca and Vice Chair Adams and Committee Member Reps. Giordano, Lombardo and Zelinsky; excused were Member Reps. Mirkin and Franzetti; absent were Reps. Blackwell and Blum. Also present were Ryan Kraus and Brian Williams from the Boy Scouts.

1. **T27.004** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for public hearing & final adoption; repealing Article V, Sections 231.54 and 55, and creating Article VII to address all towing situations mentioned in Chapter 231; Article VII to include the repealed provisions as well as provide exemptions under certain circumstances.
   - 01/09/06 – Submitted by Chair DeLuca
   - 01/09/06 – Returned to Committee
   - 01/26/06 – Committee amended (5-0-1); approved amended ordinance (5-1-0)
   - 02/06/06 – Approved for publication (as amended) 28-6-0
   - 02/23/06 – Committee approved 5-0-0 (as amended)

President Martin read the amendments to the ordinance into the record. All of these amendments are not material, they don’t change the meaning at all of the ordinance. The last sentence will be re-written to read: “The towing fee shall be waived a) for vehicles towed as a result of equipment failure; b) for vehicles towed for reasons other than in response to an order of a city official or a city employee; or c) vehicles involved in an accident in which the driver is not ticketed by a police officer.”

Chair DeLuca moved the amendments for approval; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

A motion to approve the ordinance, as amended, was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 34-4-0 (Reps. Adams, Aposporos, Blackwell, Blum, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, D’Orso, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Heaphy, Hunter, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, Martin C., Martin, D., McCullen, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger, Nowakowski, Pavia, Pia, Rauh, Summerville and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Berns, Diamond, Skigen and White opposed) (See RCS Vote Record No. 688).

2. **T27.005** APPROVAL; of a contract with Pro Park, Inc. for the management of the City’s parking garages.
   - 01/12/06 – Submitted by Ernie Orgera.
   - 01/26/06 – Held in Committee
   - 02/06/06 – Held in Committee
   - 02/23/06 – Held in Committee
3. **T27.006** APPROVAL; of an agreement with Law Enforcement Systems, Inc. for parking ticket management services; term of contract: expires 6/30/09 with 3 1-year extensions; amount of contract: 30% of delinquent revenues collected and 23% of current, non-delinquent accounts.

02/09/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/10/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
02/23/06 – Committee approved 5-0-0

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 3, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair DeLuca stated that the democratic process in action proves that you can work in a bi-partisan manner. Thanks to Messrs. Adams and Zelinsky, compromises were made in Item Nos. 1 and 3, and as a result, these items were passed this evening. Chair DeLuca thanked both gentlemen for their assistance.

**STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE:** Paul A. Esposito, Chair

(Attendance)

(Meeting: Wednesday, March 1, 2006)

(Report)

(7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room)

(Votes)

Chair Esposito reported that the State & Commerce Committee met on Wednesday, March 1, 2006. Present were Chair Esposito, committee member Reps. Day, DeLuca, Fedel, Lombardo, Rauh and Clerk Summerville; absent/excused were Reps. Diamond, Heaphy, Mallozzi and Skigen. Also present were Reps. Coppola, Figueroa, Hunter, Mitchell and Molgano; Michael Freimuth, Director of Economic Development and Tim Beeble, Director of Community Development.

1. **SC27.002** GRANT RESOLUTION; authorizing the City of Stamford to make application to the State CT Dept. of Economic and Community Development for a $200,000 grant to fund a revolving loan program, initially to be used by Virgin Air to fit out space at 650 Atlantic Street.

02/10/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/01/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0 (as amended)

Clerk of the Board Summerville noted that Rep. McCullen had left the meeting.

Chair Esposito reported that these funds will be passed on to Virgin Air to be used as a part of a package to attract them to the City of Stamford. It will be repaid over the
course of 15 years at 5% interest, or when Virgin Air leaves Stamford. If that happens, they must pay the entire $200,000 amount. This is pursuant to State Statutory Reference MAA-32-230, which is the resolution that is being approved for this revolving loan program. This is new money, and when it comes back to the City, it can be used for any project in the Enterprise Zone. Chair Esposito moved the resolution; said motion was seconded.

Rep. DeLuca stated that Mr. Freimuth assured the Committee that the $200,000 was to be used only in the Enterprise Zone.

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS

MINUTES

1. February 6, 2006 Regular Board Meeting

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 p.m.