The Regular Meeting of the 27th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, 4th Floor, Stamford, Connecticut.

MINUTES

President David R. Martin called the meeting to order at 10:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: Led by Rep. Patricia Billie Miller

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-five members present and five members absent/excused (Reps. Aposporos, Heaphy, Larobina, McGarry and Neary).

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

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: To be recorded in the minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS:

2. President Martin congratulated Reps. Neary, Gabriele, Miller, McGarry, Young and Larobina on their election wins yesterday.

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

Note: Rep. Berns left the floor for discussion and votes on the following sense of the board resolutions.
STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Meeting: Tuesday, October 9, 2007
(Report) 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: Annie M. Summerville, Chair
John J. Boccuzzi, Vice Chair

No meeting; no report.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: Randall M. Skigen, Chair
Linda Cannady, Vice Chair
(Attendance) Meeting: Monday, October 29, 2007
(Votes) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room
(Report)

Chair Skigen reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Monday, October 29, 2007. Present were all committee members: Chair Skigen and Vice Chair Cannady and Committee Member Reps. Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Lyons, Mirkin, Mitchell and Rauh. Also present were Police Chief Larrabee; Mike Freimuth, Director of Economic Development; Karen Cammarota, Grants Administrator; and Johnnie Lee, MD, Director of Health.

1. F27.317 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Law Department; Professional Consultants; to fund legal expenses in coalition of 9 communities in filing action against the FAA to prevent implementation of its proposed airspace
$30,000.00 APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA
redesign project for NY area airports.
10/01/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
10/16/07 – Approved by Board of Finance
10/29/07 – Committee approved 9-0-2

2. F27.316  ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); $395,258.00
Arrest Enforcement Program; source of grant: US Dept. of Justice Office on Violence Against Women; to fund work with the Domestic Violence Crisis Center.
09/27/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
10/16/07 – Approved by Board of Finance
10/29/07 – Committee approved 6-0-0

3. F27.315  ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); $67,018.00
Justice Assistance Grant; to purchase a Forensic Recovery of Evidence Device and providing training in its use; to fund overtime for truancy and resource officers and update gang intelligence database.
09/27/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
10/16/07 – Approved by Board of Finance
10/29/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0

4. F27.298  ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); $438.00
STD Clinic Grant; Social Security; represents increased grant funds and will reimburse the City for this expense.
09/27/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
10/16/07 – Approved by Board of Finance
10/29/07 – Committee approved 7-0-0

5. F27.297  ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); $202,500.00
WIC Grant; Contracted Services; funds provided to regionalize WIC Program and will be subcontracted to Norwalk.
09/27/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
10/16/07 – Approved by Board of Finance
10/29/07 – Committee approved 8-0-0

6. F27.314  ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); $28,811.00
Cost Sharing Grant; to allocate increased state allotment; funds to pay for physician at TB clinic and consultant to coordinate senior health fair.
09/27/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
10/16/07 – Approved by Board of Finance
Chair Skigen reported that the City does not have the space to accommodate all of the children funded by this money, so most of the funds will be returned to the State. The City will use a small portion of the funds.

8a. **F27.313**  
**RESOLUTION; approving a transfer to the Rainy Day Fund in the amount of $846,695 from the 2006-2007 budget surplus.**  
09/28/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
10/16/07 – Item withdrawn at Board of Finance mtg  
10/29/07 – Held in Committee 9-0-0

8b. **F27.312**  
**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Debt Service/Transfer to Debt Service; to provide sufficient funds to pay the 07/08 debt service requirements (due to budget cuts and increased costs); source of funds: 2006/07 Surplus.**  
10/01/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
10/16/07 – Item withdrawn at Board of Finance mtg  
10/29/07 – Held in Committee 9-0-0

8c. **F27.311**  
**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Employee Benefits; Contributions to OPEB; to provide seed funds to comply with GASB Rule 45 requirements for Other Post Employment Benefits; source of funds: 2006/07 Surplus.**  
10/01/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
10/16/07 – Item withdrawn at Board of Finance mtg  
10/29/07 – Held in Committee 9-0-0

8d. **F27.310**  
**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Interfund Transfers; Use of Fund Balance; to fund decrease in projected state revenues of $1.6 million; source of funds: 2006/07 Surplus.**  
10/01/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
10/16/07 – Item withdrawn at Board of Finance mtg  
10/29/07 – Held in Committee 9-0-0
8e. **F27.309** ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Self Insurance; Medical & Life Insurance; to increase medical reserve to 4% as recommended by consultant; source of funds: 2006/07 Surplus.  
10/01/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
10/16/07 – Item withdrawn at Board of Finance mtg  
10/29/07 – Held in Committee 9-0-0

Chair Skigen reported that Items 8a-8e were held because they were withdrawn at the Board of Finance meeting. They will be back in front of the Committee next month.

9a. **F27.318** ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Economic Development; Old Town Hall Tax Credits; tax credits to leverage city funds.  
09/25/07 – Approved by Planning Board  
10/04/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
10/16/07 – Approved by Board of Finance  
10/29/07 – Committee approved 11-0-0

9b. **F27.319** ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); City Building Other; Old Town Hall Renovation; renovations to Old Town Hall.  
09/25/07 – Approved by Planning Board  
10/04/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
10/16/07 – Approved by Board of Finance  
10/29/07 – Committee approved 11-0-0

10. **F27.302** REJECTION; of capital projects closeout recommendations.  
09/17/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
10/29/07 – No action

Chair Skigen stated that the Committee took no action on the capital projects closeouts, and if the Board takes no action, the closeouts will go into effect.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 7 and 9a and 9b, was approved by unanimous voice vote.
Chair Diamond reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday, October 22, 2007. Present were: Chair Diamond and Vice Chair Layton and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Day, Esposito, Heaphy, Lombardo, Mitchell and Zelinsky. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Lodato and C. Martin. Also present were Rep. Rauh; Joe O’Callaghan of Stamford Public Schools and Tom Cassone, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs.

1. LR27.055 RESOLUTION & public hearing; approving a renewal of a lease agreement between the City and St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church for the Board of Education’s Operation of an Alternate High School at 1231 Washington Boulevard.
   09/28/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   10/16/07 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-0-2
   10/__/07 – To be considered by Planning Board
   10/22/07 – Committee approved 10-0-0 (as amended)

   APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE
   33-0-0 (with amendment to lease)

   Secondary Committee: Education Concur (amended)

Chair Diamond stated that this item has been approved by the Board of Finance and by the Planning Board. Chair Diamond moved Item No. LR27.055; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Rauh stated that this item was reviewed and approved by the Education Committee, with the student capacity reduced from 30 to 25 students to reflect agreement with the Fire Marshall’s report of January 12, 2007.

Rep. Rauh moved to amend the capacity limit from 30 to 25; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Diamond stated he is against the amendment. The lease provides that the school be run with a maximum of 30 students. Mr. O’Callaghan reported to the Committee that there were 17 students in this facility. The fact that the Fire Marshall at some point issued a ruling that the maximum capacity is 25 means that is what the City will abide by. By law, the City has to abide by these fire regulations. The clause in the contract does not mean that the Board of Education is going to occupy it with more than 25 students, it simply means they are not allowed to. We don’t know that some modifications may be made to the building in the future, structural changes might be made; nonetheless, the terms of the lease provide for a maximum of 30 students. The lease should not be changed. It was negotiated in good faith by the parties, approved by the Legislative & Rules Committee unanimously, and there is no reason to change it.
Rep. Lodato stated he did a site visit there several months ago, and there were fourteen students present. It was tight with the fourteen students. He cannot imagine how they could accommodate more than 17-18 people, including staff. He supports the amendment and thinks it is worthwhile to make the maximum capacity consistent with the limits in the Fire Code. He also wanted to point out that the Board of Education has been amenable to make this change, so this is not going over their heads or circumventing their discretion as to how to run their schools. He requests his colleague support this amendment.

The motion was approved by a machine vote of 22-13-0 (Reps. Adams, Blackwell, Cannady, Coppola, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Gabriele, Giordano, Lodato, Lombardo, C. Martin, D. Martin, Miller, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger, Pia, Rauh, Summerville and Young in favor; Reps. Berns, Boccuzzi, Day, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Layton, Lyons, Mallozzi, Mitchell, Skigen, White and Zelinsky opposed) (See RCS Vote Record No. 860).

The main resolution (with the amendment to the lease) was approved by a machine vote of 33-0-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Gabriele, Giordano, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, C. Martin, D. Martin, Miller, Mirkin, Molgano, Munger, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor) (See RCS Vote Record No. 861).

2. **LR27.054**  
RESOLUTION & public hearing; approving a renewal of a sublease agreement between the City and The Yerwood Center, Inc. for the Board of Education’s Operation of an Alternate High School at 90 Fairfield Avenue.  
09/28/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
10/16/07 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-0-2  
10/__/07 – To be considered by Planning Board  
10/22/07 – Committee approved 10-0-0 (as amended)  

*Secondary Committee: Education  Concur (amended)*

Chair Diamond stated that this is a retroactive renewal. It was approved by the Board of Finance and the Planning Board. Chair Diamond moved Item No. LR27.054; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Rauh stated that the Education Committee met with the Superintendent on October 25, 2007. A discussion was held concerning the clause requiring two security guards, which is a very specific category with special training requirements. The Committee was concerned that it was very specific and could lead to possible legal action against us if it were not fulfilled. At the Committee’s request, changes in wording
were negotiated, and a revised contract was submitted that reads: “one or more security staff.” The Education Committee voted 5-0-0 as amended.

Rep. Rauh moved to amend Paragraph 1 by changing the words “two security guards” to “and at its sole discretion one or more security staff.” Said motion was seconded.

Chair Diamond stated that he is opposed to this amendment. The original lease requires that the Board of Education provide and pay for two security guards. There have been problems at alternative schools with security. The requirement of the two security guards is protection to the public, to the students and staff, and to weaken this lease agreement and to weaken the protection – to change from two security guards to one security staff – gives insufficient protection to the public, to the students, to the faculty. And, the language that was sent down as an amendment was at the request of the Education Committee. They didn’t ask for this change. We should not weaken the protections to the public at an alternative high school like this. He asked his colleagues to vote against this amendment.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated it is his understanding that the original lease states that two security guards are required. The amendment reduces the two to one staff person. So we would be actually cutting the security in half. They would not be legally bound to have more than one.

Rep. Berns stated that “one or more” means that you could have three, and by saying “two” you are actually limiting it. Rep. Berns asked for the difference between security guard and security staff. Rep. Rauh replied that security guard is a specific employment category with specific training and qualifications. Security staff can be someone who is a security guard or someone else on the staff that is assigned to do security duties, as is at St. Andrews at this point.

Rep. Berns moved to amend the amendment by changing the word “staff” to “guard;” said motion was seconded. This would allow the Board of Education to determine how many but would provide trained security personnel.


Rep. Adams stated that the last time this concern came up was because the students at this site were placed in close proximity to kindergarten children. He thought the security guard was a safety for everybody. The safety precaution of two security guards is important.

The motion on the amendment failed by a vote of 7-28-0 (Reps. Berns, Lodato, C. Martin, Miller, Molgano, Rauh and Skigen in favor; Reps. Adams, Blackwell, Boccuzzi,

The main motion (the resolution and the lease as originally submitted) was approved by a vote of 30-5-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Gabriele, Layton, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, D. Martin, Mirkin, Mitchell, Munger, Pia, Skigen, Summerville, White, Young, Giordano and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Lodato, C. Martin, Miller, Molgano and Rauh opposed) (See RCS Vote Record No. 864).

3. LR27.056 REVIEW; administrative issues regarding notice requirements of recently-enacted State statute: An Act Concerning the Sale, Lease or Transfer of Municipal Property. 10/03/07 – Submitted by Clerk Summerville 10/22/07 – Report Made & Held in Committee

Chair Diamond stated that this review was regarding administrative notice relating to a new State Statute. The Committee is going to take this up again next month. Any committee chairs that have an item on their agenda that has to do with the sale, lease or transfer of city property, should mention this at Steering so that special attention is paid to the notice dates. There are specific notice and time requirements that must be adhered to in the new statute.

4. LR27.057 REVIEW; proposed ordinance providing for the audit of voting machines after each election. 09/14/07 – Submitted by Rep. Skigen 10/22/07 – Held in Committee

Chair Diamond stated that this item was held.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Mary Lisa Fedeli, Chair Pauline S. Rauh, Vice Chair
(Attendance) Meeting: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room
(Votes) (Report) Chair Fedeli reported that the Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, October 24, 2007. Present were Chair Fedeli and Vice Chair Rauh and Committee Member Reps. Boccuzzi, Cannady, Figueroa, Layton, Lodato and Skigen. Absent/excused were Committee Member Rep. Gabriele. Also present was Rep. Coppola, Dennis Murphy and Lou Casolo.
1. P27.062 APPROVAL: of an employment contract with Robert J. Murray as Assistant Director of Human Resources.
   10/03/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   10/24/07 – Committee approved 8-0-0

Chair Fedeli moved Item No. P27.062; said motion was seconded.

Chair Fedeli stated that Mr. Murphy reported that the position was advertised broadly, 29 applicants applied, five met the minimum and two made the final cut. Mr. Murray was chosen on his qualifications, experience and strong recommendations.

Rep. DeLuca stated that everyone received an anonymous letter saying that Mr. Murray has an anger problem, he was angry about paperwork and the physical. Rep. DeLuca stated he is upset that we are now changing employment policies midstream. It has always been city policy that a physical exam is required, and now we are saying that this person can just provide a doctor’s certificate. The police and fire personnel have to take extensive physicals. He is not saying that this person is or is not sick, but he would be more comfortable if he followed the standard city procedures. He will vote against this item.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that the Committee asked many questions about this particular person, and it seemed that his qualifications are suitable for the job he is applying for. Rep. Boccuzzi stated he is aware of an anonymous letter with some innuendo about what occurred, but the Committee felt by a vote of 8-0-0 that this person is qualified, and he asked the Board to approve the contract.

Rep. DeLuca stated that the fact remains that this person did not take a physical by the city doctor, as just about every other city employee has done.

The motion was approved by a machine vote of 25-7-2 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Layton, Lodato, Lyons, Mallozzi, C. Martin, D. Martin, Miller, Mitchell, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Gabriele, Lombardo, Mirkin and Molgano opposed; Reps. Franzetti and Munger abstaining) (See RCS Vote Record No. 865).

2. P27.063 APPROVAL; of an employment contract with Sheryl Gerard as Clerk of the Works II.
   10/03/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   10/24/07 – Committee approved 8-0-0

Chair Fedeli reported that the Committee approved this item 8-0-0. Chair Fedeli moved the item; said motion was seconded.
Rep. Cannady stated that she requested some information and never received it. She added that she voted at the Committee meeting for approval subject to receiving the information.

Rep. Esposito moved to hold the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Berns was in favor of holding and thinks it is in bad form not to respond to an inquiry of a representative.

Rep. Cannady stated that the resume stated the applicant had an architect license, and the resume stated that she did not have a degree in architecture. She inquired whether the license required a degree. She was told that yes, it was a requirement and that she in fact had the degree. She requested verification of this information.

Rep. Lyons stated he knows Ms. Gerard, both through projects she has worked on and as a constituent. He asked whether the oversight was on Ms. Gerard’s behalf or on that of someone presenting the information. President Martin responded that it was not ever represented that it was Ms. Gerard’s fault.

In response to Rep. Lyons’ questions, Chair Fedeli replied that Ms. Gerard will be involved with the construction of the new environmental school, the Town Clerk vault, the Clairol Property and several others. Her expertise was primarily going to be used on the new school building.

Rep. Lyons stated that the City could rescind the contract at a future date if it is found to be misleading or fraudulent. He stated he feels we are playing a game of “gotcha” because somebody in administration couldn’t get documents submitted in time. This person may be depending on starting work and the project may be delayed for a month.

Rep. Fedeli stated that she believes that Ms. Gerard’s application did not state that she had an architectural degree but that the resume said she did, and this was the discrepancy. The Committee wanted this information confirmed. The application did not match the resume in terms of qualifications.

The motion was approved by a vote of 18-17-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Esposito, Figueroa, Giordano, Lodato, Mallozzi, C. Martin, D. Martin, Miller, Mitchell, Molgano, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, Fedeli, Franzetti, Gabriele, Layton, Lombardo, Lyons, Mirkin, Munger, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville and White opposed) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 866](#)).

LAND USE/URBAN
REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Harry Day, Chair
(Attendance) Patrick J. White, Vice Chair

8/30/2013 10:08 AM
The Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above. Present were: Chair Day and Vice Chair White and Committee Member Reps. Boccuzzi, Diamond, Franzetti, Gabriele, Lombardo, Mitchell, Summerville and White. Also present was Moira Lyons, former Speaker of the House; President Martin, Parks & Recreation Committee Member Reps. Coppola and Pia; Rep. Zelinsky; Arthur Selkowitz, Milton Puryear, Kathleen Walsh and Diana Lenkowsky of the Mill River Collaborative; Ellen Bromley, Social Services; Sybil Richards, Law Department; Mike Freimuth, Director of Economic Development; Ben Barnes, Director of Operations; Bill Hennessey, Esq.; Thomas Lombardo, Mark Smith and Tim McGuiness of the Parks & Recreation Commission; and Former Board Member Brian O’Neill. In addition, three members of the public appeared on the Old Town Hall matter (see attached sign-in sheet), and 5 members of the public appeared on the Mill River Park matter (see attached sign-in sheet).

1. **LU27.037** RESOLUTION; for public hearing & final adoption; approving transactions required for implementation of the Old Town Hall Redevelopment Plan, primarily the transfer of the Old Town Hall and the leasing of parking spaces in the Bell Street Garage to the Old Town Hall Redevelopment Authority.

   09/19/07 – Submitted by Michael Freimuth
   09/25/07 – Approved by Planning Board
   09/19/07 – Public Hearing approved
   10/01/07 – Public Hearing approved
   10/16/07 – Approved by Board of Finance
   10/17/07 – Committee approved 8-1-0

Chair Day reported there was a public hearing held on the item, in accordance with the new State Statute. This is basically approving the transactions required to take the next step to complete this project, including the transfer of the property to a limited liability corporation that would be managed by OTHRA; we are also approving the authorization of that entity to enter into the proposed lease agreement with National Realty Development Corp. Finally, we are approving the lease of 74 parking spaces in the Bell Street garage to OTHRA for lease to the tenant.

Chair Day moved Item No. LU27.037; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Diamond stated he voted against this item in Committee. He recognizes that this is a very difficult building to rent; he recognizes the amount of work that went into this agreement; nonetheless, he is voting against this item because of the length of the term of the lease. For a building this special to be leased to a company for 25 years with the potential of another 25 years is simply too long.
Rep. Lodato agreed with Rep. Diamond that 50 years is a very long time. That is a negative to the deal, but he doesn’t believe it is enough of a reason to scuttle the entire deal. We have had a vacant Old Town Hall for about 25 years, and the risk of having it stay empty or possibly be torn down outweighs the price we have to pay by a long lease. Despite the reservations we might have, he urges his colleagues, to see the bigger picture. We are preserving a great building and also putting it to use.

Rep. Skigen asked if the 74 parking spaces have been designated. Mr. Day replied that some of them will be on the 1st floor. It is important to recognize that those will be 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. spots. Rep. Skigen stated we should encourage the Mayor to try and move those spaces up in the garage, because if we have the first floor filled, we might have a negative impact on merchants in the area.

Rep. Berns asked who would be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep during this very long lease. Chair Day replied that the tenant is responsible for maintenance of the building, and there is a sharing of costs insofar as the public space is concerned.

Rep. Lyons stated that after a decades-long search and odyssey to get this building renovated and occupied, everyone involved deserves commendation for the tenant they did get. Whether or not people support the length of the lease, the tenant is actually taking a flexible agreement. It has taken hundreds of thousands of dollars to preserve this building, and he hopes everyone acts properly in supporting this.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that Chair Day serves on OTHRA, which can be seen as a possible conflict of interest in the eyes of our residents. He believes he should not have chaired the meeting and should have allowed the Vice Chair to chair the meeting. He has mixed feelings on this item. Historian Renee Kahn worries that this will not be a public space once a private tenant takes over. He is also opposed to the fifty-year term of the lease. We have been told that the City has leases with some non-profits for long terms. Mr. Zelinsky stated that the rent will increase in accordance with the CPI, and we will not know what that will be eleven years from now, so this may not be in the City’s best interest and may benefit the renters.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that Mr. Freimuth said that if we ask for a shorter term, it may be a deal killer. He stated that even though he has reservations, he will vote for this item as it is beneficial to the taxpayers.

President Martin stated that we have two members of the Board, appointed by the President, to the Old Town Hall Redevelopment Authority (OTHRA). They represent the Board to that Committee. They don’t get paid, and so there is no conflict of interest as we would normally view it in the context of a conflict of interest issue. The President stated he sees no conflict of interest in this, and quite frankly, he believes that everyone on this Board is an advocate for various causes and may serve on other boards for non-profits or other agencies. It is not a conflict unless someone is getting paid by the organization and voting on a matter that is beneficial to the organization.
Clerk Summerville stated that there will be some parking spaces on the first floor for the tenant. There are also some in the alleyway. This is the best bang for our buck, and she challenges anyone to show her a better deal. If we miss this deal, another one won’t come along in our lifetime. Both she and Harry Day spent long hours on this, and a lot of hard work went into this project. Public hearings were held; compromises were made; the contract was negotiated. And, the City has a wonderful tenant. She remembers when they wanted to build a hotel on the site, and this is all we have left as a monument to historic Stamford. There are a few plaques in parks, but the Old Town Hall is a landmark. She asked that everyone trust in this project, and she added that she is confident everyone will be pleased with the result.

Rep. Mirkin stated regarding any potential conflict of interest, it is his understanding that Chair Day spoke with Corporation Counsel to ensure there was no conflict of interest. Mr. Day confirmed that he has an opinion from Corporation Counsel stating there is no conflict. Rep. Diamond stated that not only did Rep. Day inform us that he had made that inquiry, he asked members of the Committee if they had objections and no one had any.

The item was approved by a machine vote of 33-2-0 (Reps. Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Gabriele, Giordano, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, Martin, Martin, Miller, Mirkin, Mitchell, Molgano, Munger, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams and Diamond opposed) (See RCS Vote Record No. 867).

2. **LU27.040** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for public hearing & final adoption; transferring oversight of the Mill River Park from the Parks & Recreation Commission to the Mill River Collaborative, as provided by the contract (Item No. LU27.041).
   09/19/07 – Submitted by Michael Freimuth
   09/19/07 – Committee approved 6-0-0
   10/01/07 – Approved for publication
   10/17/07 – Committee approved 8-1-0

Secondary Committee: Parks & Recreation Waived

Chair Day stated that this item, together with Items 3 and 4, constitute the framework of the proposed public/private partnership that is on the table for going forward with the Mill River Park. The partnership is with the Mill River Collaborative. A public hearing was held, and several people from the public testified in favor of the item. This arrangement allows the City to partner with the Mill River Collaborative for the future development and maintenance of the Park, and it was necessary to amend ordinances to exempt the park from the oversight of the Parks & Recreation Commission.
A motion to waive the secondary report was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Day moved Item No. LU27.040; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Berns asked who determines who serves on the Mill River Collaborative. Chair Day stated that the Mill River Collaborative is a private, not-for-profit organization with its own Charter, and it is a membership entity, and the members vote additional members to the Collaborative, pursuant to its charter.

Rep. White stated that he voted against this item. There may be some merits and/or good points concerning the Collaborative, but he has serious reservations. Most notably, that evening, while the public hearing was going on, the Chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission came in and stated that they just had learned that the public hearing was occurring. He asked that the Committee hold this item for one month. Rep. White moved to hold it, but the motion failed. First, we are talking about a major change, about the fact that there is parkland being transferred to this Collaborative. The Parks & Recreation Commission is actually in charge of the parks, and this park is going to be transferred from their authority to this Collaborative. Here, the Chair of the Commission says they just found out at their own meeting of the public hearing.

Rep. White stated that we are talking about a big deal and a big change. The Chair says he was not notified, and some committee members said that he should have been aware and he received indirect notice. We should have transparency here and be above board in the doings of government. A commission and a commission chair is due direct notification – that is the issue and that is good government. At the very least, we should have held it for a month until the Commission had a chance to hear what was going on. He is not laying blame on anyone, but the point is the Chair was not notified. He should receive direct notification on such a huge issue such as this.

Rep. White continued: At the prior month’s Committee meeting, it was discussed that the Parks & Recreation Commission would be notified of the public hearing, and during that time period it was not notified. There was no direct notification. That is the reason he voted against this.

Chair Day stated that we are not transferring the Park to the Collaborative; there is nothing close to that. This is a management arrangement, and he wants to make that clear. This is a partnership between the City and the Mill River Collaborative, and it should be viewed in that light. We have had many public hearings on the Mill River, and it is very difficult for him to believe and it should certainly not have been that they were unaware, of what was going on. There were two substantial newspaper articles written in the two-month time frame that this item has been on the agenda.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that the item reads that the ordinance “transfers” the park. So, we are certainly voting to transfer. Let us not have anything clouded by that. The ordinance is wrong. Some people said that this is like the Central Park Conservancy.
Mill River Park is in no way like Central Park, Mill River is only 28 acres and broken up, unlike Scalzi Park. This allows the Collaborative to collect fees and manage the park. He spoke to an official in New York City last week, and the official told him that the NYC equivalent to the Collaborative does not have that power – their Parks & Recreation Commission has that power. The idea of having outside people run one of our parks is not right. Who will be using this park, with possible carousels and kayaking. Will it be our residents or out-of-towners? We all found on our desk tonight the letter of Local UAW 2377 expressing strong concerns about the people that maintain the parks now – will they lose jobs? He would not be comfortable about our city employees losing jobs, and he has been assured that they will use City employees. He doesn’t feel this is good for our city or our residents. It may benefit out-of-towners. This will just clog our streets, create traffic, create security problems. He will vote against it.

Rep. Diamond stated that this is a bold initiative. This private Collaborative has raised a substantial amount of private money that benefits the residents of the City, and they will raise more. Regarding the Commission and notice, that is a red herring. My definition of good government has been open and honest government, and this proposal has been nothing but open and honest. It was on our agenda back in September, it was in an open committee meeting back in September. We published it, it has been discussed. Mickey Docimo sits on the Collaborative and reports to the Parks & Recreation Commission. He doesn’t know where this notion of direct notification comes from – it has been dreamed up out of thin air and it is not required. We have conducted ourselves in a transparent, honest open fashion, and the item should move forward.

Rep. Lodato supports Rep. White’s comments, and he thinks we should show some deference to procedure and allow this thing to receive proper notification. He believes the overall plan is a great idea, it is an exciting prospect. He doesn’t seem the harm in holding it a month. Instead of encouraging people to vote against it, he moved to hold the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Esposito moved the question; said motion was seconded. The motion to move the question was approved by a machine vote of 29-2-0 (Reps. Adams, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Gabriele, Giordano, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, C. Martin, D. Martin, Mirkin, Mitchell, Molgano, Munger, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Berns and Lyons opposed (See RCS Vote Record No. 868).


A motion to move the main question was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 32-2-0 (Reps. Adams, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Gabriele, Giordano, Layton,
Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, C. Martin, D. Martin, Miller, Mirkin, Mitchell, Molgano, Munger, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Berns and White opposed) (See RCS Vote Record No. 870).

The main motion was approved by a machine vote of 33-2-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Gabriele, Giordano, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, C. Martin, D. Martin, Miller, Mirkin, Mitchell, Molgano, Munger, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville and Young in favor; Reps. White and Zelinsky opposed) (See RCS Vote Record No. 871).

3. **LU27.039** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for public hearing & final adoption; amending Section 21-1 of the Code of Ordinances to allow the Mill River Collaborative to name park Areas, Facilities and Structures located in the Mill River Park.

09/19/07 – Submitted by Michael Freimuth
09/19/07 – Committee approved 5-1-0
10/01/07 – Approved for publication
10/17/07 – Committee approved 7-1-1

Chair Day moved Item No. LU27.039; said motion was seconded. Chair Day said this was the second of the three items. It has been discussed at great length. It is the goal of the Collaborative to raise $20 million or more for the development of the park; it has already raised $1 million. The only practical way of raising that kind of money is to offer naming opportunities, and this ordinance allows naming opportunities to be conferred in the context of the existing ordinances we have regarding naming.

Rep. Skigen moved to amend the ordinance by adding the following two sentences at the end of the ordinance: “The Mill River Collaborative shall give the Board of Representatives at least sixty days written notice of their intention to name a facility with appropriate information and detail. The Board of Representatives shall have the right to reject a proposed name for good cause within such sixty day period.”

Said amendment was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 33-1-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Gabriele, Giordano, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, C. Martin, D. Martin, Miller, Mirkin, Mitchell, Molgano, Munger, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Cannady opposed) (See RCS Vote Record No. 872).

President Martin deemed these amendments non-substantive; therefore he ruled the ordinances does not require republication. President Martin stated we are back to the main motion.
Rep. White stated he is opposed to this ordinance because it is nothing but an advertising and marketing campaign by the corporations and another billboard.

The main motion was approved by a machine vote of 32-2-0 (Reps. Adams, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Gabriele, Giordano, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, C. Martin, D. Martin, Miller, Mirkin, Mitchell, Molgano, Munger, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Berns and White opposed) (See RCS Vote Record No. 873).

4. LU27.041 RESOLUTION; approving an agreement between the City of Stamford and the Mill River Collaborative regarding the Mill River Park.
09/19/07 – Submitted by Michael Freimuth
09/19/07 – Held in Committee
10/01/07 – Returned to Committee
10/17/07 – Committee approved 6-1-2 (as amended)

Chair Day stated that this defines the relationship between the City and the Mill River Collaborative. Everyone has a copy of the agreement; there were some changes responsive to comments, including those of President Martin. He added that the Committee did approve the agreement, 6-1-2, and authorized Corporation Counsel to button up any final details, including in the insurance area.

Chair Day moved Item No. LU27.041; said motion was seconded. The motion was approved by a machine vote of 31-3-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Gabriele, Giordano, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, C. Martin, D. Martin, Miller, Mirkin, Mitchell, Molgano, Munger, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville and Young in favor; Reps. Mallozzi, White and Zelinsky opposed) (See RCS Vote Record No. 874).

Clerk Summerville noted that Rep. Pia left the meeting at this time (11:25 p.m.)

5. LU27.038 RESOLUTION; approving the Report of the Mayor and the Director of Administration for the relocation and discontinuance of a portion of Washington Boulevard.
09/10/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
09/13/07 – Withdrawn by Administration (at Bd of Finance meeting)
09/19/07 – No action taken
10/01/07 – No action taken
10/02/07 – Approved by Planning Board
10/16/07 – Approved by Board of Finance
10/17/07 – Committee approved 8-1-0

APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE
31-2-1
Chair Day stated that this item has been before the Committee for several months. It has to do with the relocation of Washington Boulevard, between Pacific & Atlantic Street, so that the dog leg at the end can be eliminated. It was first proposed decades ago, but it was never followed up on. Now, it is being proposed again by the developer of the South End, who will pay for the entire thing at no cost to the City of Stamford. The administration followed the procedures called for by the City Charter, and the Committee approved the Mayor’s report. Implicit in this is that the project will proceed.

Chair Day moved Item No. LU27.038; said motion was seconded.

Rep. White stated that again this is simply going to favor the developer, and he believes the development in the South End is far too intensive.

The item was approved by a machine vote of 31-2-1 (Reps. Adams, Blackwell, Bocuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gabriele, Giordano, Layton, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, C. Martin, D. Martin, Miller, Mirkin, Mitchell, Molgano, Munger, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Berns and White opposed; Rep. Lodato abstaining) (See RCS Vote Record No. 875).

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

(Attendance)  
Meeting: Thursday, October 18, 2007  
6:30 p.m. – Democratic Conference Room  

Chair Zelinsky reported that the Operations Committee met on Thursday, October 18, 2007. Present were Chair Zelinsky, Vice Chair Mirkin and Committee Member Reps. Coppola, Larobina, Lodato, Munger and Neary. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Adams, Berns and Mallozzi. Also present were Alex Tergis, Bureau Chief and Doug Arndt, Supervisor of Highways.

1. O27.031  
REVIEW; City’s leaf pick up schedule/operations.  
10/09/07 – Submitted by President Martin & Reps. Zelinsky and Lyons  
10/18/07 – Report Made  

Chair Zelinsky stated that attached to his report is the 2007 city leaf pickup program.
PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE: Richard Lyons, II, Chair
Meeting Cancelled
Meeting: Thursday, October 25, 2007
7:00 p.m. — Democratic Conference Room

1. PS27.027 REVIEW; proposed interim fire plan and its impact on 2007-2008 fire budget.
   09/07/07 – Submitted by Rep. Coppola
   NO ACTION TAKEN

2. PS27.024 REVIEW; draft policies & procedures manual for CCTV cameras.
   04/06/07 – Submitted by Director Callion
   05/31/07 – Report Made & Held in Committee
   07/09/07 – Motion to place on Agenda failed
   08/23/07 – Report Made
   09/27/07 – Report Made
   10/01/07 – Report Made
   NO ACTION TAKEN

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Linda Cannady, Co-Chair
(Attendance) Joseph Coppola, Co-Chair
(Report)
Meeting: Wednesday, October 17, 2007
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room
(In conjunction with the Land Use Committee)

Chair Coppola stated that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 in conjunction with the Land Use Committee. Present were Co-Chair Coppola and Committee Member Reps. Pia and White

As Secondary Committee:
1. LU27.040 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for public hearing & final adoption; transferring oversight of the Mill River Park from the Parks & Recreation Commission to the Mill River Collaborative, as provided by the contract (Item No. LU27.041).
   09/19/07 – Submitted by Michael Freimuth
   09/19/07 – Committee approved 6-0-0
   10/01/07 – Approved for publication
   REPORT WAIVED (See Land Use Committee Report)

Chair Coppola referred everyone to the Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee report.
Chair Rauh reported that the Education Committee met on Thursday, October 25, 2007. Present were Chair Rauh and Vice Chair Molgano and Committee Member Reps. Lodato, Miller and Young. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. C. Martin and J. Pia. Also present were Superintendent Starr; Rosanne McManus and Martin Levine of the Board of Education; and Rebecca Thessin.

Chair Rauh reported that the Education Committee also met on Wednesday, November 7, 2007. Present were Chair Rauh and Vice Chair Molgano and Committee Member Reps. Lodato, C. Martin and Miller.

1. E27.016 REVIEW; Stamford Public Schools Strategic Plan Goals 1 and 2; 2007-08 action plans to implement and measure targets using 2006-07 baseline data. 07/02/07 – Submitted by Chair Rauh, Reps. Molgano, Lodato and Young 08/13/07 – Placed on Pending Agenda 10/25/07 – Report Made

As Secondary Committee
1. LR27.055 RESOLUTION & public hearing; approving a renewal of a lease agreement between the City and St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church for the Board of Education’s Operation of an Alternate High School at 1231 Washington Boulevard. 09/28/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 10/16/07 – To be considered by Board of Finance 10/25/07 – Committee approved 5-0-0 (pending receipt of amendments) 11/07/07 – Committee approved 5-0-0 (as amended)

Chair Rauh stated that additional materials from the Superintendent’s Report is available in the Board Office.

2. LR27.054 RESOLUTION & public hearing; approving a renewal of a sublease agreement between the City and The Yerwood Center, Inc. for the Board of Education’s Operation of an Alternate High School
Committee Report

Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee: Elaine Mitchell, Chair
(Attendance) Philip J. Giordano, Vice Chair
(Votes) Meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 2007
(Report) 6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Mitchell reported that the Housing-Community Development-Social Services Sub-Committees met on Tuesday, October 16, 2007. Present were Chair Mitchell and Vice Chair Giordano and Committee Member Reps. Molgano, Blackwell and Figueroa.

1. HCD27.028 Proposed Ordinance; for public hearing and final adoption; amending Chapter 146, Housing Standards, Section 146-67, Creation of a Commercial Linkage Affordable Housing Program, to revise the formula under Paragraph A.1., Generation and Calculation of Commercial Linkage Fees for Inclusion in the Stamford Housing Development Fund; and to amend Section 3, Exemptions.
07/30/07 – No action taken
08/13/07 – Placed on Pending Agenda
10/01/07 – Committee approved 5-0-0
10/01/07 – Approved for publication
10/16/07 – Committee approved 6-0-0

Chair Mitchell moved to return Item No. HCD27.028 to committee because the public notice was incorrectly published due to a newspaper error; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.
Chair DeLuca reported that the Transportation Committee met on Thursday October 18, 2007. Present were Committee Members Reps. DeLuca, Adams, Giordano, Larobina, Young, Blackwell and Zelinsky. Excused due to work requirements were Repps. Lombardo and Franzetti. Also present were Amy Symms, Mani Poola, Police Chief Larrabee, Capt. McElligott and Lt. Matheny of the Stamford Police Department.

1. **T27.031** REVIEW; recent accidents and speeding problems on Long Ridge Road (specifically between Roxbury and Cold Spring Roads).
   - 10/03/07 – Submitted by Chair DeLuca
   - 10/18/07 – Report Made

Chair DeLuca noted that a report was provided to all members.

Chair Esposito reported that the State & Commerce Committee met on Wednesday, October 24, 2007. Present were Chair Esposito and Vice Chair Heaphy and Committee Member Reps. DeLuca, Diamond, Lombardo, Fedeli, Rauh and Skigen. Absent/.excused were Committee Member Reps. Day and Mallozzi. Also present was Michael Freimuth, Economic Development Director.

1. **SC27.020** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for public hearing and final adoption; establishing an Energy Improvement District.
   - 07/09/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   - 08/29/07 – Held in Committee 8-0-0
   - 09/04/07 – Report Made/Held in Committee
   - 09/17/07 – Committee approved 9-0-0 (as amended)
   - 10/01/07 – Approved for publication
   - 10/24/07 – Committee approved 6-0-0

Chair Esposito moved the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 1 above; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk Summerville noted that Rep. Berns left the meeting at this time (11:35 p.m.).
MINUTES

1. October 1, 2007 Regular Board Meeting APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

III. OLD BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

A transcript of these proceedings is available in the Offices of the Board of Representatives