MINUTES

President Martin called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

INVOCATION: Led by Rep. Salvatore Gabriele

“Heavenly Father, help us come together this evening, give us the strength to make the tough decisions. Amen.”

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

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie Summerville. There were thirty-four members present and six members absent/excused (Reps. Day, Figueroa, Lyons, Mallozzi, Mirkin and White). (Note: Rep. Lyons joined the meeting after roll call.)

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

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late Eugene Leo Berube by the 27th Board of Representatives; Mattie Bell Spencer McCory and Eddie Williams by Clerk Summerville; Grace M. DiGiacomo, Dorothy Alice Petrone, Maureen Clifford Burns, Nancy Considine, Christine Elizabeth Coppola, Dominick M. Sileo, Michele S. Darling, Angelina M. Pensiero, Kevin James Sachuk, Anthony V. Sibilio, Vito Montanaro, Jr., Marguerite J. Conti and Robert Joseph Belasco by Rep. Giordano; Lisa Marie LaBlanc by Reps. Giordano and Zelinsky; and Felix F. Callari by Rep. Zelinsky

COMMUNICATIONS: President Martin stated

1. Steering Committee will meet a week from today; immediately following Steering, he will demonstrate the new web site.


HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

1. Sense-of-the-Board Resolution: congratulating Stamford Emergency Medical Services for APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS
receiving accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of the Ambulance Services and for meeting the Gold Standard as determined by the Ambulance Service Industry. 03/05/08 – Submitted by President Martin & Rep. Day

2. Sense-of-the-Board Resolution commending Former Board Member Fred Johnson for his many years of community service. 03/07/08 – Submitted by Clerk Summerville and Reps. Giordano and Young

3. Sense-of-the-Board Resolution congratulating Jose Grant on his 100th Birthday. 03/24/08 – Submitted by Rep. Skigen

4. Sense-of-the-Board Resolution congratulating Stamford Police Officer Glenn Coppola on receiving the Distinguished Public Safety Award from the Police Commissioners Association of Connecticut. 03/28/08 – Submitted by Clerk Summerville

5. Sense-of-the-Board Resolution remembering William “Willie” Carlucci on the occasion of the memorial bench dedication at the E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course. 03/01/08 – Submitted by Rep. Giordano

6. Sense-of-the-Board Resolution congratulating June Rosenthal on being selected as Stamford’s Citizen of the Year 2007 by the Jewish War Veterans Post 142. 03/16/08 – Submitted by President Martin & Rep. Day

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Item Nos. 1 through 6 above were approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

2. P27.073 REJECTION; of an agreement to modify extra duty MOTION TO
Chair Fedeli moved to REJECT the contract; said motion was seconded. Chair Fedeli stated that this agreement is a modification to the police contract, which raises the extra duty pay from $47.75 to $60.00 per hour. The City and the Board of Education jobs, which are less than 5% of the total, will remain at $50 until June 30, 2009.


Both parties returned to their respective caucuses at 8:25 p.m.

President Martin called the meeting back to order at 9:08 p.m.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**STEERING COMMITTEE:**  
Meeting: Monday, March 10, 2008  
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  
Meeting: Monday, March 24, 2008  
7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room  
- and –  
Monday, April 7, 2008  
6:45 p.m. – Conference Room #1

Chair Summerville reported that the Appointments Committee met on Monday, March 24, 2008. Present were: Chair Summerville and Vice Chair Boccuzzi and Committee
Member Reps. Blackwell, DePina, McGarry and Molgano. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Layton and Munger.

Chair Summerville reported that the Appointments Committee also met on Monday, April 7, 2008. Present were Chair Summerville and Vice Chair Boccuzzi and Committee Member Reps. Aposporos, McGarry, Layton, Molgano, Blackwell and Munger. Absent/excused was Committee Member Rep. DePina.

Note: Rep. Rauh left the floor for the Appointments Committee Report.

1. A27.152  Zoning Board  
   Maria Nakian (D)  Reappointment  
   90 Campbell Drive  (Term Exp. 12-1-7)  
   Stamford, CT 06903  
   Term Expires: 12/01/10  
   02/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
   03/24/08 – Committee approved 7-0-0

2. A27.133  Old Long Ridge Historic District  
   Marshall Millsap (D)  New Member  
   76 Mill Road  
   Stamford, CT 06903  
   Term Expires: 12/01/11  
   12/11/07 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
   01/22/08 – No action taken  
   02/26/08 – No action taken  
   03/03/08 – Rejected without prejudice  
   03/06/08 – Resubmitted by Mayor Malloy  
   03/24/08 – Committee approved 7-0-0

3. A27.139  Health Commission  
   Thomas R. Getreuer, DDS (D)  Reappointment  
   95 Morgan Street, Apt. 1A  (Term Exp. 12-1-7)  
   Stamford, CT 06905  
   Term Expires: 12/01/10  
   02/15/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
   03/24/08 – Held in Committee 7-0-0  
   04/07/08 – Committee approved 8-0-0

Written comments submitted by Rep. Berns:

I have known Thomas Getreuer for several decades as my own personal dentist and have watched his participation in the Stamford Health Commission and wish to express my great faith in his ability and his dedication to the health and well-being of the residents of Stamford.
4. **A27.150**  
**Smith House Board of Directors**  
Bikas Ball (D) Reappointment  
61 Settlers Trail *(Term Exp. 12-1-7)*  
Stamford, CT 06903  
Term Expires: 12/01/10  
02/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/24/08 – Committee approved 7-0-0

5. **A27.140**  
**Social Services Commission**  
Caroline T. Teichman (D) Repl. Glenn  
52 Mill Spring Lane *(Term Exp. 12-1-6)*  
Stamford, CT 06903  
Term Expires: 12/01/09  
02/26/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/24/08 – Committee approved 7-0-0

6. **A27.153**  
**Tax Assessment Board of Appeals**  
Dr. Anne S. Peskin (D) Reappointment  
127 Thornridge Drive *(Term Exp. 12-1-7)*  
Stamford, CT 06903  
Term Expires: 12/01/10  
03/05/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/24/08 – Committee approved 7-0-0

7. **A27.142**  
**Golf Commission**  
Alice Lyons (D) Reappointment  
38 Van Rensselaer Ave. *(Term Exp. 12-1-7)*  
Stamford, CT 06902  
Term Expires: 12/01/10  
02/26/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/24/08 – Committee approved 7-0-0

8. **A27.146**  
**Golf Commission**  
John Valmis (D) Reappointment  
16-3 Bouton Street East *(Term Exp. 12-1-7)*  
Stamford, CT 06907  
Term Expires: 12/01/10  
02/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/24/08 – Committee approved 7-0-0

9. **A27.145**  
**Golf Authority**  
William Ward (D) Reappointment  
1318 Bedford Street *(Term Exp. 1-1-8)*  
Stamford, CT 06905  
Term Expires: 01/01/11  
02/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
10. A27.143 Economic Development Commission
   Joel Paul Selden (D) Reappointment
   165 Echo Hill Drive (Term Exp. 12-1-7)
   Stamford, CT 06903
   Term Expires: 12/01/10
   02/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   03/24/08 – Committee approved 7-0-0

11. A27.141 Economic Development Commission
   Denis Patterson (D) Reappointment
   101 Grove Street (Term Exp. 12-1-7)
   Stamford, CT 06901
   Term Expires: 12/01/10
   02/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   03/24/08 – Committee approved 7-0-0

12. A27.144 Environmental Protection Board
   Barbara M. Hicks (D) Reappointment
   248 Loveland Road (Term Exp. 12-1-7)
   Stamford, CT 06905
   Term Expires: 12/01/10
   02/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   03/24/08 – Committee approved 7-0-0

Written comment submitted by Rep. Berns:
   Barbara Hicks comes highly qualified as somebody who cares about the
   environment and will take steps to protect it as needed. It is my hope that over
   the next few years the Board of Representatives will find candidates sharing at
   least some part of the concern that she has for protecting the environment, as
   well as the integrity and character to try to protect the remaining environmental
   resources in Stamford.

13. A27.148 Planning Board
   Claire Fishman (D) Reappointment
   1 Clover Hill Drive (Term Exp. 12-1-7)
   Stamford, CT 06902
   Term Expires: 12/01/10
   02/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   03/24/08 – Committee approved 7-0-0

14. A27.149 Planning Board (Alternate)
   Jay Tepper (D) Reappointment
   APPROVED ON
   CONSENT

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15. **A27.151** Water Pollution Control Authority  
Donald A. Huppert (D)  
Reappointment  
63 Turn of River Road  
*(Term Exp. 1-1-8)*  
Stamford, CT 06905  
Term Expires: 01/01/11  
02/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/24/08 – Committee approved 7-0-0

16. **A27.147** Parks & Recreation Commission  
Vincenzo R. Martino (D)  
Reappointment  
25 Charles Mary Lane  
*(Term Exp. 12-1-7)*  
Stamford, CT 06905  
Term Expires: 12/01/10  
02/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/24/08 – Held in Committee 7-0-0  
04/07/08 – Committee approved 8-0-0

17. **A27.154** Energy Improvement District  
Polly Rauh (D)  
143 Hoyt Street #3J  
Stamford, CT 06905  
Term expires: 11/30/09  
03/05/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/24/08 – Held in Committee 7-0-0  
04/07/08 – Committee approved 8-0-0

18. **A27.155** Energy Improvement District  
Joel Paul Selden (D)  
165 Echo Hill Drive  
Stamford, CT 06903  
Term expires: 12/31/11  
03/05/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/24/08 – Committee approved 7-0-0

19. **A27.156** Energy Improvement District  
Robert W. Hartt (R)  
Executive Vice President  
Albert B. Ashforth, Inc.  
Stamford, CT 06901  
Term expires: 12/31/09
Clerk Summerville noted that everyone is very excited about the Energy Improvement District. This is a new commission that has been formed. The applicants that came before the Committee all had good information and were well versed in what the District is to do. This was a learning process for the Committee itself.

Rep. Berns stated he submitted written comments to the Clerk and also emailed the comments to the Clerk of the Board; these comments were kind words in favor of Thomas R. Getreuer for reappointment to the Health Commission and to Barbara Hicks for reappointment to the EPB.

Clerk Summerville stated that she has instructed staff to attach the comments that Mr. Berns alluded to in the minutes. Mr. Berns questioned whether this meant they would be copied and pasted into the body of the minutes or whether the comments would be an addendum to the minutes. He understands that it is a burden for staff to type stuff up, and that is why he had it typed up.

Clerk Summerville responded that she will make sure that the staff copies and pastes it into the minutes.

Rep. Diamond stated that this issue has come up before, and he requested that the procedure for making written comments be reviewed by the Legislative & Rules Committee so a procedure is adopted in an orderly manner for the future. This will avoid putting the Clerk and/or staff on the spot on a case-by-case basis.

Clerk Summerville stated she wanted the record to show that Rep. Rauh is not on the floor and she did not participate in the discussion.

Clerk Summerville moved to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1-19; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk Summerville thanked her committee for being so agreeable; the Committee moved its meeting day to accommodate another Committee, and she was pleased to have a quorum.

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** Randall M. Skigen, Chair
*(Attendance)* Linda Cannady, Vice Chair
*(Votes)* Meeting: Monday, March 31, 2008
*(Report)* 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room
Chair Skigen reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Monday, March 31, 2008. Present were Chair Skigen and Vice Chair Cannady and Committee Member Reps. Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Lyons, Mirkin, Mitchell and Rauh. Also present was President Martin, Clerk Summerville and Rep. Adams; Bill Callion, Director of PSH&W, Sandra Dennies, Director of Administration Lou Casolo and Ed Gentile of the Engineering Bureau; Karen Cammarota, Grants Department; William Dunn of the Board of Ed; Karen Murphy, resident; Joseph Kennedy, Stamford Police Association; and Caroline Vary and Dara Kovel of Jonathan Rose Co.

1. **F27.359**  
GRANTS RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to enter into a supplemental agreement with the State of CT for replacement of the Farms Road Bridge; amount of grant: $2,136,000.  
02/20/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/31/08 – Committee approved 8-0-0

2. **F27.361**  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); $7,000.00  
Click It or Ticket Grant; Overtime; to establish and run check-points for seat belt enforcement.  
02/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/13/08 – Approved by Board of Finance  
03/31/08 – Committee approved 8-0-0

3. **F27.362**  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); $10,804.00  
Bioterrorism Emergency Response; Direct Service Grant; increase in federal funds (through CT Dept. of Health) for influenza drills.  
02/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/13/08 – Approved by Board of Finance  
03/31/08 – Committee approved 9-0-0

4. **F27.339**  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); $200,000.00  
Engineering; Boyle Stadium Renovation; to perform restoration work on home and visitor bleachers and to repaid damaged concrete; source of funds: CT Commission on Culture & Tourism; required match: $200,000.  
01/09/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/15/08 – Approved by Planning Board  
01/28/08 – Committee approved 9-0-0  
03/03/08 – No action Taken  
03/13/08 – Approved by Board of Finance  
03/31/08 – No action taken/already approved

5. **F27.356**  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); $60,100.00  
Land Use; Springdale Glenbrook Station  
APPROVED ON CONSENT
Enhancements; site facility improvements.
02/08/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/19/08 – Approved by Planning Board
03/13/08 – Approved by Board of Finance
03/31/08 – Committee approved 9-0-0

6. **F27.363**
$2,000,000.00
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Mayor’s Office; Housing Development Fund; to provide bridge loan financing up to $2 million for 29 units of affordable housing near the Transit Center; funds to be repaid by project, permanent financing or inclusionary zoning buy out proceeds.
02/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/11/08 – Approved by Planning Board (see conditions on approval)
03/13/08 – Approved by Board of Finance
03/31/08 – Committee approved 9-0-0

7. **F27.357**
$5,100.00
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Maintenance, Facilities; Overtime; to reimburse City for maintenance staff overtime expenses.
02/08/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/13/08 – Approved by Board of Finance
03/31/08 – Committee approved 9-0-0

8. **F27.358**
$236,156.00
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); BOE Energy Reserve Fund; Transfer; pursuant to a memorandum of agreement with the City regarding creation of an energy reserve, request is for $236,156 from the 2006-07 Board of Education year end surplus.
02/14/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/13/08 – Approved by Board of Finance
03/31/08 – Committee approved 9-0-0

9. **F27.354**
REVIEW; 2007 revaluation results; implications on property tax assessments (neighborhood impact).
02/06/08 – Submitted by President Martin
03/03/08 – Report Made & Held in Committee
03/31/08 – Report Made & Held in Committee

10. **F27.365**
REVIEW; phase-in of 2007 property revaluation.
03/10/08 – Submitted by Rep. Cannady
03/31/08 – Report Made & Held in Committee
Chair Skigen stated that there are reports on Item Nos. 9 and 10, and these will be taken up again during the month of April so that if anyone wants to do anything regarding revaluation, we do it before the Board of Finance sets the mill rate in mid-May.

11. **F27.360** APPROVAL; of the FY 2008-09 Mill River Corridor Project Tax Increment Financing Budget.  
    02/28/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
    03/11/08 – Approved by Planning Board  
    03/13/08 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-1-0  
    (see conditions)  
    03/31/08 – Committee approved 9-0-0  

Secondary Committee: Land Use  Concur

12. **F27.327** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; establishing contribution levels to the Post Employment Benefits Trust.  
    12/07/07 – Submitted by President Martin & Reps. Skigen, Fedeli & Day  
    12/17/07 – Held in Committee 8-0-0  
    01/28/08 – Held in Committee 10-0-0  
    02/25/08 – Report Made  
    03/31/08 – Committee approved 10-0-0  

Secondary Committee: Personnel  No Action

Held in Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1-8, 11 and 12, was approved by voice vote (Rep. Franzetti abstaining on Item Nos. 2 and 12).

Note: Rep. Skigen left the meeting at 9:21 p.m.
Chair Diamond reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday, March 24, 2008. Present were Chair Diamond and Vice Chair Layton and Committee Member Reps: Heaphy, Lodato, Day, Esposito and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Reps. Lombardo Mitchell, Cynthia Martin and Berns. Also present were: Bill Forker, Director of Assessments and Collections; Peter Lucia, Chairman of the Stamford Federal Credit Union; and David Lucas, Executive Vice President of the Stamford Federal Credit Union.

1. **LR27.066** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; *for publication;* amending Section 114-6B1 of the Code of Ordinances Concerning the Downtown Special Services District to increase the levy to a maximum of seven percent.  
   01/22/08 – Submitted by Sandy Goldstein  
   03/24/08 – Committee Held 6-0-0  
   **HELD IN COMMITTEE**

2. **LR27.059** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; *for publication;* amending Chapter 164 of the Code of Ordinances to reduce noise pollution caused by lawn and landscaping equipment.  
   11/07/07 – Submitted by Rep. Lodato  
   11/19/07 – Held in Committee 9-0-0  
   12/17/07 – Held in Committee 10-0-0  
   01/28/08 – Held in Committee 7-0-0  
   03/24/08 – Committee Approved 6-0-0  
   **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

3. **LR27.067** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; *for publication;* amending Section 97-10 of the Code of Ordinances providing for Board of Representative Approval for the appointment of Civil Citation Officers.  
   02/06/08 – Submitted by President Martin  
   03/24/08 – Committee Approved 6-0-0  
   **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

4. **LR27.064** RESOLUTION & *public hearing;* approving a lease agreement between the City of Stamford and the Stamford Federal Credit Union for space on the 6th Floor of the Stamford Government Center.  
   01/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
   **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
5. **LR27.065** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication: concerning a tax exemption for higher mileage vehicles and hybrid passenger cars.
01/30/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/24/08 – Committee Approved 6-1-0

Chair Diamond moved to suspend the rules to take up Item No. LR27.065 as an ordinance as it was submitted as a resolution. In discussions with the Law Department, the Committee amended it to consider it as an ordinance. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Diamond moved Item No. LR27.065 for publication; said motion was seconded. Chair Diamond stated that this is a new program for the City to give a small tax exemption for certain vehicles that get 40 mpg or higher or are vehicles defined by state statute as “hybrid vehicles.” It exempts the first $2,000 of taxes. It is a small first step and is done in accordance with a state statute that was passed this year as an idea to give an incentive to citizens to buy vehicles that are environmentally smart and pollute the environment less.

Vice Chair Layton moved to amend the ordinance as follows (see underlined/red text below):

**Sec.220-5.2 Limited exemption authorized for high mileage vehicles and hybrid passenger cars.**

**A.** Pursuant to Section 19 of Public Act 2007-242, residents of the City of Stamford with privately owned “high mileage motor vehicles exempt from sales and use taxes” or privately owned “hybrid passenger cars exempt from sales and use taxes purchased after May 31, 2008” may apply for a limited exemption from personal property taxation for said vehicles in the City of Stamford.

Said motion was seconded. Vice Chair Layton stated that the idea is that this ordinance is for people who buy high mileage or hybrid cars, and he does not see any sense in rewarding people who already bought the cars. He believes the incentive should be going forward and it should apply to only those who buy cars after the ordinance goes into effect.

Rep. Berns stated that at first glance Rep. Layton’s amendment makes sense, and the original ordinance makes sense in that it does not reward people who bought these vehicles a year or more ago. But there is the used car market to be thought of, and if this is effective for people buying used cars, this might give people to choose the hybrid and high mileage vehicle rather than another one, everything else being equal. Therefore, it serves its purpose in the used vehicle market. He recommends an
amendment to eliminate the requirement that the vehicle be bought after a certain date or clarify the ordinance so that it would include used vehicles being purchased after May 31, 2008. He is speaking out against this amendment.

Chair Diamond stated he thinks Rep. Layton’s idea is good; he believes since he is talking about the date of the purchase it would apply to used cars as written. You really want to encourage more efficient vehicles; they are getting the tax break on the sales tax when they buy it. Whenever you give a tax break to one, you cause someone else to have to pay the additional taxes. Being mindful of that, if we give incentive for new purchases or purchases of new or used vehicles, he is in favor of it.

Rep. Heaphy stated she is opposed to the amendment because this is a very stingy ordinance as it is. The whole benefit to people would be between $60 and $80 per year, and they have to apply for it (which is something she hopes will change as we get further down the road). The State Statute permits this benefit for cars after 2004, and she believes that any signal we can give to the car-buying population at this time that this is a good deal, is a good thing. She believes that we should give this ordinance as much strength as we can and not approve the amendment.

Rep. Berns stated asked whether the amendment would apply to cars that were bought and sold several times before, but a new owner who purchases it after May 31st of this year would get the tax break. Rep. Layton stated he has not proposed an amendment that refers to only new cars. This would apply to any car that meets the requirements of the ordinance. President Martin stated he concurs with that interpretation. Rep. Berns stated that he is now in favor of this amendment.

The amendment was approved by a machine vote of 20-12-0 (Reps. Aposporos, Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Coppola, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Franzetti, Gabriele, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, C. Martin, Molgano, Munger and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Cannady, Giordano, Heaphy, D. Martin, McGarry, Miller, Neary, Pia, Rauh, Summerville and Young opposed) (See Vote Record No. 904).

The main motion was approved by a machine vote of 29-3-0 (Reps. Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Coppola, DeLuca, DePina, Esposito, Fedeli, Franzetti, Gabriele, Giordano, Heaphy, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, C. Martin, D. Martin, McGarry, Miller, Mitchell, Molgano, Munger, Neary, Pia, Rauh, Summerville, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Aposporos and Cannady opposed) (See Vote Record No. 905).

Chair Diamond moved the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2-4; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Mary Lisa Fedeli, Chair

(Attendance)
Pauline S. Rauh, Vice Chair

(Votes)
Meeting: Wednesday, April 2, 2008

(Report)
6:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair Fedeli reported that the Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, April 2, 2008. Present were: Committee Chair Fedeli and Vice Chair Rauh and Committee member Reps. Boccuzzi, Cannady, Figueroa, Gabriele, Layton and Lodato; absent/excused were Committee Member Rep. Skigen. Also present were Reps. Franzetti, Larobina and Zelinsky; Jane Anderson of the Board of Education; Mark Denim, Chairman of the Police Commission; Brett Larrabee, Chief of Police, Chris Gioilli, Vice President of the Stamford Police Association and Joe Kennedy, President of the Stamford Police Association; Dennis C. Murphy and Maggie Murray of Human Resources.

1. **P27.072** REJECTION; of a contract settlement between the Board of Education and the Educational Assistants of Stamford Association (EASA).
   02/07/08 – Submitted by Board of Education
   04/02/08 – Positive [Advisory Opinion](#) issued by Board of Finance
   04/02/08 – Committee failed to reject 0-6-0

   Chair Fedeli moved to REJECT Item No. P27.072; said motion was seconded and failed by unanimous voice vote.

2. **P27.073** REJECTION; of an agreement to modify extra duty pay with the Stamford Police Association (SPA).
   02/07/08 – Submitted by Dennis Murphy
   04/02/08 – Positive [Advisory Opinion](#) issued by Board of Finance
   04/02/08 – Committee failed to reject 1-6-0

   ITEM TAKEN OUT OF ORDER – SEE PAGE 2 OF ACTION REPORT

3. **P27.074** REVIEW; testing and recruiting program for police in 2008.
   02/26/08 – Submitted by Reps. Fedeli, Skigen & Rauh
   04/02/08 – Report Made

4. **P27.075** REVIEW; possibility of changing civil service rules to allow transfers without testing between police departments.
   02/26/08 – Submitted by Reps. Fedeli, Skigen & Rauh

   REPORT MADE

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5. **P27.066** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; *for publication*; establishing a policy to provide five points on Police Officer written test for Stamford residents.  
11/28/07 – Held in Committee 8-0-0  
12/03/07 – Held in Committee  
04/02/08 – Held in Committee 8-0-0

**LAND USE/URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Harry Day, Chair

*(Attendance)*  
**Patrick J. White, Vice Chair**

*(Votes)* Meeting: Tuesday, March 25, 2008  
*7:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room*

Clerk Summerville reported that the Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee met on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, in conjunction with the State & Commerce Committee. Present were Chair Day and Chair Esposito of the State & Commerce Committee and Committee Reps. Franzetti, DeLuca, Fedeli, Heaphy, Salvatore, Summerville, Boccuzzi, and Mitchell. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Lombardo, Mallozzi, Rauh, Skigen, White, and Diamond. Also present were Mike Freimuth, Director of Economic Development; Erik Williams, Antares; Gina Ford, Sasaki & Associates; Rachel Goldberg, Urban Redevelopment Commission; John Freeman, Antares; Ben Barnes, Director of Operations; Michael Anderson; Bill Hennessy, Antares; Robin Stein, Land Use Bureau Chief; Richard Redniss, Antares; Jim Cabrera, Antares; Ted Ferrarone; and Milton Puryeor, Ex-Director of Mill River Collaborative.

1. **LU27.046**  
   APPROVAL; of an interlocal agreement between the City of Stamford and the recently-created Harbor Point Infrastructure Improvement District.  
   03/05/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
   04/10/08 – To be considered by Board of Finance  
   03/25/08 – Report Made & Held in Committee  

   *Secondary Committee: State & Commerce*  
   *Concur*

2. **LU27.045**  
   APPROVAL of *Public Hearing*; of an URC Plan amendment allowing a pedestrian bridge at West Main Street.  
   02/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
   03/25/08 – Committee approved 5-0-0  

   *APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA*
3. **LU27.047**  
RESOLUTION & approval of Public Hearing; involving a Notice of Intent requesting the Mayor to prepare a report to discontinue the West Main Street Bridge as a public access vehicular traffic bridge.  
03/10/08 – Submitted by Rep. Day  
03/25/08 – Committee approved 5-0-0  
03/25/08 – Committee approved 5-0-0

As Secondary Committee

4. **F27.360**  
RESOLUTION; approving the FY 2008-09 Mill River Corridor Project Tax Increment Financing Budget.  
02/28/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/08/08 – To be considered by Planning Board  
03/13/08 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-1-0  
(see conditions)  
03/25/08 – Committee approved 5-0-0

Clerk Summerville moved to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2 and 3; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:**  
John R. Zelinsky, Jr., Chair  
Scott Mirkin, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Wednesday, March 19, 2008

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Zelinsky reported that the Operations Committee met on Wednesday, March 19, 2008. Present were Chair Zelinsky and Vice Chair Mirkin and Committee Member Reps. Coppola, Lodato, Adams and Neary; absent/excused were Reps. Larobina, Mallozzi, Munger and White. Also present were Reps. McGarry and Ben Barnes, Director of Operations.

1. **O27.039**  
REVIEW; and change security at the Government Center for public entering and exiting and our Board of Representatives Legislative Chambers.  
02/11/08 – Submitted by Reps. Zelinsky and Coppola  
03/03/08 – Resubmitted by Rep. Zelinsky  
03/19/08 – Report Made

Chair Zelinsky stated that a report was provided to everyone. He stated that two letters are attached to the report, one from Taylor Bova and another from Captain Wuenneman of the Stamford Police Department.
Chair Lyons reported the Public Safety & Health Committee met on Thursday, March 27, 2008. Present were Chairman Lyons and Representative Members: Larobina, Mirkin, Adams, Coppola, Pia, and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Representative members: DePina, Cynthia Martin, Berns. Also present were: Bill Calllion, Director of Public Health; Chief McGrath, Chief of Fire, James E. Kelley Jr., Stamford Professional Fire Fighters; Jeffrey Knopf, Boy Scout Trooper 15; and Gerald Knopf, Esq.

1. **PS27.031**  
   PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for public hearing & final adoption; restricting the sale of foods containing artificial trans fat products in any food service establishment.  
   02/06/08 – Submitted by Johnnie Lee, MD  
   02/28/08 – Committee approved 8-0-0 (as amended))  
   03/03/08 – Approved for publication 34-4-0  
   03/27/08 – Committee approved 5-1-0  

   Chair Lyons moved Item No. PS27.031; said motion was seconded. Chair Lyons stated no one from the public appeared to speak at the public hearing.

   Rep. Coppola stated that he is going to vote against this proposed ordinance, not because he is in favor of people eating trans fats, but he thinks government should not be legislating peoples’ lives.

   The motion approved by a machine vote of 22-12-0 (Reps. Adams, Aposporos, Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Franzetti, Giordano, Heaphy, Larobina, Lyons, D. Martin, McGarry, Miller, Neary, Pia, Rauh, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Cannady, Coppola, Fedeli, Gabriele, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, C. Martin, Mitchell, Molgano, Munger and Summerville opposed.) (See Vote Record No. 906.)

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
3. **PS27.030**  
APPROVAL; of an agreement for a Strategic Fire Study with System Planning Corporation, Tridata Division.  
01/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/28/08 – Approved by Board of Finance  
02/28/08 – Held in Committee 7-1-1  
03/03/08 – Held in Committee  
03/27/08 – Committee approved 4-1-1  

Chair Lyons moved to approve Item No. PS27.030; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Coppola stated that he was opposed to this in Committee. His opposition stems from the fact that he believes that the only purpose of this study at this point in time is to finally try to eradicate the volunteer service in Stamford. There have been studies done over the years, three that come to mind, and in all of those studies with the hundreds of thousands of dollars that were spent, nothing came from them. The study that was done in 1995 cost $35,000 more than this study is going to cost, or about $165,000. There were recommendations in there, not only for the citywide fire service, but for the volunteer fire service. The administration chose to ignore the recommendations of the 1995 study, probably because it would have maybe strengthened the volunteer fire service in Stamford to some degree. Rep. Coppola stated he has grown tired of trying to defend the system. He thinks the administration is hell-bent on eradicating the volunteers, and the only reason for this study – to spend this $135,000 – is for that very reason, so he will vehemently oppose it, even if he is the only one.

Rep. Layton stated that he is also opposed to the contract for several reasons. First, we must have the in-house expertise in Stamford to prepare a strategic fire study. There is simply no reason to spend $131,000 for this study. In his previous jobs as a consultant, he has done many studies that ended up on the shelves for the same reason. It was the expertise in house that rejected the consultant’s recommendations. Secondly, the last study was done over 10 years ago, as Mr. Coppola said. Many parts were not implemented, so why are we doing this again when history says that we aren’t going to implement the recommendations. This is really a waste of money. Third, he also agrees with Mr. Coppola that the study will recommend a further integration of Stamford’s volunteer firefighters into the full time paid professional force. The logic for this is to be done in the interest of the safety and protection of the citizens of Stamford. The question that is not being asked or answered about the integration occurs is how much will it cost? Shouldn’t the taxpayers be told how much it will cost? Shouldn’t the taxpayers vote by how much they are willing to spend for this? The number reported in the Stamford Advocate was $15 million. He doesn’t see any public discussion on this,
and he doesn’t see anything coming forward for the public so a discussion can be initiated. If the integration of the volunteers and the full time firefighters is recommended in the interest of safety, why don’t we talk about doubling the size of the police department. A city with 120,000 people has 18 police officers on duty at night. Why aren’t we talking about adding more trucks for the fire department? Any of these changes will make Stamford a safer place. Let us not hide the real reason for hiring an outside firm to complete a strategic fire study. We should be developing a public forum to discuss the costs associated with the dissolution of the volunteer fire departments, and let the taxpayers decide if they are willing to spend the money for this.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he appreciates Rep. Coppola’s statements pertaining to the volunteers; they play a vital role in the fire protection of our residents, and he hopes that he is wrong when he says that it is going to eliminate the volunteers. That would be a major mistake. He understands that the study is going to examine the legal framework of the system, where fire station sites should be, response times, and the deployment of both paid and volunteer fire fighters. After the study is done, they will come up with a master plan that will hopefully benefit all of the residents of Stamford and the paid and the volunteer firefighters. He believes we should look at the big picture, and he thinks that our main concern should be the safety of the residents of our city. He will be voting in favor of this.

Chair Lyons stated that the emotion runs high on certain sides of this issue and this study. He believes that this study was proposed for last year’s budget, and the administration withdrew it pending the outcome of some of the consolidation that they were hoping for. The Committee received assurances from Director Callion, and it was expressed to the Committee wholeheartedly and the Committee implored him that this is not to be a study that ignores the volunteer issues, that does not take into account their long-standing activity and tradition in the City and also not to be a study that is seen as a process to do away with the volunteers. Director Callion assured the Committee that this was not Tri-Data’s mission. There was also data submitted with the qualifications that this firm has done the same type of study in another municipality that had a similar structure as ours (combination volunteer and paid). Chair Lyons stated he understands the emotion, but he hopes we move forward as a City, do some good strategic planning. What happened to past studies is not a reason not to support a further study. He noted we have waited almost 24 months to select a company.


(See Vote Record No. 907.)
COMMITTEE: Linda Cannady, Co-Chair
   Joseph Coppola, Co-Chair

No meeting; no report.

Note: Rep. Neary left at 9:52 p.m.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Polly Rauh, Chair
   Michael L. Molgano, Vice Chair

Meeting: Thursday, April 3, 2008
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Rauh reported that the Education Committee met on Thursday, April 3, 2008. Present were Chair Rauh and Vice Chair Molgano and Committee Member Reps. Lodato, Miller and Young; absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Martin and Pia. Also present was Rep. Lyons; Winnie Hamilton, Al Barbarotta and Bill Dunn of the Board of Education; Bob King, Jim Rubino and Monica Lahiri-Hoherchak of the Board of Education; and several parents and PTO members from Rogers School; and Thano Chaltas, Rogers PTO Board of Education Representative.

1. E27.023 REVIEW; space and facility utilization for education-related activities other than traditional K-12 (e.g., preK, adult education (ESL, etc.)).
   01/09/08 – Submitted by Chair Rauh & Reps. DeLuca and Molgano
   01/24/08 – Report Made
   03/05/08 – Resubmitted by Chair Rauh
   04/03/08 – Report Made

Chair Rauh stated that the Committee’s discussion focused primarily on the inclusion of the portables as part of the space for students. There are 28 portables that are equal to over 550 seats in schools. The Board of Education indicated that they were purchased as temporary facilities, they put a lot of money into them, they continue to put money into keeping them up to date. They have had no discussion of removing them from their space capacity, and the feeling of the Committee is that we have another 11 years of use in facilities that are up to 18 years of age at this point, and with concern for equity in facilities and environment for all students in Stamford, the Committee wishes to have them removed from consideration before they make any decisions on redistricting and in using space for other educationally-related activities. The full report is extensive and differs from the article in the Stamford Advocate.

2. E27.025 REVIEW; International Baccalaureate Program/ REPORT
Middle Years Program.
03/05/08 – Submitted by Rep. Lyons
04/03/08 – Report Made

Chair Rauh stated that the program at Rogers through age 10 has been in existence for five years, and there is interest on the part of both Rogers parents and the administration of moving into the middle years, which would go up through age 16, or the sophomore year in high school. An extensive report has been provided.

HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Elaine Mitchell, Chair

(Attendance)

Philip J. Giordano, Vice Chair

(Votes)

Meeting: Tuesday, April 1, 2008
6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Mitchell reported the Housing-Community Development-Social Services met on Tuesday, April 1, 2008. Present were committee members reps. Chair Mitchell, Vice-Chair Giordano, Miller, Aposporos, Blackwell, Molgano. Also present: Tim Beeble, Director of Community Development; and Sandy Dennies, Director of Administration.

1. HCD27.032 APPROVAL; of Year 34 budget for the Community Development Block Grant, including Budget Workshop.
01/02/08 – Submitted by Tim Beeble
02/20/08 – Committee approved 6-0-0 & Held in Committee
03/03/08 – Held in Committee
04/01/08 – Committee Approved 6-0-0 & Held in Committee

2. HCD27.034 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; amending Section 146-67, Generation and Calculation of Commercial Linkage Fees for inclusion in Stamford Housing Development Fund, of the Code of Ordinances.
03/05/08 – Submitted by Sybil Richards
04/01/08 – Held in Committee 6-0-0

HELD IN COMMITTEE
Chair DeLuca reported that the Transportation Committee met on Thursday, March 20, 2008. Present were Chair DeLuca and Vice Chair Adams and Committee Member Reps. Blackwell, Franzetti, Giordano, Young and Zelinsky; absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Larobina and Lombardo. Also present was Michael Moran of Stamford Center for the Arts.

1. **T27.033** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for public hearing and final adoption; amending the Code of Ordinances to increase the fines for parking in handicapped spaces.
   02/04/08 – Resubmitted by Reps. DeLuca, Boccuzzi, Fedeli, Mirkin and Day
   02/21/08 – Committee approved 8-1-0
   03/03/08 – Approved for publication 26-13-0
   03/20/08 – Committee approved 5-1-1

Chair DeLuca moved Item No. T27.033; said motion was seconded. Chair DeLuca stated no one from the public appeared to speak.

Rep. Adams stated that he again opposed the ordinance. Throughout all of the meetings, he has primarily heard issues around misuse of the handicapped stickers and lack of enforcement. The real problem here is an enforcement problem, not the fine. If enforcement is lacking, the rate will not make a difference, and he is opposed to raising the rate for the sake of raising it.

Rep. Mitchell stated that a request for information was made and inquired whether this came up at the public hearing. Chair DeLuca responded this issue was not brought up.

Rep. Diamond stated that our old ordinance used to mirror, word for word, state statute. If we don’t change ours, it will be moot, and there will be no reason to use it. A police officer will simply give the ticket for the state violation. So he now asks his colleagues to support this ordinance.

The motion was approved by a machine vote of 23-9-0 (Reps. Aposporos, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Coppola, DeLuca, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Franzetti, Gabriele, Giordano, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, D. Martin, Molgano, Munger, Pia, Rauh, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Cannady, DePina, Heaphy, C. Martin, McGarry, Miller, Mitchell and Summerville opposed.) (See [Vote Record No. 908](#).)
2. **T27.038**  APPROVAL; of a lease agreement between the City and Saturn of White Plains for a 3-year term commencing 11/1/7 and ending 10/31/2010 for space in the Bell Street Garage.

02/04/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/12/08 – Approved by Planning Board
02/13/08 – Approved by Board of Finance
02/21/08 – Committee approved 8-0-1
03/03/08 – Held in Committee 24-13-0
03/12/08 – Item Withdrawn

Chair DeLuca stated a new lease has been renegotiated where they will use the Bedford Street lot, which will free up space at the Bell Street garage.

**Suspension of the Rules**

Chair DeLuca moved to suspend the rules to take up an item not appearing on the Agenda; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. **T27.039**  RESOLUTION; providing for a parking fee reduction for employees of the Stamford Center for the Arts.

03/20/08 – Submitted by Chair DeLuca
03/20/08 – Committee approved 7-0-0

Chair DeLuca moved to approve Item No. T27.039; said motion was seconded. He stated that they are experiencing hard times, and this will give the employees a three-month reprieve on parking fees. This is similar to what the Board did for the Ferguson Library. The item was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE:**

Paul A. Esposito, Chair
Eileen Heaphy, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, March 25, 2008
7:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room
(in conjunction with Land Use Committee)

Chair Esposito reported the State and Commerce Committee met on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, in conjunction with the Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee. Present were Chair Esposito and Vice Chair Heaphy and Chair Day of the Land Use Committee; Committee Member Reps. Franzetti, DeLuca, Fedeli, Salvatore, Summerville, Boccuzzi, and Mitchell. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Lombardo, Mallozzi, Rauh, Skigen, White, and Diamond. Also present were: Mike Freimuth, Director of Economic Development; Erik Williams, Antares; Gina Ford, Sasaki & Associates; Rachel Goldberg, URC; John Freeman, Antares; Ben Barnes; Michael Anderson; Bill Hennessy, Antares; Robin Stein, Land Use Bureau Chief; Richard Redniss, Antares,
Jim Cabrera, Antares; Ted Ferrarone; and Milton Puryear, Ex-Director of Mill River Collaborative.

As Secondary Committee
1. LU27.046 APPROVAL; of an interlocal agreement between the City of Stamford and the recently-created Harbor Point Infrastructure Improvement District. 03/05/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 03/25/08 – Report Made

MINUTES

1. March 3, 2008 Regular Board Meeting APPROVED

III. OLD BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

V. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.