The Regular Meeting of the 26th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, May 2, 2005 in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, 4th Floor, Stamford, Connecticut.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by President David R. Martin

INVOCATION: Given by Rep. Franzetti

“Lord, we ask that You share Your knowledge and wisdom with this Board of Representatives and through Your guidance and inspiration help us to make decisions that please You and are in the best interests of our community. We also ask that You protect and keep safe all of our men and women in the military. Amen.”

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

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There were thirty-seven members present and four members absent (Reps. Cannady, Esposito, McCullen and Munger). Note: Rep. Cannady was not at roll call but in attendance and Rep. Esposito arrived at 8:40 p.m.

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

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late Lena Cundra Zelinsky by the 26th Board of Representatives; Nellie Wienski by Reps. White and McDermott; Rev. Cornelius Johnson, Cleveland Beckham, Addie A. Cox and Rev. Harold Long by Clerk of the Board Summerville; Amalio M. Mallozzi, John Boccuzzi, Irene K.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. President Martin announced that the Fiscal Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 4, 2005. The special budget meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, 2005 and Steering will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2005.

2. President Martin wished Reps. DePina, McCullen and Skigen a happy birthday.

3. Rep. Zelinsky thanked those members who attended his mother’s funeral, who sent cards and made calls and the Board of Representatives for the fruit basket.

4. Rep. DeLuca announced that the Annual Softball Game will be held on June 30, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. at Barrett Field.

Suspension of Rules:

A motion to suspend the rules to take up an item out of order was made and seconded. President Martin stated the motion is for the purpose of approving a resolution honoring Mr. Lichack. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION;
   honoring Elwood Lichack, a Stamford veteran serving at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 aboard the Battleship USS Pennsylvania.
   04/08/05 – Submitted by Rep. White

   APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Rep. White moved to approve the resolution; Rep. O'Neill seconded the resolution and it was approved by unanimous voice vote.

President Martin and Rep. White invited Mr. Lichack to the podium and presented him with the resolution. Mr. Lichack thanked the members of the Board for the resolution.

Minority Leader DeLuca moved for a ten-minute recess; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote at 8:45 p.m.
The meeting was reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

Clerk of the Board Summerville announced that Rep. Pia had left the meeting.

STEERING COMMITTEE: Monday, April 11, 2005
(Report) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

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

STANDING COMMITTEES

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: Annie M. Summerville, Chair
(Paul A. Esposito, Vice Chair
(Attendance) Meeting: Tuesday, April 26, 2005
(Votes) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room
(Report)

Chair Summerville reported that the Appointments Committee met on Tuesday, April 26, 2005. Present were Committee Member Reps. Summerville, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Coppola, DePina, Esposito, Kernan, Molgano, Munger and Nowakowski.

1. **A26.192** Police Commission
   - Reverend Robert Perry (D) Reappointment (Term Exp. 11/30/04)
   - 2009 Long Ridge Road
   - Stamford, CT 06903
   - Term Expires: 11/30/07
   - 04/05/05 – Resubmitted by Mayor Dannel Malloy
   - 04/26/05 – Committee Approved 11-0-0
   - APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA (Rep. Franzetti abstaining)

2. **A26.198** Traffic Hearing Officer
   - Savlatore LaDestro (D) Reappointment (Term Exp. 12/1/04)
   - 116 Mulberry Lane
   - Stamford, CT 06907
   - Term Expires: 12/01/06
   - 03/17/05 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   - 04/26/05 – Committee Approved 10-0-1
   - APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

3. **A26.199** Zoning Board of Appeals
   - Claire D. Friedlander (D) Reappointment (Term Exp. 12/1/04)
   - 33 Lolly Lane
   - APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA
4. **A26.200**

**Smith House Board of Directors**

Bikas K. Ball (D)  
61 Settlers Trail  
Stamford, CT  06903  
Term Expires:  12/01/07  
03/24/05 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/26/05 – Committee Approved 11-0-0

**APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

5. **A26.201**

**Economic Development Commission**

Eileen M. Heaphy (D)  
247 Hamilton Avenue #4  
Stamford, CT  06902  
Term Expires:  12/01/07  
03/24/05 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/26/05 – Held in Committee

Chair Summerville stated that Item No. A26.201 was held due to scheduling problems.

6. **A26.181**

**Economic Development Commission**

Francine Pastore (D)  
214 Hubbard Avenue  
Stamford, CT  06903  
Term Expires:  12/01/07  
04/05/05 – Re-appointed by Mayor Dannel Malloy  
04/26/05 – Committee Approved 11-0-0

**APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

7. **A26.202**

**Environmental Protection Board – Alternate**

Diane E. Longo (D)  
59 Mill Spring Lane  
Stamford, CT  06903  
Term Expires:  12/01/06  
03/22/05 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/26/05 – Committee Approved 11-0-0

**APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

8. **A26.203**

**Environmental Protection Board**

Scott E. Thompson (D)  
107 Turner Road  
Stamford, CT  06905  
Term Expires:  12/01/05  
04/06/05 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/26/05 – Committee Approved 11-0-0

**APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 4 and 6 through 8, was approved by voice vote (Rep. Franzetti abstaining on Item No. 1).

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** Randall Skigen, Chair  
Linda Cannady, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Monday, April 25, 2005  
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Skigen reported that the Fiscal Committee met on April 25, 2005. Present were Committee Member Reps. Skigen, Cannady, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Fedeli, Figueroa and Giordano; Rep. Mirkin was excused. Also present were Tim Curtin, Morty Klein, Mike Ross, Michael Briscoe and Douglas Arndt of Operations; Police Chief Larrabee; Pete Privitera of OPM; John Didelot and Ray Whitbread of Turn of River Fire Department; Mary Willis of Youth Services; and Bill Callion, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare.

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<td>1.</td>
<td><strong>F26.548</strong></td>
<td>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Funds from Greater Stamford Transit District; funds to be used to provide transportation for the teen mother’s program.</td>
<td><strong>APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA</strong></td>
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|   | $6,000.00 | 03/22/05 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/14/05 – Approved by Board of Finance  
04/25/05 – Committee approved 7-0-0 |   |
| 2. | **F26.549** | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); to provide afternoon summer program at Westhill High for middle school students (second year). | **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA** |
|   | $50,000.00 | 04/01/05 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
05/12/05 – Approved by Board of Finance  
04/25/05 – Committee approved 7-0-0 |   |
| 3. | **F26.550** | GRANT RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with the State of CT Dept. of Public Health for a program to install dental clinics at three school sites in Stamford. | **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA** |
|   |   | 04/05/05 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/25/05 – Committee approved 8-0-0 |   |
| 4. | **F26.507** | RESOLUTION; approving a gift acceptance of $25,000 from the Ruth Brown Foundation for the | **APPROVED ON CONSENT** |

Secondary Committee: Education  
Concur
purpose of restoring and installing the Daugherty Murals.

5. **F26.533** ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Operations; Administration; Daugherty Murals; to appropriate donation from Ruth Brown Foundation for the purpose of restoring and installing the Daugherty Murals.

   04/04/05 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   04/14/05 – Approved by Board of Finance
   04/25/05 – Committee approved 8-0-0

**Secondary Committee: Operations** Waived

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

6. **F26.534**

   ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Police; Overtime; Mandated Training; to fund agreement between the City and the Stamford Police Association to provide defibrillator training for 180 police officers in the current fiscal year.

   04/04/05 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   04/14/05 – Approved by Board of Finance
   04/25/05 – Committee approved 7-0-1

**Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare** Waived

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

   ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Big 5 Volunteer Fire Departments; Overtime; accounts are expected to exceed the revised budget amount; funds to be used to cover anticipated deficit.

7. **F26.535** Glenbrook - $43,983.00
8. **F26.536** Turn of River - $59,105.00
9. **F26.537** Belltown - $28,910.00

   04/04/05 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   04/14/05 – Approved by Board of Finance
   04/25/05 – Committee approved 8-0-0

**Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare** Waived

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the Secondary Committee Report was waived.
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Haulaway; the quantity of MSW hauled is increasing above the winter by as much as 25%; these funds will cover anticipated account shortage.

10. **F26.538**
   - Account: Garbage - $200,000.00
   - 04/04/05 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   - 04/14/05 – **$200,000 approved** by Board of Finance
   - 04/25/05 – F26.538 – Committee approved 3-0-5

   **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA (Item No. 10 only)**

11. **F26.539**
   - Miscellaneous - $195,000.00
   - 04/04/05 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

12. **F26.541**
   - Bulky Waste - $68,000.00
   - 04/04/05 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   - 04/14/05 – Approved by Board of Finance
   - 04/25/05 – Committee approved 8-0-0
   - F26.539 – Item Withdrawn
   - F26.541 – Item Withdrawn

   **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA (Item No. 11 & 12)**

Chair Skigen stated that the Board of Finance approved a total of $200,000 under these accounts. Director Curtin asked that Item Nos. 11 and 12 be withdrawn.

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

13. **F26.540**
   - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Collection; Contracted Services; Condo reimbursements are estimated to exceed budgeted amount; account is currently in deficit.
   - 04/04/05 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   - 04/14/05 – Approved by Board of Finance
   - 04/25/05 – Committee approved 8-0-0

   **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

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

14. **F26.542**
   - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Vehicle Maintenance; to fund cost increases due to aging fleet.
   - 04/04/05 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   - 04/14/05 – Approved by Board of Finance
   - 04/25/05 – Committee approved 8-0-0

   **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

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

15. **F26.543** ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Gasoline; Diesel Fuel; to fund major increases in the price of diesel fuel; prices have increased by 50% at times in recent months.
   - 04/04/05 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   - 04/14/05 – Approved by Board of Finance
   - 04/25/05 – Committee approved 8-0-0

*Secondary Committee: Operations*  
Waived

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

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Snow Removal; due to higher than average snow incidents (17 incidents), overtime account is currently in deficit.**

16. **F26.544** Overtime - $348,114.00
17. **F26.545** Salt & Sand - $109,552.00
18. **F26.546** Contractors/Snow - $89,258.45
19. **F26.547** Social Security - $26,630.66
   - 04/04/05 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   - 04/14/05 – HELD by Board of Finance
   - 04/25/05 – Items Withdrawn

*Secondary Committee: Operations*  
NO ACTION REPORTED

Chair Skigen stated that the Committee did not take up Item Nos. 16, 17, 18 and 19 as the Board of Finance held the items.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 10 and 13 through 15, was approved by voice vote (Rep. Franzetti abstaining on Item No. 6).

Chair Skigen reported that the Committee will meet this Wednesday to begin budget deliberations. The budget meeting will be Monday, May 2, 2005.

President Martin thanked the Fiscal Committee members for the incredible amount of time they devoted to the annual budget process.
Chair Nakian reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday, April 25, 2005. Present were Committee Member Reps. Nakian, Diamond, Esposito, Greenberg, Layton, Mitchell, Nowakowski and Zelinsky present; Reps. Franzetti and Sweeney were excused. Also present were President David Martin; Rep. Lyons; Corporation Counsel Tom Cassone; Joseph Tarzia, Jim Rubino and Michael Pollard of the Board of Finance; Richard Fox and Vincent Tufo of the Housing Authority; and several members of the public.

Chair Nakian reported that present at the May 2, 2005 Legislative & Rules Committee meeting were Committee Member Reps. Nowakowski, Nakian, Diamond, Layton, Greenberg, Zelinsky, Franzetti, Benyus and Mitchell; also present were Rep. Cannady, Clerk of the Board Summerville and Messrs. Fox and Tufo of the Housing Authority.

   02/07/05 – Submitted by Chair Nakian  
   03/02/05 – Committee approved 6-0-0  
   03/07/05 – Approved for Publication on Consent  
   03/21/05 – Committee approved 7-0-0  
   04/04/05 – Returned to Committee  
   04/25/05 – Held in Committee 8-0-0

2. **LR26.092** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for Final Adoption; amending Chapter 103, Contractors, to clarify prohibited gift provision.  
   02/10/05 – Submitted by Rep. Nakian  
   03/02/05 – Committee approved 6-0-0  
   03/07/05 – Approved for Publication on Consent  
   03/21/05 – Committee approved 7-0-0  
   04/04/05 – Returned to Committee  
   04/25/05 – Held in Committee 8-0-0

3. **LR26.091** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; amending Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances concerning disposition of city-owned properties.  
   02/07/05 – Submitted by Chair Nakian  
   03/02/05 – No action reported  
   03/07/05 – Held in Committee
4. LR26.093 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for discussion; regarding reimbursement from other municipalities who enroll children in Stamford’s Inter-district Magnet Schools. 
03/09/05 – Submitted by Reps. Diamond & O’Neill 
03/21/05 – Held in Committee 
04/04/05 – Held by 26th Board 
04/25/05 – Held in Committee 7-0-0 

Secondary Committee: Education

Item for Suspension of Rules – Changing LR26.094 from a resolution to an ordinance:

Chair Nakian moved to suspend the rules to take up Item No. 5 as an ordinance as opposed to a resolution. The Law Department recently informed the Committee that it should have been submitted as an ordinance, not a resolution. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

5. LR26.094 Ordinance RESOLUTION-PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; providing for a tax abatement agreement between the City and Taylor Street Limited Partnership for property located at 25 Taylor Street and 33 Taylor Street.
03/14/05 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 
04/25/05 – Committee approved 6-0-0 
05/02/05 – committee approved 9-0-0 

Chair Nakian stated that this is a tax abatement agreement between the City and the Taylor Street Limited Partnership for property located at 25 and 33 Taylor Street. The Taylor Street Limited Partnership is building 16 units on these sites, which will be used to replace some of the current units, which are being renovated as a result of the City obtaining a HOPE VI grant. The units will be affordable for 99 years. The only change in the contract from the way it was considered at Committee is that because of the tax credits that will be used for the construction, the agreement between the Housing Authority and the Taylor Street Partnership will be changed from a ground lease situation to a conveyance of the property. Chair Nakian added this is not city property, and this Board does not deal with the conveyance; it is only dealing with granting the tax abatement.

Chair Nakian said all questions were answered, and she moved Item No. LR26.094 for publication; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Mary Lisa Fedeli, Chair
No meeting.

No report.

LAND USE/URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:
Patrick White, Co-Chair
Harry Day, Co-Chair

(Attendance)
(Report)

Meeting: Tuesday, April 26, 2005
7:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Co-Chair Day reported that the Land Use Committee met on April 26, 2005. Present were Committee Member Reps. Day, White, Boccuzzi, Greenberg, Mitchell, Nakian and Summerville. Reps. Clear, Diamond and Franzetti were excused. Also present were Reps. Adams, Cannady, Coppola, Hunter and Zelinsky; Rachel Goldberg of the URC; Antonio Iadarola, Lou Casolo and Laura Labosky of the Engineering Department; Zoning Enforcement Officer James Lunney; and ten members of the public who appeared for the public hearing.

1. LU26.058 Request Report

RESOLUTION & PUBLIC HEARING; regarding final authorization of the acquisition of rights of way for the Stamford Urban Transitway Project.
02/08/05 – Submitted by Lou Casolo
03/03/05 – Held in Committee 8-0-0
03/07/05 – Held by 26th Board
03/22/05 – Committee approved 5-3-1
04/04/05 – Held by 26th Board
04/26/05 – Committee approved 4-1-2

APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE (31-3-3)

Co-Chair Day reported that another public hearing was held on this matter at which ten members of the public spoke. The first speaker was William Hennessey, an attorney representing a number of affected property owners, some of whom had not yet reached agreements with the City with respect to compensation. Mr. Hennessey’s point was that it was important that this resolution be adopted so that the process could go forward.

Co-Chair Day stated that four of the speakers (including Attorney Frank Baker, Ed Czesik, and Barbara Surwillo) represented the Czesik family property interests, and voiced concern about the process for determining the valuation of the affected properties, in particular the costs of relocating the small businesses.
A Mr. Willow advocated a delay, and the other public speakers all favored the resolution.

Rep. Day added that Attorney Leo Gold appeared on behalf of a number of owners and urged that the appraisals be reconsidered, but he also did not oppose the resolution. Similarly, Mr. Al Sensegrino, owner of two parcels, was concerned with the valuation of some lost parking, and once again did not oppose the resolution. A Mr. Houser stated that the delay in adoption of the resolution was complicating his ability to relocate his business, and he urged adoption of the resolution.

Co-Chair Day continued by stating that David Cingari questioned why the property he rents is being affected when there is a suitable parcel across the street for the road that only has grass on it. Finally, Sophia Brice argued that she should be compensated for her business loss in operating her deli, but once again she supported adoption of the resolution.

Co-Chair Day stated that the handouts distributed this evening contain allegations that the he was misleading in the conduct of the hearing. He thoroughly and completely rejects that allegation. The handouts contain misunderstandings of what the Board’s purpose is tonight, which is to accept the report of the Director of Administration insofar as his determination of the values are concerned. This is what is called for under the charter.

Co-Chair Day stated he would repeat what he has said in previous meetings: “This does not mean that we bind the City to those values. That means that the process goes forward. There is flexibility in the negotiation of the values. What we can’t do is stop the process right now, because then nothing happens.”

Co-Chair Day stated that prior to closing the public hearing, Ms. Goldberg stated that approximately twelve agreements with affected owners had been reached, several more are in negotiation, and further negotiation cannot take place until the affected property owners submit appraisals of their own that differ from the City appraisals. Mr. Iadarola stated that the City has already incurred a cost of $20,000 as a result of the one-month delay in this project; additional delay could result in much more severe costs and could put at risk portions of the federal funding for either this phase or subsequent phases.

Co-Chair Day stated that he reviewed again with the public the fact that the Board of Representatives has no control over the process, which is in fact dictated by the City Charter, State law and Federal law. The Board’s role under the Charter is to approve the Director of Administration’s report and to authorize the City to proceed. The Charter allows the Board to reduce, but not increase, the appraisal amounts. The only other alternative the Board has is to vote no, which would result in at best a delay in the project and huge cost increases. The
City is not bound by the amounts, and there are ample and extraordinary guarantees of fairness in this process at the local, state and federal levels.

Co-Chair Day stated the Committee voted 4-1-2 in favor of the resolution. Co-Chair Day moved the resolution; said motion was seconded.

Co-Chair White stated he will vote against the resolution because of his long-standing opposition to the project. He believes that the scope of the project is too massive, will lead to the destruction of East Side neighborhoods and in the end will add to Stamford’s traffic woes by actually increasing traffic. It will do nothing in terms of helping traffic in the long run.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he voted last month to hold this item at the request of Reps. Adams and Cannady. Rep. Zelinsky stated he attended the public hearing, and he heard many speakers state that they were not being treated fairly in the amount of money they would receive from the City. They were in favor of the project, but their main concern was getting a fair amount for their property. While this project may benefit many, he believes it should not be on the backs and expense of the residents who will lose their homes and businesses.

Rep. Zelinsky asked if it would be appropriate to incorporate a strong statement in the resolution or have a letter from the president that states the Board strongly wants the City/URC to work with the residents and possibly to get new appraisals on their properties. Rep. Zelinsky stated that speakers questioned the discrepancies between various parcels of property, the difficulty in finding comparable properties in Stamford and loss of income due to relocation difficulties. Rep. Zelinsky stated that he is concerned that approval of this resolution would be interpreted as approving the amounts listed in the Director’s Report.

Rep. Zelinsky moved an amendment or a letter conveying strong feelings that they should work as closely as they can with the owners and residents and businesses and, if possible, get new appraisals.

President Martin stated that there is a sentiment among a number of people to ensure that this process be handled fairly. Because this is such a complicated legal and procedural matter, he would rather not complicate the resolution. He will prepare a letter, being very careful to not take anyone’s rights way in the process of trying to protect the small homeowners. He will write a letter trying to search for better fairness for those small property owners who may not have the resources that the bigger property owners have.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that another representative mentioned that there are grant funds available that would allow the owners to not have to pay for any type of
environmental cleanup, and Rep. Zelinsky asked that this be included in the letter.

Rep. Mitchell stated that what she had said to Mr. Zelinsky is that if grant money became available, then it should be used toward the clean up.

The motion was approved by a machine vote of 31-3-3 (Reps. Adams, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Clear, Coppola, Day, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Greenberg, Hunter, Kernan, Layton, Lyons, Martin, Mirkin, Mitchell, Molgano, Nakian, Nowakowski, O’Neill, Pavia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, Sweeney and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Franzetti, McDermott and White opposed; Reps. Benyus, DeLuca and Morrow abstaining) (See Vote Record #613).

2. LU26.059 REVIEW; zoning enforcement process, policies and procedures for dealing with illegal housing units within the City of Stamford.
   02/10/05 – Submitted by Reps. Greenberg, DeLuca, Mirkin, Coppola & Zelinsky
   03/03/05 – Held in Committee 8-0-0
   03/07/05 – Held by 26th Board
   03/22/05 – Held in Committee 9-0-0
   04/04/05 – Held by 26th Board
   04/26/05 – Report Made

Co-Chair Day stated that Mr. Lunney appeared and talked about the challenges he faced. The City has another vacancy in his department, so that the problem of understaffing is bigger than ever. The Committee urged quick hiring to fill the vacancies in this department.

President Martin thanked the Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee for its patience in dealing with this very complicated project.

Clerk of the Board Summerville stated that she would like the record to show the Board’s gratitude to Co-Chair Day. Mr. Day handled the public hearing with a lot of class, and gave the public an opportunity to really voice their opinion.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: John R. Zelinsky, Co-Chair
   (Attendance)
   (Votes)
   (Report)
   Scott Mirkin, Co-Chair
   Meeting: Wednesday, April 20, 2005
   7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Co-Chair Mirkin reported that the Operations Committee met on Wednesday, April 20, 2005. Present were Committee Member Reps. Mirkin, Zelinsky, Adams,
Coppola, Pavia, O’Neill and White. Reps. Hunter, McDermott and Munger were excused; Rep. Sweeney was absent. Also present were Tim Curtin and Doug Arndt of the Operations Department.

1. O26.074 REVIEW; municipal solid waste statistics, including volume collection by category (MSW, bulky waste, recyclables, co-mingled, cardboard, mixed paper).

   03/08/05 – Submitted by Rep. Mirkin
   03/22/05 – No action taken
   04/04/05 – Held by 26th Board
   04/20/05 – Report Made

Co-Chair Mirkin reported that MSW is off about 6.3 percent from last year, and the four-year trend is off 18%. The Committee discussed the need to improve awareness and reinforce recycling and recommended that information regarding blue bin and mixed paper pickup be sent with the June tax bill. Tim Curtin agreed to coordinate the letter described above for mailing with the June tax bills.

Co-Chair Mirkin reported that Doug Arndt also presented a four-year recap of municipal solid waste, but there were many questions that the Committee had and a more in-depth analysis will be required. This matter will be taken up again next month.

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE: Richard Lyons II, Chair Gail Clear, Vice Chair
No Meeting

No report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Linda Cannady, Co-Chair Steve McDermott, Co-Chair
Meeting: Thursday, April 21, 2005 7:00 p.m. — Democratic Caucus Room
Meeting Cancelled.

No report.

1. PR26.084 RESOLUTION; approving a gift acceptance from the Stamford Sailing Foundation in the amount of up to $2 million for a building and marina refurbishment at Southfield Park.

   04/07/05 – Submitted by Frank Fedeli and Skip Raymond (Stamford Sailing Foundation)
Co-Chair Hunter reported that the Education Committee met on April 28, 2005, in conjunction with the State & Commerce Committee. Present were Committee Member Reps. Hunter, Day, McCullen, Mitchell, Molgano, O’Neill, Pia, Rauh and Sweeney.

1. E26.024  
**background**  
REVIEW; best educational use of the Clairol property with regard to enrollment projections including a proposed inter-district magnet school.

**REPORT MADE**

per pupil exp  
02/04/05 – Submitted by Rep. O'Neill & Hunter  
03/01/05 – Report Made  
03/07/05 – Report Made to 26th Board  
04/04/05 – Report Made & Held by 26th Board  
04/28/05 – No action reported

Co-Chair Hunter stated that the Committee listened to a detailed and well-thought out presentation by the President of the Board of Education regarding the best educational use of the Clairol property, with regard to enrollment projections, including the proposed inter-district magnet school. The presentation pointed out that by having a magnet school with a 25% out-of-town population, Stamford will end up saving $500,000 annually in the operating costs.

2. E26.026  
**REPORT MADE**

REVIEW; registration documentation for all K-5 schools for Fall 2004 (similar to what was provided for sixth and ninth graders).

03/31/05 – Submitted by Rep. Mirkin  
04/28/05 – No action reported

Co-Chair Hunter stated a report was provided by the Board of Education in regard to Item No. E26.026.
Reps. Mitchell, Figueroa, Giordano, McCullen, McDermott, Molgano and Rauh; excused were Reps. Blackwell and Munger. Also present were Grants Director Sandra Dennies; Director of Community Development Tim Beeble; Social Services Coordinator Ellen Bromley; and William LeRoy, president of Pilgrim Towers. A report will be available in the Board Office.

1. **HCD26.038**

   **PUBLIC HEARING (Second);** for proposed Annual Action Plan (budget) for the Year 31 HUD entitlement funding for the CDBG Program ($1,235,403), current CDBG funds for reprogramming ($9,489) and HOME Program ($665,600).

   03/08/05 – Submitted by Tim Beeble
   04/19/05 – Report Made

2. **HCD26.35**

   **DISCUSSION;** regarding approval process of the resolution for submittal of list of programs to the State Department of Revenue Services in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act.

   03/10/05 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   04/19/05 – Report Made

3. **HCD26.036**

   **REVIEW;** eligibility requirements for residency in subsidized housing.

   04/07/05 – Submitted by Rep. Molgano
   04/19/05 – Report Made

4. **HCD26.037**

   **REVIEW;** of HUD Housing Report.

   04/06/05 – Submitted by Tim Beeble
   04/19/05 – Committee approved 7-0-0

President Martin indicated that Item no. 4 did not require a vote, but the Committee indicated its approval of the report by this vote.

5. **HCD26.039**

   **APPROVAL;** of freezing 2005 HOME income limits at the 2002 approved levels.

   03/08/05 – Submitted by Tim Beeble
   04/19/05 – Held in Committee 6-0-0

6. **HCD26.040**

   **APPROVAL;** of transfers to the contingency line of excess funds from $1,881 from NNI/MLK Playground and $7,608 from Friendship House Windows.

   03/08/05 – Submitted by Tim Beeble
Chair Mitchell stated that no items require a vote by the full Board, and Item No. 6 only requires committee approval.

STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE:  
(Paul Esposito, Chair)  
John Morrow, Vice Chair  
Meeting:  Tuesday, April 19, 2005  
7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room  
- and -  
(Paul Esposito, Chair)  
Meeting:  Thursday, April 28, 2005  
7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair Esposito reported that the State & Commerce Committee met on April 19, 2005. Present were Committee Member Reps. Esposito, Morrow, Fedeli and Rauh, along with President Martin.

Chair Esposito reported that the State & Commerce Committee also met on April 28, 2005. Present at that meeting were Committee Member Reps. Esposito, Morrow, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Fedeli, Greenberg, Nakian, Rauh and Skigen. Also present was Rep. Zelinsky.

1. SC26.011 UPDATE; on State legislative initiatives by Stamford’s State senators and representatives.  
02/10/09 – Submitted by President Martin & Rep. Esposito  
02/16/05 – Placed on Pending Agenda  
03/30/05 – No action taken  
04/04/05 – Held by 26th Board  
04/19/05 – Report Made

Chair Esposito reported that there was no quorum and no business was conducted at this meeting, but the members present did listen to the legislators who were present, including Senators MacDonald and Nickerson and Representatives Fox, Shapiro and Leone. A report has been distributed to everyone.

2. SC26.010 Contract Presentation Amendment #1 and #2  
RESOLUTION; approving the acquisition of 2 Blachley Road from Proctor & Gamble for the sum of $15.6 million.  
01/05/05 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/08/05 – Approved by Planning Board  
2/10/05 – To be considered by Board of Finance  
01/26/05 – Report Made & approved for publication
Chair Esposito reported that the Committee voted 8-2-0. Chair Esposito moved Item No. SC26.010. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that regarding the presentation that was distributed at the meeting, he is concerned about the following:

1) he questions the statements about overcrowding in 6 of the 12 elementary schools, and checked and found out this is not the case and that in fact the high schools are overcrowded;

2) the report states an anticipated decline of 83 students from 2004-2005 through 2009-2010, and an increase of 210 students from 2009-2015, based on State projections. Rep. Zelinsky stated that 210 divided by the 12 schools, equals an increase of 17 students per school, which would not cause overcrowding;

3) the project plans for 75% Stamford students/ 25% out-of-town students and there is no commitment from surrounding towns;

4) the Board of Representatives has been advised by Corporation Counsel that it doesn’t have the authority to require payment from the municipalities that send students here;

5) traffic and weather will cause long commutes for out-of-town students, and this may discourage attendance at this school;

6) if 25% out-of-town participation was not achieved, he was advised that there would be more Stamford students, but the State reimbursement would decline;

7) $540,000 is projected as revenue for Pre-K 4 and 5 year olds ($4,500 per student), and Rep. Zelinsky questioned whether parents would find less expensive daycares in their own municipality; and

8) Rep. Zelinsky has reservations about the need for an elementary and middle school.

Rep. Zelinsky concluded by stating that since the opportunity is here to purchase the property, and given that the State is going to pay most of the cost of the property and the building, he will vote for this despite his reservations.
Rep. Hunter stated that most of his questions were answered, and for the record, any pre-k tuition was not counted in any of the revenue projections. In addition, the Education Committee voted unanimously to go forward with this property.

Rep. Layton stated that he is in favor of the City purchasing this property. Ownership will allow the City to determine the final disposition and use of this property. If the City does not purchase this property, he is certain that P&G will quickly sell the property for residential development, and this is an opportunity the City should not miss.

Rep. Pavia stated that purchase of this property is clearly bundled together with a larger capital project – the building of an inter-district magnet school. The Board is being asked to approve an initiative that may or may not have widespread public support. It is also being asked to take a large parcel off the tax rolls. If the Board moves forward at this time, members presuppose they know what constituents want. Rep. Pavia added that in approving this purchase at this time, it is another example of how removed elected officials can become from the people that they represent. Rep. Pavia stated he has not heard one positive comment from his constituents. Rep. Pavia added that this item is large enough that it requires a much broader-based discussion, not just among the elected officials, but also with the electorate. Rep. Pavia proposed, and urged his fellow members to agree, that the purchase of the property and the construction of an inter-district magnet school be put to a referendum on the November ballot. Rep. Pavia stated that the Board should let the voters decide if this is something they want and allow the dialogue to continue.

Rep. Lyons stated that he cannot think of a more deliberate or methodical procedure or legislative endeavor we have taken on this Board. He stated that, in reference to another representative’s comments about the lack of due diligence or methodology, he is curious why that representative didn’t attend the site visit back in February. He is also curious why that representative has not been at any of the public meetings nor attended the detailed and professional presentation by the Board of Education. Rep. Lyons stated that this purchase is probably as significant as the Treetops purchase, and it is almost as significant as the purchase of Manhattan by the Dutch from the Indians. This land is irreplaceable at this value. It is unbelievable for the City whether it goes forward as a school or not. This site, at this price, is a moment that this Board should not pass up.

Rep. Morrow stated that while he finds Rep. Pavia’s suggestion interesting, this contract has some dates that have to be met. Rep. Morrow added that we have had public hearings, there has been plenty of opportunity for comment, and the Board of Education presented a compelling case, including overcrowding at six schools and aging modular units. Rep. Morrow stated that it is time to make a decision, and this is a great opportunity – a cost of $2.9 million to the City for a brand-new school (in contrast to building for $36 million).
Rep. Day stated that Rep. Pavia’s idea and principal is excellent, but we don’t have the luxury of that due to the contract. The June 30 date allows the Seller to pursue other options. Rep. Day reminded fellow representatives of when the action of one member of the Board of Finance caused the City to decline accepting the Treetops property for $1. Rep. Day added that while this is not the same situation, this property is unique, it is an extraordinary good value, and in some real sense, this Board owes it to the taxpayers to evaluate this based on its merits as a real estate transaction. The Board has asked for a lot of additional information regarding the proposed educational use, and the information has been provided. Rep. Day stated he believes that at this time — when this Board has expressed concern vis-à-vis its prerogatives vis-à-vis the Board of Finance — that the Board of Representatives respect the prerogatives of the Board of Education. In other words, even if this Board were to disagree with the Board of Education, it requires us to take a very big step to reject this purchase. It is this Board’s responsibility to evaluate the economics of this transaction.

Rep. Esposito stated he challenges the contention that the public has not had an opportunity or has had inadequate opportunity to review this plan. There was a public hearing held by the Board of Finance and by the State & Commerce Committee. Rep. Esposito has worked closely with the Cove Neighborhood Association, has attended their meetings and has visited members’ homes to review this plan, and he does not believe they seriously question this plan.

Rep. Esposito added that no one is in the gallery tonight. The last three months, when this issue was discussed, the gallery was filled. The public was here just this Thursday night, they know the item passed in Committee, they are happy it passed, they are not opposed to it, and they are not here tonight. Rep. Esposito stated that everyone knows from past experience that if the public is opposed to something, the gallery would be filled.

Rep. Esposito stated he has tried and tried to get a reaction from the Rogers School people; he called the principal and vice principal at least four times; they assured him that they forwarded his name to the president of the PTO three months ago, and he has not heard from anybody in Rogers School (except for one person who sends her children to private school).

Rep. Greenberg stated that there is no such thing as a free lunch. While the money seems very attractive, he wished to remind fellow Board members that an inter-district magnet school comes with its fair share of problems and concerns. He finds it hard to believe that residents of Greenwich, Ridgefield, Weston, Darien, New Canaan and Westport (among the list of participating communities) are going to send their students to Stamford when those are well sought after communities that people move to just to put their children in the schools there, so he is not convinced that those communities will participate. He is concerned that Dr. Starr testified before the Committee that he has concerns about the
educational proposal, and perhaps we should allow him time to review it. Rep. Greenberg stated he will be voting against the proposal.

Rep. O’Neill stated he has deliberated long and hard on this proposal, and he has received a lot of feedback on the type of school, location, etc. Rep. O’Neill stated he feels that this Board has done extraordinary due diligence in reviewing this proposal, and when we consider the costs without the State’s contribution, it is an extraordinary burden on our taxpayers. If Stamford doesn’t address the overcrowding in our elementary schools, it is going to face a decline in the quality of education. Rep. O’Neill stated it is less than perfect, but he is tired of seeing modular classrooms and this would go toward preserving the integrity of our school system and promoting excellence in the system.

Rep. Mirkin stated that he respects the differences of opinions among the Board members, but there have been certain comments regarding Mr. Pavia’s comments that may have been misconstrued. Rep. Mirkin stated that Mr. Pavia never said that the Committee, nor anyone in this room, did not perform due diligence; nor did he ever say there was not adequate public hearings. He heard Rep. Pavia state that it might be a wise idea to put this to a referendum to allow the people in this City who elect us to vote on whether we should go ahead with the purchase of the property, similar to what Darien did three years ago. Rep. Mirkin stated that he heard no criticism of the work the Committee did. Rep. Mirkin stated that regarding the empty gallery, at this point to fill the gallery would not persuade any representative, and the public is aware of that.

Rep. Mirkin stated he has received phone calls, emails and letters, and he has not received one in favor of this project.

Rep. Diamond stated that he opposes the idea of a referendum on this matter. This legislative body is probably the most democratic legislature in the entire State of Connecticut with each of us representing approximately 2,500 voters. As a City legislator, it is his job to study, deliberate and to vote his conscience, and he believes it is irresponsible to defer his obligation to a public referendum. Rep. Diamond also doesn’t think this is perfect, he has offered constructive criticisms, and nonetheless, after weighing all the costs and benefits, he will support the project. Rep. Diamond added he has not received a single phone call on this matter.

Rep. Skigen stated that the Stamford Charter does not contain any provision for a referendum, therefore, in order to hold one, we would need to have a Charter Commission and all that this would entail; this couldn’t be completed for at least 18 months. Rep. Skigen stated that he has heard that the 95% state funding program is in some jeopardy for next year, and it would be wholly irresponsible of this Board to walk away from that 95% without a guarantee that it would be there in the future. We would be turning down approximately $55 million if we don’t act on this now. He urged his fellow Board members to approve this.
Rep. Boccuzzi stated that the presentation by Susan Nabel was the best explanation that he has received from the Board of Education in many years. He is in favor of the project. There can be some minor disagreements, but this can be worked out in the future.


Chair Esposito thanked the members of his Committee for their hard work and due diligence, along with Reps. Hunter and O’Neill for their work on environmental issues. He thanked President Martin for his support of the Committee along with Mr. Freimuth who was at every single meeting, along with Susan Nabel and the administrative staff at the Board of Education. He added that this will be a great addition to the neighborhood.

President Martin stated that the Board members worked well together, and that this matter was handled in a fair and efficient manner. President Martin thanked the members of the Board of Representatives.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:**

Robert “Gabe” DeLuca, Chair  
Terry Adams, Vice Chair  

No Meeting

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. **SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION;** congratulating Richard Robustelli on being named Man of the Year by the Jewish War Veterans.  
   02/09/05 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky  
   03/07/05 – Held by 26th Board

   APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

2. **SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION;** congratulating Polish people as they commemorate the 214th anniversary of the adoption of Poland’s First Constitution.  
   04/06/05 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky

   APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

3. **SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION;**

   APPROVED BY
congratulating Mrs. Rosebell Armstrong on her 102nd Birthday.
04/26/05 – Submitted by Rep. Mitchell

UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE

MINUTES

1. March 30, 2005 Special Board Meeting

2. April 4, 2005 Regular Board Meeting

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 p.m.