The Regular Meeting of the 27th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, October 6, 2008 in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, 4th Floor, Stamford, Connecticut.

MINUTES

Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

“As representatives of our city, we must remember government is a trust and the officers of the government are trustees. Both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of our people. In the words of President John F Kennedy, let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer but the right answer; let us not seek to fix the blame for the past, let us accept our own responsibility for the future.”

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

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie Summerville. There were thirty-three members present, six members absent/excused and one vacancy. Absent/excused were Reps. Aposporos, Larobina, C. Martin and Munger. Note: Reps. Berns and Adams arrived after the roll was called.

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

MOMENTS OF SILENCE:
President Martin stated that as everyone knows, fellow Representative Ruby Blackwell passed away last month, and a picture montage is playing on the screens.

Rep. Rauh: “The Board of Representatives has lost a valued member with the passing of Ruby Blackwell. She served on the City’s 25th, 26th and 27th Boards representing the 9th District. She was an enthusiastic, active member of a number of committees. Her own district benefited greatly having her represent them. She diligently worked for affordable housing, neighborhood beautification and infrastructure improvement along with public safety enhancements. Dignity, kindness and class were hallmarks of her life. She set and exemplified high standards for us all. Ruby Blackwell will be missed by her family, friends the Board of Representatives’ family and throughout Stamford.”
Walter Neary: “Although I did not know Ruby for as long as you have, I want to say to you what I told her daughter at her memorial service, and that it was an honor to have known her and to have served on the Board with her in my district. Reading through the obituary, I was astonished at her life’s accomplishments. It is the very definition of a life well-lived. What struck me the most about her was how much her professional and public service life was spent helping others and her community. And, having worked hard her entire life and coming from a quite humble background, she seemed never to lose sight of the most important facets of life, and that is: faith in herself, faith in God and faith that she can make the world and her community a better place. This being an election year and being very trying times for our country and our city, politics can become very tense, and unfortunately, at times downright ugly, but I hope what we can take from Ruby’s memory is what politics and public service should be – that is to serve others and to work toward making our communities better – whether it be at the district, the city or the national level. Thank you, and God bless you, Ruby.”

John Zelinsky: “Representative Ruby Blackwell was a lady, a class lady, and soft spoken with a vivacious smile. I served on the Transportation Committee with Ruby. She asked good questions on items which came on the agenda, and she always voted what was best for her constituents above all other considerations. I wish all elected officials were like Ruby Blackwell. She will be greatly missed. Mr. President and colleagues, Ruby Blackwell is in heaving, serving on the legislative body there. God needed her there.”

President Martin: “I am not certain that my remarks are worthy of what Ruby has contributed. It strikes me that we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, and unbeknownst to many of us, Ruby was one of the first minority women to get a real estate license, and to the best of my knowledge, formed the first minority-owned real estate firm in the City of Stamford. And perhaps she won’t be as well known as Martin Luther King, but in her own way, she forged part of the future and upon her accomplishments, some of us have in essence stood on her shoulders. I think that is a great credit to any individual who has broken new ground or paved a new way, and we can all be thankful for that. Within our Board, I don’t think I need to tell you that politics is a competitive sport and sometimes it is a very brutal sport. And yet in all the times that we have been here, I don’t recall Ruby Blackwell ever speaking ill of anyone else on this Board. She always had a kind word, she was always reassuring and I think her standards and style and mannerisms are something that all of us should strive to achieve. I know that she will be missed, and her sudden loss was a big surprise to me. I wish that I had spent more time getting to know her better.

Clerk Summerville stated that if anyone wanted a copy of the pictures that were being shown, the Board Office will provide a copy.

For the late: Robert H. Costello by the 27th Board of Representatives; Rosalie Baker by Clerk Summerville; Nicholas A. Caldarone by Majority Leader Boccuzzi; Assunta Tarantino Gelonesi by Reps. Heaphy and Zelinsky; Seymour Weiner and Lucille Isabel
COMMUNICATIONS:

1. President Martin congratulated Reps. Heaphy, Gabriele and Figueroa on their October birthdays.
2. Minority Leader DeLuca announced that the Board of Representatives lost this year’s softball game against the Mayor by a score of 15-11.

CHANGE OF NOVEMBER MEETING DATE. A motion to approve a resolution changing the November meeting date from November 5 to November 10 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

1. SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION; thanking Paramedic Jessica Crowley for saving the life of Robert Bidwell.
   08/04/08 – Submitted by the 27th Board
   09/02/08 – No action taken

President Martin presented the resolution to Ms. Crowley.

2. SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION; commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the first Polish people coming to America at Jamestown, Virginia.
   08/01/08 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky
   09/02/08 – No action taken

3. SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION; congratulating the Stamford Babe Ruth Softball Team on winning the Girls 12 and Under 2008 Connecticut State Championship.
   09/08/08 – Submitted by Rep. Lyons

President Martin presented the resolution to the members of the team that were present at the meeting.
4. **SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION**; thanking those Class of 2009 Westhill High & former 3rd Grade Murphy Students for their enduring efforts to secure a playground for future Murphy students.  
09/08/08 – Submitted by Reps. Rauh and Esposito  

Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote

President Martin presented the resolution to the students that were present at the meeting.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

**STEERING COMMITTEE:**  
Meeting: Monday, September 8, 2008  
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

A motion to waive the Steering Committee Report was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:**  
Annie M. Summerville, Chair  
John J. Boccuzzi, Vice Chair

No meeting; no report.

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**  
Randall M. Skigen, Chair  
Linda Cannady, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Monday, September 22, 2008  
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

- and –  
**Meeting:** Monday, October 6, 2008  
**6:45 p.m. – Conference Room #1**

Present were Chair Skigen, Vice Chair Cannady and Committee Member Reps. Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Giordano, Mitchell, and Rauh. Absent/.excused were Committee Member Reps. Figueroa, Lyons and Mirkin. Also present were: Sandy Dennies, Director of Administration; Karen Cammarota, Grants Officer; Lou Casolo, Engineering Bureau; Dom Tramontozzi, Engineering Bureau; Bill Dunn, Board of Ed; and Wynne Parry Advocate.
Present were Chair Skigen and Vice Chair Cannady and Committee Member Reps. DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Mirkin and Rauh. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Day, Lyons and Mitchell. Also present was Clerk of the Board Summerville.

1. **F27.439**
   **GRANTS RESOLUTION**; authorizing an agreement with the State Department of Social Services to provide a program of Dental Improvement Initiatives.
   - 08/14/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   - 09/22/08 – Committee approved 7-0-0 *(as amended)*

2. **F27.423**
   **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget)**; $225,000.00
   Education through Adventure; **source of funds:** community groups, schools, religious organizations, foundations and corporations; to operate Scalzi park-located program.
   - 08/23/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   - 09/11/08 – Approved by Board of Finance
   - 09/22/08 – Committee approved 7-0-0

3. **F27.442**
   **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget)**; $3,773.00
   Easy Breathing Grants; Salaries; represents increase in grant amount from St. Mary’s Hospital (Waterbury); funds to pay for portion of salary for epidemiologist.
   - 08/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   - 09/11/08 – Approved by Board of Finance
   - 09/22/08 – Committee approved 7-0-0

4. **F27.441**
   **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget)**; $93,530.00
   COPS Technology; Capital Equipment; grant from US Dept. of Justice and will be used for **equipment purchases** to establish Stamford’s interjurisdictional criminal intelligence system.
   - 08/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   - 09/11/08 – Approved by Board of Finance
   - 09/22/08 – Committee approved 6-0-1

5. **F27.445**
   **APPROVAL**; of an agreement for professional auditing services with McGladry & Pullen, LLP.
   - 08/29/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   - 09/11/08 – Withdrawn by Administration
   - 09/22/08 – Committee approved 8-0-0

**APPROVED BY A MACHINE VOTE OF 28-7-0**
A motion to approve Item No. F27.445 was made and seconded.

Rep. Coppola stated he has a bit of a problem with the contract. He realizes that we have an opinion from corporation counsel, and he would not want to suggest in any way that anything done was illegal. He simply feels personally that it is inappropriate for any people under contract to the City to contribute to any campaign – whether representatives or any other elected official. If you are in any way engaged with the City it is inappropriate to contribute to an individual’s campaign. Whether local or state, it doesn’t make any difference. He will not vote for this tonight.

The motion was approved by a machine vote of 28-7-0 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Heaphy, Layton, Lodato, Lyons II, Mallozzi, D. Martin, McGarry, Miller, Mitchell, Neary, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Coppola, Franzetti, Gabriele, Lombardo, Mirkin, Molgano and White opposed. (See Vote Record No. 948.)

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<td>6. F27.440</td>
<td>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Land Use; West Side Parks; funds to be used for modernization, renovation and upgrading of Hatch Field and Carwin Parks; source of funds; Housing Authority.</td>
<td>$10,000.00</td>
<td>APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA</td>
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<td>7a. F27.443</td>
<td>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Board of Education; Interdistrict K-8 Magnet School toward construction of facility on Blachley Road.</td>
<td>$2,834,963.00</td>
<td>APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA (Rep. Pia abstaining)</td>
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<td>7b. F27.446</td>
<td>BONDING RESOLUTION; amending the Capital Budget for FY 2008-09 by adding an Additional Appropriation of $2,834,963 for Project No. C3B502, Board of Education – Interdistrict K-8 Magnet School and authorizing general obligation bonds of the city to meet said appropriation.</td>
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<td>APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA (Rep. Pia abstaining)</td>
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Secondary Committee: Education

A motion to waive the Secondary Committee Report was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1-4, 6, 7a and 7b, was approved by voice vote (Rep. Pia abstaining on Item Nos. 7a and 7b).

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

James D. Diamond, Chair
Arthur Layton, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, September 15, 2008
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

The Legislative & Rules Committee met on September 15, 2008. Present were Chair Diamond and Vice Chair Layton and Committee Member Reps. Heaphy, Esposito, Zelinsky and Mitchell. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Berns, Day, Lodato, Lombardo and Mitchell. Also present were Reps. Adams and DeLuca.

1. LR27.077 RESOLUTION; for public hearing and final adoption; approving a lease agreement between the City of Stamford and The Boys & Girls Club of Stamford, Inc. for the leasing of a parking lot located immediately south of 347 Stillwater Avenue.
   07/31/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   08/19/08 – Approved by Planning Board
   08/04/08 – Approved by Board of Finance
   08/18/08 – Committee approved 7-0-0
   09/02/08 – Approved for publication
   09/15/08 – Committee approved 6-0-0

   APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

2. LR27.075 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for public hearing & final adoption; amending Section 220-8 B. of the Code of Ordinances, Senior Citizens and Disabled Property Owners Tax Abatement; to provide for increased income limits and increased exemption in the fair market value of the residence for both the abatement and the deferral program.
   07/21/08 – Submitted by Reps. DeLuca, Zelinsky and Lodato
   08/18/08 – Committee approved 6-1-0
   09/02/08 – Approved for publication
   09/15/08 – Committee approved 5-1-0

   APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE OF 31-1-1

*Note – Ordinance not signed. See File Summary for details (Linked to item number at left)
Chair Diamond reported that this item provides modest incomes in income limits for senior citizens and the disabled. This ordinance is looked at every other year or so and small increases are typically approved. A public hearing was held, and the members of the public that spoke were all in favor of it.

Chair Diamond moved to approve Item No. LR27.075; said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 31-1-1 (Reps. Adams, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Gabriele, Giordano, Heaphy, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons II, Mallozzi, D. Martin, McGarry, Miller, Mirkin, Molgano, Neary, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Layton opposed; Rep. Berns abstaining.) (See Vote Record No. 949.)

3. **LR27.076** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for public hearing and final adoption; amending Section 220-13, Article V of the Code of Ordinances; Additional Veterans Property Tax Exemptions to provide for increased income limits.
   07/21/08 – Submitted by Reps. DeLuca, Zelinsky and Lodato
   08/18/08 – Committee approved 6-1-0
   09/02/08 – Approved for publication
   09/15/08 – Committee approved 5-1-0

Chair Diamond stated that this item mirrors the previous item in terms of income levels. A public hearing was held and all speakers were in favor of the ordinance. Chair Diamond moved to approve Item No. LR27.076; said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 32-1-1 (Reps. Adams, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Gabriele, Giordano, Heaphy, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons II, Mallozzi, D. Martin, McGarry, Miller, Mirkin, Molgano, Neary, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Layton opposed; Rep. Berns abstaining.) (See Vote Record No. 949.)

4. **LR27.078** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for public hearing and final adoption; amending Section 220 Taxation, Article X, Property leased to Charitable, Religious or Nonprofit Organizations, Section 220-33, Application Procedures to allow for the off-site signing and notarization of the required documents.
   08/06/08 – Submitted by President Martin and Rep. DeLuca
   08/18/08 – Committee approved 7-0-0
   09/02/08 – Approved for publication
   09/15/08 – Committee approved 6-0-0

   APPROVED ON COSENNT AGENDA (Rep. Lodato abstaining)
Chair Diamond stated that this amends an ordinance approved last year by eliminating the requirement that those who want to apply must appear in person to sign the documents. A public hearing was held and all speakers were in favor of the item.

5. LR27.079  REVIEW; whether Section 200 of our ordinances, which provides for tax abatement and deferral for married couples, needs to be amended to conform to the recent state statutes governing civil unions.  
08/18/08 – Submitted by Leg & Rules Committee  
09/15/08 – Report Made

Chair Diamond stated that this item was discussed in Committee, and it will be discussed at next month’s meeting.

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:  Mary Lisa Fedeli, Chair  
Pauline S. Rauh, Vice Chair

No meeting; No report.

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

No meeting; No report.

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

Meeting:  Wednesday, September 17, 2008  
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room  
- and -

Meeting:  Wednesday, October 1, 2008  
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room  
- and -

Monday, October 6, 2008  
6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room
The Operations Committee met on September 17, 2008. Present were Operations Chairman Zelinsky; Vice Chairman Mirkin; and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Coppola and Mallozzi. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Berns, Larobina, Lodato, Munger, Neary and White. Also present was Alex Tergis, Public Service Bureau Chief. There was no quorum.

The Operations Committee met on October 1, 2008. Present were Chair Zelinsky and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Coppola, Berns, Larobina, Lodato and Neary. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Mirkin, Munger, Mallozzi and White. Also present were Director Barnes; Bureau Chief Tergis, Fleet Manager Scacco; Rick Tapley of Genuine Parts Company; and Paul LoStocco and James Pace of J&P LoStocco Auto Parts, Inc.

The Operations Committee met on October 6, 2008. Present were Chair Zelinsky and Vice Chair Mirkin and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Coppola, Lodato, Mallozzi and Neary. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Adams, Larobina, Munger and White.

1. **O27.047** APPROVAL; of a contract with J&P Lostocco Auto Parts of Stamford Corp. for fleet parts procurement and turnkey parts room operation.
   09/08/08 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   09/11/08 – Approved by Board of Finance
   10/06/08 – Committee approved 3-2-2

Chair Zelinsky stated that all questions from Committee Members were answered at the meeting. The Committee voted 3-2-2 to approve the item.

Rep. Boccuzzi moved to return the item to Committee. Said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 28-7-0 (Reps. Adams, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gabriele, Giordano, Heaphy, Layton, Lodato, Lyons II, Mallozzi, D. Martin, McGarry, Miller, Mitchell, Neary, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Berns, Day, Franzetti, Lombardo, Mirkin, Molgano and Pia opposed.) (See Vote Record No. 951.)

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

No meeting; No report.
PARKS & RECREATION
COMMITTEE: Linda Cannady, Co-Chair
Joseph Coppola, Co-Chair

No meeting; No Report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Polly Rauh, Chair
(Attendance) Michael L. Molgano, Vice Chair
(Report)

Meeting: Thursday, October 2, 2008
7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

The Education Committee met on October 2, 2008. Present were Chair Rauh and Vice Chair Molgano and Committee Member Reps. Lodato, Miller and Pia. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. C. Martin and C. Young. Also present were Dr. Starr, Superintendent of Schools; Susan Nabel of the Board of Education; William Dunn of the Board of Education and two visitors.

1. E27.028 REVIEW; corrected analyses of 2008 achievement scores: CMTs and CAPT including comparison of educational achievement of specific groups of children as they progress through the system.
   08/05/08 – Submitted by Chair Rauh
   08/21/08 – Report Made
   09/02/08 – Report Made and Held in Committee
   10/02/08 – Report Made

Chair Rauh stated that there was a review by the Superintendent of the corrected analysis of the 2008 achievement scores. There was much discussion. There were two schools in Stamford with satisfactory performance according to the standards of NCLB. Westover School was clear, and Newfield School is in Safe Harbor. The other schools have a way to go. The Committee strongly urged the Superintendent to also report the student growth in achievement – the year to year for the same students – rather than comparing last year’s third grade to this year’s third grade.

2. E27.029 REVIEW; Redistricting plans – status of option(s) including affected streets/student numbers, transportation impact, “grandfathering,” et al.
   09/03/08 – Submitted by Chair Rauh
   10/02/08 – Report Made

Chair Rauh stated that the redistricting had been voted upon the previous week. The Committee went through their rationale, and their student numbers, and we wish them well.
HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Elaine Mitchell, Chair

Philip J. Giordano, Vice Chair

No meeting; No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: Robert “Gabe” DeLuca, Chair
Terry Adams, Vice Chair

No meeting; No report.

STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE: Paul A. Esposito, Chair
Eileen Heaphy, Vice Chair

Wednesday, September 24, 2008
7:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room
- and –

(Attendance)
Monday, October 6, 2008
6:30 p.m. – Conference Room #2

(Votes)

(Report)

The State & Commerce Committee met on October 6, 2008. Present were Chair Esposito and Vice Chair Heaphy and Committee Member Reps. DeLuca, Diamond, Esposito, Fedeli, Mallozzi, Rauh, Skigen and Summerville. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Day and Lombardo. Also present were Michael Freimuth, Economic Development Director and Jeffrey Newman, Executive Vice President, W&M Properties.

1. SC27.028 RESOLUTION; extending the City’s Enterprise Zone program for five years.
   07/31/08 – Submitted by Michael Freimuth
   08/27/08 – No action taken
   09/02/08 – No action taken/held
   09/08/08 – Approved by Econ. Dev. Commission
   10/06/08 – Committee approved 9-0-0

   APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA (Rep. Mirkin abstaining)

2. SC27.027 REVIEW; Enterprise Zone Report.
   07/07/08 – Submitted by President Martin
   07/14/08 – Placed on Pending Agenda
   08/27/08 – No action taken

   NO ACTION TAKEN
A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 1, was made, seconded and approved by a voice vote (Rep. Mirkin abstaining).

MINUTES

1. September 2, 2008 Regular Board Meeting APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

III. OLD BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

President Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

An audio tape of these proceedings is available
In the Offices of the Board of Representatives.