

The Organizational Meeting of the 28th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held Monday, December 7, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor Michael Pavia, per Charter § C3-10-11.

2. **INVOCATION:** By The Reverend Dr. Robert W. Perry

“Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we are grateful for the opportunity to gather together this body of legislators. We ask that Your wisdom will abide with each and as a symbol. We are thankful that You have allowed Your people to speak and we are able to see, in transition, new leadership in this, our community. May the wisdom that only You can provide prevail upon each as we are always mindful of the fact that we are here for the people that brought us to this place. Guide us with humility and cooperation that we may achieve good things in this community. And may Your blessings be with us as all that will be done to the glory of You as our God of these people and for the welfare and well-being of Your people. This is our prayer, as a people who love You. We say, amen.”

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Led by Mayor Michael Pavia.

4. **ROLL CALL:** By Administrative Assistant Valerie Pankosky. There were 38 members present and two members excused: Reps. Caterbone and Rauh.

5. **OATH OF OFFICE:** Mayor Michael Pavia swore in the members of the 28th Board of Representatives.

Mayor Pavia stated that as we set forth to do the people’s business, he will have as much respect for each member’s agenda as he has for his own; in fact, they are probably similar. Mayor Pavia stated that he is certain that coming together in a collaborative way with all members of the Board will be good for the City. Mayor Pavia added that every member here is giving up his or her time, taking time from families and businesses to do what is in his or her heart. Mayor Pavia stated he stands with each member every step of the way, will work with everyone, help and do whatever he can to make every representative’s job on the Board easier. He concluded by saying he is looking forward to working with everyone over the next four years.

- a. The Mayor appointed two Temporary Tellers: Mary Fedeli and Linda Cannady.
- b. The Mayor entertained motions for a Temporary Chairperson.
- c. Vote is held on the election of the Temporary Chairperson. John Boccuzzi was elected Temporary Chairperson by unanimous voice vote.

6. John Boccuzzi took over as chair of the meeting.

- a. Temporary Chairperson entertains motions for a Temporary Clerk.
- b. Vote is held on election of Temporary Clerk. A motion to elect Linda Cannady Temporary Clerk was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.
- c. Adoption of Rules of Order for the 28th Board of Representatives. A motion to adopt the rules of the 28th Board was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

7. NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT of the 28th Board of Representatives.

- a. Vote on election of President of the Board. Rep. Zelinsky moved to elect Randall M. Skigen as president of the 28th Board of Representatives was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

8. PRESIDENT RANDALL M. SKIGEN takes chair.

President Skigen stated thanked everyone for their support. President Skigen extended his gratitude to Ron and Carmen Domonkos. Ron Domonkos was his history teacher in 8th grade and nurtured his interest in politics. Carmen Domonkos first convinced him to run for the Board. Also, Carmen showed him the way the Board can and should be run, and he will use her example as a template for the next 4 years. He thanked his wife, Gloria, who has stood beside him during all of the elections, along with his daughter, Natalie and his son, Dan.

President Skigen stated that he looks forward to working with all members of the Board as well as the Mayor. Like the Mayor, he is a life-long Stamford resident, and his family has lived in every part of the City for the last 100 years. He is honored and humbled by everyone's support.

President Skigen stated we will face some difficult times, but we are all here in the City's best interest.

- a. President appoints two Tellers and two Alternate Tellers. President Skigen appointed Frank Cerasoli and Terry Adams as Tellers, and Mike Lombardo and Marion McGarry as Alternate Tellers.
- b. President entertains motions for a permanent Clerk of the Board.
- c. Vote on election of a permanent Clerk. A motion to elect Annie Summerville as Clerk of the Board was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk Summerville thanked everyone for their support, and stated that she looks forward to serving the next four years as Clerk of the Board.

- d. Clerk takes over duties.
- e. President announces the names of the Majority and Minority Leaders, who have been elected by their respective parties. President Skigen stated that John Boccuzzi was elected Majority Leader and Robert "Gabe" DeLuca was elected Minority Leader. Deputy Majority Leaders are Gloria DePina and Eileen Heaphy; Deputy Minority Leaders are Scott Mirkin and Mary Fedeli.
- f. President appoints Parliamentarians. President Skigen appointed Harry Day and Polly Rauh.
- g. President appoints Sergeant at Arms. President Skigen appointed Phil Giordano.

9. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES. The President appoints members to the Standing Committees, naming the chair of each Committee first. The Committees listed below are those of the 27th Board of Representatives.

- a. Steering Committee: President Skigen named: Randall Skigen-President (D); John Boccuzzi-Majority Leader (D); Gabe DeLuca-Minority Leader/ Transportation Chair (R); Anne Summerville-Clerk/Appointments Chair (D); John Mallozzi-Fiscal Chair (D); Eileen Heaphy-Deputy Majority Leader/Legislative and Rules Chair (D); Mary Fedeli-Deputy Minority Leader/Personnel Chair (R); Harry

Day-Land Use Chair (R); John Zelinski-Operations Co-Chair (D) - 1/2 and Joe Coppola-Operations Co-Chair (R)-1/2; Scott Mirkin-Deputy Minority Leader-Public Safety Co-Chair (R); Gloria DePina-Deputy Majority Leader-Public Safety Co-Chair (D); Linda Cannady-Parks and Recreation Chair (D); Andy Sklover-Education Co-Chair (D)-1/2; Mike Molgano-Education Co-Chair (R)-1/2; Elaine Mitchell-HCD Chair (D); Mitch Kaufman-State and Commerce Chair (D); and Art Layton- L&R Vice Chair (R).

- b. Appointments Committee: Anne Summerville (D)-Chair; John Boccuzzi-(D)-Vice-Chair; Frank Cerasoli (R); Carl Franzetti (R); Marion McGarry (D); Mary Savage (D); and Jim Caterbone (R).
- c. Fiscal Committee: John Mallozzi (D)-Chair; Linda Cannady-Vice-Chair (D); Andy Sklover (D); Mitch Kaufman (D); Anabel Figueroa (D); Polly Rauh (D); Gabe DeLuca (R); Harry Day (R); Mary Fedeli (R); Scott Mirkin (R); and Elaine Mitchell (D).
- d. Legislative & Rules Committee: Eileen Heaphy (D)-Chair; Art Layton-Vice-Chair (R); Harry Day (R); Cynthia Martin (D); Marion McGarry (D); Elaine Mitchell (D); Polly Rauh (D); Mary Uva (R); and John Zelinsky (D).
- e. Personnel Committee: Mary Fedeli-Chair (R); Polly Rauh-Vice Chair (D); John Boccuzzi (D); Anabel Figueroa (D); Linda Cannady (D); Sal Gabriele (R); and Art Layton (R).
- f. Land Use/URC Committee: Harry Day-Chair (R); Pat White-Vice Chair (D); John Boccuzzi (D); Mitch Kaufman (D); Mike Lombardo (R); Michael Raduazzo (R); and Anne Summerville (D).
- g. Operations Committee: John Zelinsky-Co-Chair (D); Joe Coppola-Co-Chair (R); Walter Neary (D); Terry Adams (D); Pat White (D); John Mallozzi (D); Mike Raduazzo (R); Ann Taylor (R); and Sal Gabriele (R).
- h. Public Safety and Health Committee: Scott Mirkin-Co-Chair (R); Gloria DePina-Co-Chair (D); Anabel Figueroa-Vice-Chair (D); Jim Caterbone (R); Jerry Pia (R); Joe Coppola (R); Terry Adams (D); Cynthia Martin (D); and Willy Giraldo (D).
- i. Parks and Recreation Committee: Linda Cannady-Chair (D); Ann Taylor (R); Mary Fedeli (R); Jerry Pia (R); Carl Franzetti (R); Walter

Neary (D); Gloria DePina (D); Marion McGarry (D); and Eileen Heaphy (D).

- j. Education Committee: Andy Sklover-Co-Chair (D); Mike Molgano-Co-Chair (R); Mary Savage-Vice-Chair (D); Frank Cerasoli (R); Lila Wallace (D); Carolyn Young (D); and Art Layton (R).
 - k. Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee: Elaine Mitchell-Chair (D); Phil Giordano-Vice-Chair (D); Frank Cerasoli (R); Mary Uva (R); Lila Wallace (D); Valerie McNeil (D); and Carolyn Young (D).
 - l. Transportation Committee: Gabe DeLuca-Chair (R); Terry Adams-Vice-Chair (D); Michael Raduazzo (R); Mike Lombardo (R); Carolyn Young (D); Phil Giordano (D); and Valerie McNeil (D).
 - m. State & Commerce Committee: Mitch Kaufman-Chair; Sal Gabriele-Vice-Chair (R); Eileen Heaphy (D); Mike Lombardo (R); Mike Molgano (R); Andy Sklover (D); and Ann Summerville (D).
- 10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES.** The President names and appoints members to Special Committees. The President appointed: Art Layton to the Anti-Blight Committee; Randy Skigen and Mary Fedeli to the OPEB Committee; John Boccuzzi to the WPCA; Harry Day and Annie Summerville to OTHRA; Harry Day to Smith House; Harry Day to the Mill River Committee; Randy Skigen will serve on CERF, DSSD, Investment Advisory and SEMS.
- 11. DECEMBER REGULAR BOARD MEETING.** The Regular Meeting of the 28th Board of Representatives will be held on Monday, January 4, 2010.
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.