

*The Regular Meeting of the 28th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on **Monday, March 1, 2010** at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, 4th Floor, Stamford, Connecticut.*

Minutes

President Skigen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION: Led by Clerk of the Board Annie Summerville.

“To God be the glory. Dear Lord, we are thankful for another night here on earth. We thank You for the wonderful sunshine today. We thank You for the friends and co-workers that we have here tonight. I ask You for a special blessing upon all of us, including the audience and the taxpayers of the City of Stamford. I ask that You give us the guidance, the wisdom and the knowledge to accept the things we cannot change and the wisdom to know the difference. I also want to say that we thank You for being You. And, also, that You look upon all the people who are not here with us tonight but who are here in our hearts. I want to ask You for a special blessing for us during the upcoming budget season that we will come out and do the best that we can and give it all we have. I know with Your guidance, we will be able to do that. Dear Lord, I ask You to teach us to love one another; to disagree, but not to not disagree on being friends after the disagreement has occurred. If You do this for us, Dear Lord, You know we will forever give You the praise. Thank you. Amen.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President of the Board Randall M. Skigen.

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There were 39 members present and one vacancy in the 9th District.

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

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: To be recorded in the minutes.

For the late: Helen Malloy by Majority Leader Boccuzzi and Rep. Fedeli; Generoso A. Coscarelli by Reps. Giordano and Zelinsky; and Charles James Atkinson, Jr., Robert A. Annuzzi, Carl J. Debartholomew, Minni Ann Perone, Frank T. Jaworoski, Anthony Perrotta, Barbara J. Frattaroli, Leonard Pagliano, Sylvia Ashkenas and Anna Colamonico Cartsounis, by Rep. Giordano.

FILLING OF VACANCY – 9th District

Majority Leader Boccuzzi nominated Hershellar Merritt to fill the vacancy in the 9th District created by Mr. Walter Neary's resignation. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote (President Skigen abstaining). President Skigen administered the oath of office and stated that Ms. Merritt's committee appointments would be announced at next week's Steering committee meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Skigen announced:

1. Majority Leader Boccuzzi and Rep. Pia are celebrating March birthdays.
2. The Mayor is raising funds from city employees and elected representatives for Haiti relief. Please see Val in the Board Office if you wish to donate.
3. Mayor Pavia's fund-raiser for Haiti relief will be held on March 20, 2010.
4. The letter in support of the census is available for all representatives to sign.
5. The Steering deadline is this Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
6. After next Monday's Steering Committee meeting, the Mayor will present his budget to the Fiscal Committee (at 8:00 p.m.)
7. Monday, March 15, 2010 is the public hearing on the budget. It is currently scheduled to be held in the Government Center Cafeteria. President Skigen sent a letter to Finance Board Chairman Tarzia suggesting an alternate location in that the cafeteria is not large enough to accommodate a large number of residents and the sound system is less than adequate.
8. The Legislative Seminar will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
9. If any representatives have questions for departments during the budget process, President Skigen requested those questions be funneled through the Board's Office. This is not meant to discourage questioning, but will allow for a coordination of efforts so that departments don't receive numerous similar questions and will allow for dissemination of the answers to all representatives so that everyone is working off the same information.

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

1. [Sense-of-the-Board Resolution](#); congratulating Conair Corporation on its 50th year in Connecticut and 25 years in Stamford.

**APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS**

01/06/10 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky

VOICE VOTE

2. [Sense of the Board Resolution](#); congratulating Murray D. Martin on being honored by the Stamford Public Education Foundation.
02/08/10 – Submitted by President Skigen

**APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

3. [Sense of the Board Resolution](#); congratulating Juanita T. James on being selected Citizen of the Year by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Fred Robbins Post 142.
02/08/10 – Submitted by President Skigen

**APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

Motions to approve Resolutions 1-3 above were made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice votes.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Meeting: Monday, February 8, 2010
[\(Report\)](#) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

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

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: **Annie Summerville, Chair**
[\(Attendance\)](#) **John Boccuzzi, Vice Chair**
[\(Votes\)](#) Meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2010
[\(Report\)](#) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room
- and -
Meeting: Monday, March 1, 2010
6:45 p.m. – Conference Room #1

Chair Summerville reported that the Appointments Committee met on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. Present were: Chair Summerville and Vice Chair Boccuzzi and Committee Member Reps. Caterbone, Cerasoli, Franzetti and Savage. Excused was Rep. McGarry. Also present were Reps. Gabriele, Taylor, Zelinsky and Uva; Ralph Antonacci and Joe Tarzia, Chairman of the Board of Finance.

Chair Summerville reported that the Appointments Committee also met on Monday, March 1, 2010. Present were all Committee Members: Chair Summerville, Vice Chair

Boccuzzi and Committee Member Reps. Caterbone, Cerasoli, Franzetti, McGarry and Savage.

1. [A28.002](#) **Camera Review Committee** **APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**
Rev. Leroy G. Parker (D) New Appointment
817 Newfield Avenue
Stamford, CT 06905
Term expires: *runs concurrent with the Mayor*
11/10/09 – Submitted by Mayor Michael Pavia
12/14/09 – Held
01/26/10 – No action taken
02/23/10 – Committee approved 6-0-0

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health *Waived*

A motion to waive the secondary report was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. [A28.003](#) **Old Long Ridge Road Historic Society** **APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**
Cynthia Russell (D) Reappointment
1374 Rock Rimmon Road (*Term Exp. 12/01/09*)
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/01/12
01/06/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael Pavia
12/14/09 - Held
01/26/10 – No action taken
02/23/10 – Committee approved 6-0-0

Secondary Committee: Land Use-Urban Redevelopment *Waived*

A motion to waive the secondary report was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. [A28.016](#) **WPCA** **APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**
Louis Basel (I) Repl. Chris Maggio
106 Carriage Drive (*Exp. 1/1/8*)
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 02/01/13
01/07/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael Pavia
01/26/10 – Committee approved 6-0-0
02/23/10 – Committee approved 6-0-0

Secondary Committee: Operations *Waived*

A motion to waive the secondary report was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

4. [A28.018](#) **Fire Commission**
Vincent J. Freccia, Esq. (R) Repl. Dussault
1200 Summer Street (exp. 11/30/7) **APPROVED**
Stamford, CT 06905 **ON CONSENT**
Term Expires: 11/30/12 **AGENDA**
02/04/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
02/23/10 – No action
03/01/10 – Committee Approved 7-0-0

Chair Summerville stated that the Appointments Committee took up Mr. Freccia's appointment this evening. The Committee voted unanimously to approve Mr. Freccia's appointment. Chair Summerville moved to approve Mr. Freccia for appointment to the Fire Commission; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Summerville thanked the Committee for coming out for two nights this month. The record should show that these were very good candidates. There are some extensive minutes provided for this month's Committee meeting.

5. [A28.019](#) **Fire Commission**
Franklin Melzer (D) Repl. Lyons
180 Turn of River Road #1D (exp. 11/30/10) **APPROVED**
Stamford, CT 06905 **ON CONSENT**
Term Expires: 11/30/10 **AGENDA**
02/04/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
02/23/10 – Committee approved 6-0-0

6. [A28.020](#) **Fire Commission**
Rev. Dr. Robert W. Perry (D) Repl. Rozier
2009 Long Ridge Road (exp. 11/30/10) **APPROVED**
Stamford, CT 06905 **ON CONSENT**
Term Expires: 11/30/11 **AGENDA**
02/04/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
02/23/10 – Committee approved 6-0-0

7. [A28.021](#) **Fire Commission**
Leandro Rizzuto (R) Repl. Murray
1 Revonah Circule (exp. 11/30/7) **APPROVED**
Stamford, CT 06905 **ON CONSENT**
Term Expires: 11/30/12 **AGENDA**
02/04/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
02/23/10 – Committee approved 6-0-0

8. [A28.022](#) **Fire Commission**
Prasad Tungaturthy (R) Repl. Rizzuto
172 Skyview Drive (exp. 11/30/10) **APPROVED**
Stamford, CT 06902 **ON CONSENT**
Term Expires: 11/30/11 **AGENDA**
02/04/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia

02/23/10 – Committee approved 6-0-0

Secondary Committee (Items 1-5 above): Public Safety

Waived

A motion to waive the secondary report was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1-3 and 5-8 above, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: **John Mallozzi, Chair**
 ([Attendance](#)) **Linda Cannady, Vice Chair**
 ([Votes](#)) Meeting: Monday, February 22, 2010
 ([Report](#)) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Mallozzi reported that the Fiscal Committee met on February 22, 2010. Present were Chair Mallozzi and Vice Chair Cannady and Committee Member Reps. Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kaufman, Mirkin, Mitchell, Rauh and Sklover. Also present were Reps. Franzetti and Summerville; Pete Privitera, OPM Director; Edward Browne, SEMS; Tom Lombardo, Emergency Management Director; Johnnie Lee, MD., Director of Health; Terri Drew, Youth Services Bureau; Karen Cammarota and Bridget Fox, Grants Office; Lou Casolo, Engineering Bureau; Captain Tomlin, Stamford Police Department and Mani Poola, Traffic Engineering.

1. [F28.021](#) [GRANTS RESOLUTION](#); with the State of CT Dept. of Mental Health & Addiction Services to support substance abuse prevention activities coordinated through a local council; amount of grant: \$7,130 (city match: \$0).
 01/29/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
 02/22/10 – Committee approved 8-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

2. [F28.026](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; with the State of CT Dept. of Public Health:

For	Amount	City Match
F28.026 -TB and STD treatment & control program	\$86,041	\$56,763 \$53,710
F28.028 -AIDS education/ risk reduction	\$284,292	\$215,870 \$221,425
F28.025 -Per Capita Grant to full-time health departments	\$139,800	\$0
F28.024 -Bioterrorism emergency response	\$64,801	\$0

**EACH ITEM
APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

preparedness		
F28.022 -childhood immunization program	\$82,248	\$21,310 \$17,922
F28.020 -WIC program	\$675,627	\$88,225

01/29/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
02/22/10 – Committee approved each 8-0-0

3. [F28.016](#) [F28.014](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; with the State of CT Dept. of Social Services:

For	Amount	City Match
F28.016 -Social Services block grant - counseling services to the elderly	\$49,928	\$24,325 \$22,507
F28.014 -Stamford Day Care Program	\$2,274,710 \$1,821,676	\$0

01/29/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
02/22/10 – Committee approved each 8-0-0

BOTH ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

4. [F28.019](#) [F28.027](#) [F28.015](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; with the State of CT Dept. of Education:

For	Amount	City Match
F28.019 -Quality Enhancement Program	\$82,398	\$0
F28.027 -School Readiness and Child Day Care	\$3,742,800	\$14,546 \$163
F28.015 -Youth Services Bureau	\$63,937	\$63.937

01/29/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
02/22/10 – Committee approved each 8-0-0

EACH ITEM APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

5. [F28.017](#) [GRANT RESOLUTION](#); with the State of CT Office of Emergency Management for funding assistance regarding operation of the City's emergency management performance grant program; amount of grant: \$37,252 (city match: \$37,252).
01/29/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
02/22/10 – Committee approved 8-0-0

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

6. [F28.018](#) [GRANT RESOLUTION](#); with the State of CT Dept. of Public Safety for a regional public safety emergency telecommunications center; amount of grant: \$263,892 (city match: \$16,954 9,117).
01/29/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
02/22/10 – Committee approved 8-0-0

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

7. [F28.023](#) [GRANT RESOLUTION](#); with the CT State Library for the Historic Preservation Grant Program; amount of grant: \$9,000 (city match: \$0).
 01/29/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
 02/22/10 – Committee approved 8-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

8. [F28.029](#) \$18,089.80 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Land Use; Street Patch Resurface; funds received from Donsis, LLC (Windmere on the Lake) for paving work, including milling, overlay and associated fixes.
 02/01/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
 02/09/10 – Approved by Board of Finance
 02/09/10 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
 02/22/10 – Committee approved 8-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

9. [F28.030](#) REVIEW; authorization of the sale of \$40 million in Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs) to fund previously-approved capital projects.
 02/02/10 – Submitted by Fred Flynn, Dir. Of Administration
 02/09/10 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-1-0
 02/22/10 – Report Made

**REPORT
MADE**

10a. [F28.032](#) REJECTION; of recommended capital project closeouts: **NO MOTION**

Project No.	Name	Amount
CP2211	Salt dome	\$200,000.00
CP8212	Research Dr.	\$116,640.38
CP16030	Carter/Tupper	\$48,088.85
CP9251	Bedford St	\$10,340.30
CPB004	44 George St	\$19,612.28
		\$394,681.81

02/01/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
 02/09/10 – Approved by Board of Finance
 02/09/10 – No action taken by Planning Board
 02/22/10 – No motion

Rep. Coppola stated that Rep. Molgano and himself, several years ago at the request of several of the neighbors, were successful in getting the administration to agree and modernize and make the salt dome more pleasing to the eye. He was assured at that time by Director Curtin that this work would be done. Now he sees that \$200,000 is being removed from the account and going over to the Bartlett Arboretum. He has no objection to the renovations at the Bartlett Arboretum, especially in light of the generous

contribution they are receiving. He wants the record to show his very, very big disappointment that the money was removed from this project.

10b. [F28.031](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
\$394,682.000 Engineering; Bartlett Arboretum Renovations;
Education Center building.
02/01/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
02/09/10 – Approved by Board of Finance
02/09/10 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
02/22/10 – Committee approved 8-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

11. [F28.034](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
\$370,000.00 Engineering; Safe Routes to School; to fund
pedestrian safety improvements in the K.T. Murphy
School neighborhood
01/22/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
01/19/10 – Approved by Planning Board
02/09/10 – Approved by Board of Finance
02/22/10 – Committee approved 8-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1-8, 10b and 11, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Suspension of Rules

A motion to suspend the rules to take up Item No. 12 below that did not appear on the regular agenda was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

12. [F28.035](#) REJECTION; of a capital projects closeout – Project
CP2211, Replacement of Salt Dome, in the amount
of \$250,000.
02/10/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
02/09/10 – No action taken by Planning Board
02/09/10 – Approved by Board of Finance
02/22/10 – No motion

NO MOTION

Chair Mallozzi moved to suspend the rules to take up Item No. 13 below that did not appear on the regular agenda was made; said motion was seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

13. [F28.036](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
\$250,000.00 Engineering; UCONN Study – Scofield Area
Contamination; to evaluate potential sources of
pesticide contamination.
02/10/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
02/09/10 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
02/09/10 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-1-0

**APPROVED
BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

02/22/10 – Committee approved 8-0-0

Chair Mallozzi moved to approve Item No. F28.036; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Kaufman stated he wanted to emphasize the importance of this project for the City. The Task Force has done a lot of work putting together a project proposal. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Regular Agenda

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| 14. F28.033 | REVIEW; City of Stamford outstanding potential liability matters.
02/03/10 – Submitted by President Skigen
02/22/10 – Item discussed in Executive Session; No Report | REPORT
MADE/NO
ACTION
TAKEN |
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LEGISLATIVE & RULES

COMMITTEE:

[\(Attendance\)](#)

[\(Votes\)](#)

[\(Report\)](#)

Eileen Heaphy, Chair

Arthur Layton, Vice Chair

Meeting: Monday, February 22, 2010

7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair Heaphy reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday, February 22, 2010. Present were Chair Heaphy, Vice Chair Layton, and Committee Member Reps. Day, Martin, Mitchell, Rauh, Uva and Zelinsky. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. McGarry. Also present were Clerk Summerville; Michael Larobina, Esq. and Sybil Richards, Esq., Law Department; Robert DeMarco, Building Official; Ken DellaRocco, Bartlett Arboretum; and Patricia Squires and Edward Brown, SEMS.

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| 1. LR28.006 | RESOLUTION & public hearing ; approving a lease agreement by and between the City of Stamford for property located at Stamford EMS, 684 Long Ridge Road.
01/26/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
02/09/10 – Approved by Planning Board
02/09/10 – Approved by Board of Finance
02/22/10 – Committee approved 6-0-1 | APPROVED BY
VOICE VOTE
<i>(Reps. Layton &
Day abstaining)</i> |
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Chair Heaphy moved to approve Item No. LR28.006. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Day stated that he does not believe either of these SEMS leases should have come before the Board of Representatives. He sits on the SEMS Board. These involve the lease of property that was actually donated to the City by SEMS as part of an overall

agreement that was reached for the provision of emergency medical services to the City. These leases are inseparable and not severable from the overall management agreement that SEMS has with the City. When that agreement was extended, these leases were not severable from that extension. So, what we are talking about, at the most, was, in his opinion, the correction of a technical mistake. The leases, in his opinion, were constructively extended even if there was a failure to provide a notice with these documents because the overall agreement was extended, and they were extended pursuant to the language that was contained in those leases. It did not require the approval of the Board of Representatives, and for this reason, he will abstain.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Layton and Day abstaining).

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| <p>2. LR28.007 RESOLUTION & public hearing; approving a lease agreement by and between the City of Stamford for property located at Stamford EMS, 80 Fairfield Avenue.
 01/26/10 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
 02/09/10 – Approved by Planning Board
 02/09/10 – Approved by Board of Finance
 02/22/10 – Committee approved 6-0-1</p> | <p>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
 <i>(Reps. Layton & Day abstaining)</i></p> |
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A motion to approve Item No. LR28.007 was made, seconded and approved by a voice vote (Reps. Layton and Day abstaining).

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| <p>3. LR28.005 REVIEW; amending Section 123-5 Fees Assessed, to provide for fines/penalties for violations of regulations related to certificate of occupancy certificates and certain building permits.
 01/05/10 – Submitted by Rep. DeLuca
 01/11/10 – Held by Steering Committee
 02/22/10 – Report Made & Held in Committee</p> | <p>REPORT MADE & HELD IN COMMITTEE</p> |
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Chair Heaphy stated that this item will be referred to corporation counsel’s office for an opinion. The item was held in Committee.

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| <p>4. LR28.010 RESOLUTION; naming the Bartlett Arboretum Education Building after Jacob and Shirley Silver.
 02/03/10 – Submitted by Bartlett Arboretum
 02/22/10 – Committee approved 7-0-0</p> | <p>APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA</p> |
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Secondary Committee: Parks & Recreation

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| <p>5. LR28.002 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; proposed ordinance prohibiting the unsolicited</p> | <p>HELD IN</p> |
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distribution of telephone books or similar bulky printed materials.
12/10/09 – Submitted by Rep. Day
12/21/09, 01/04/10, 01/19/10, 02/01/10 – Held in Committee
02/22/10 – Held in Committee 7-0-0

COMMITTEE

Chair Heaphy stated that this item was held in Committee pending further information from CCM.

6a. [LR28.001](#) APPROVAL; of changes to Rules of the Board to require interviews before the Appointments Committee for all replacements for citywide elective offices.
11/13/09 – Submitted by President Skigen and Rep. DeLuca
01/04/10, 01/19/10, 02/01/10 – Held in Committee
02/22/10 – Committee approved 7-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

6b. [LR28.008](#) APPROVAL; of changes to Rules of the Board to institute a dress code.
11/13/09 – Submitted by Rep. Layton
01/04/10, 01/19/10, 02/01/10 – Held in Committee
02/22/10 – Committee defeated 3-4-1

**ITEM FAILED BY
MACHINE VOTE
13-25-2**

Chair Heaphy moved to approve Item No. LR28.008; said motion was seconded.

The motion failed by a machine vote of 13-25-2 (Reps. Caterbone, Cerasoli, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Gabriele, Heaphy, Kaufman, Layton, Lombardo, McGarry, Pia and Sklover in favor; Reps. Adams, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, DePina, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Giraldo, Mallozzi, Martin, McNeil, Mirkin, Mitchell, Molgano, Raduazzo, Rauh, Savage, Skigen, Summerville, Taylor, Uva, Wallace, White and Young opposed; Reps. Merritt and Zelinsky abstaining) (See [Vote Record No. 1073](#)).

6c. [LR28.009](#) APPROVAL; of changes to Rules of the Board to increase the postage allowance.
11/13/09 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky
01/04/10, 01/19/10, 02/01/10 – Held in Committee
02/22/10 – Committee defeated 3-4-0

**ITEM FAILED BY
MACHINE VOTE
2-37-1**

Chair Heaphy moved to approve Item No. LR28.009. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Layton stated that we currently have a \$750 allowance, over four years, which is \$30,000 over four years. He went back to 1990. Postage in 1990 was \$.29; now it is \$.44, or a 50% increase. Without any change, the allowance has really been cut in half. The population in the districts has increased since then, too. So effectively, the usage of the allowance has been severely diminished over the last 20 years. According to other representatives, no one has ever used this allowance for mailing, so over the last

20 years, the conservative efforts of the members of the Board of Representatives has saved the City of Stamford and its taxpayers about \$150,000. He would like the vote to increase the allowance to \$1,500. Some have said this is the wrong time to do it, during a recession, but he hopes that if you felt that way you would still vote for the increase because you might like to use it. If you decide you don't want to use it, you can demonstrate to your constituents that you are being very thrifty with tax dollars and not spend the money as we have done over the last 20 years.

Rep. Layton continued by saying that he hopes that some time is that this money would be use to create some type of electronic communications, perhaps websites by voting district, where the representatives could post materials and information for their constituents. This would cost a lot less than \$60,000 over four years, which is what he is proposing.

Rep. Heaphy stated that there is capability now on the Board's website for individual members to post information for their districts. This is something we all could use. Rep. Rauh stated that when she inquired, it was a possibility, and it is something we should certainly explore. Rep. Rauh stated that during this economic time, we should not even be thinking of increasing the allowance.

Rep. Zelinsky thanked Rep. Layton for his research. He also contacted CCM to find out what other municipalities do regarding postage. Bridgeport receives \$9,000 stipend per year for expenses that could be used for postage. New Haven provides a \$2,000 stipend for expenses. Norwalk sends mail through the City Clerk's Office; finally, the State House of Representatives allows each state representative to send out 500 first class items in a given week. Each representative can also exceed the amount up to 3,125 excess pieces in a given calendar year. All legislators are allowed to send a district wide newsletter out annually. Senators are allowed to send 1,000 first class items in a given week and are allowed to exceed it by 12,500 in a calendar year. All legislators can also send a district wide newsletter annually.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he understands concerns about how this would be perceived by the public, but we are not voting to put money in our pockets. This is money used to communicate with them. He respects the comments regarding email, but in his district, there are many seniors, many of who don't use computers. He does not think the public would be outraged at this, because it is communication to let them know what is going on.

Rep. Mirkin stated that the information is very interesting that was provided by Reps. Zelinsky and Layton. But, he said it has been 20 years, no one has used it, and in 20 years we have new communication vehicles including cable, inexpensive telephones, the internet, and whatever increase we put in will be at a time where the Mayor has asked every department to come back with scenarios to reduce their budgets by 5 or 10%. If we were to increase this, we will be asking for more money than the 5 and 10% scenarios would accommodate. He cannot support this simply based on the fact that no one has ever used it, and we are chasing a ghost here.

Rep. Pia stated he agrees. In this financial climate, people are going to lose their jobs, and he would hate to think of someone home worrying about losing their job this year and we are adding postage.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that our budget has never actually included the postage allowance in it. So, if we approve this increase, we are approving a lot of money for our budget – a budget that has been returned three times for additional reductions. His advice is to vote no on the increase.

The motion failed by a machine vote of 2-37-1 (Reps. Layton and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Caterbone, Cerasoli, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Gabriele, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Kaufman, Lombardo, Mallozzi, Martin, McGarry, McNeil, Mirkin, Mitchell, Molgano, Pia, Raduazzo, Rauh, Savage, Skigen, Sklover, Summerville, Taylor, Uva, Wallace, White and Young opposed; Rep. Merritt abstaining) (See [Vote Record No. 1074](#)).

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 4 and 6A, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: **Mary Fedeli, Chair**
 Polly Rauh, Vice Chair
 Meeting - Cancelled

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| 1. P28.007 | APPROVAL; of a Clerk of the Works contract with Robert Hagan
01/11/10 – Submitted by Mayor Pavia
01/27/10 – Committee approved 3-1-1
02/01/10 – Held in Committee | NO ACTION/
ITEM
WITHDRAWN |
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**LAND USE/URBAN
REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** **Harry Day, Chair**
 Patrick White, Vice Chair
 Meeting - Cancelled

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| 1. LU28.002 | RESOLUTION; authorizing the City to proceed with the acquisition by negotiation or eminent domain of rights of way for six property takings for the Stamford Urban Transitway Project.
02/04/10 – Submitted by Lou Casolo, City Engineer | NO ACTION/
ITEM
WITHDRAWN |
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OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: **Joseph Coppola, Jr., Co-Chair**
[\(Attendance\)](#) **John R. Zelinsky, Co-Chair**
[\(Votes\)](#) Meeting: Wednesday, February 17, 2010
[\(Report\)](#) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Co-Chair Zelinsky reported that the Operations Committee met on February 17, 2010. Present were Committee Member Reps. Co-Chairman Zelinsky, Adams, Gabriele, Raduazzo, Taylor and White. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Mallozzi and Coppola. Also present were Clerk of the Board Summerville, resident Claudia Puff, Robin Stein and Erin McKenna of the Land Use Bureau; Keith Crosby of ADPSC; Steve Grasso, President of Sustainable Stamford; and Stamford resident Megan Baroni of Robinson & Cole.

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| 1. O28.001 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication ;
regarding construction and demolition material
recycling.
10/19/09 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
and President Skigen
01/11/10 – Placed on Pending Agenda
02/17/10 – Held in Committee 6-0-0 | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
| 2. O28.002 | REVIEW; amendment to WPCA ordinance to
eliminate \$25 fee for vacant homes.
02/05/10 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky
02/17/10 – Report Made | REPORT
MADE |

Co-Chair Zelinsky stated that some concerns were raised about residents who vacation in Florida during the winter. He spoke to Jeanette Brown, and she said that those residents are charged, because the charges are from October to April, so even if the residents are gone December through February, they are still charged for those other months.

**PUBLIC SAFETY &
HEALTH COMMITTEE:** **Gloria G. DePina, Co-Chair**
[\(Attendance\)](#) **Scott Mirkin, Co-Chair**
[\(Votes\)](#) Meeting: Thursday, February 18, 2010
[\(Report\)](#) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Mirkin reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on February 18, 2010. Present were: Co-Chairs Mirkin and DePina and Vice Chair Figueroa and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Caterbone, Coppola, Giraldo, Martin and Pia. Also present were Reps. Day, DeLuca, Taylor and Zelinsky; Barbara Yantorno of Social Services; Big Five Fire Chiefs Robert Bennett, Shawn Fahan; Police Captains Lombardo and Tomlin; Mike Pensiero of IT; and Michele, Tim and Lukas Abbott, residents.

1. [PS28.001](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **for public hearing & final adoption**; providing for restrictions on open burning on residential property. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
12/10/09 – Submitted by Rep. Day
01/21/10 – Committee approved 6-1-0
02/01/10 – Approved for publication
02/18/10 – Held in Committee 6-2-0

Co-Chair Mirkin stated that a public hearing was held and the item was held in Committee.

2. [PS28.002](#) REVIEW; status of properties on Certified Blighted Properties List. **REPORT MADE**
01/06/10 – Submitted by Rep. DeLuca
02/18/10 – Report Made

Co-Chair Mirkin stated a listing of properties that were fined was provided to the committee. Some follow-up items will be discussed at next month's meeting.

3. PS28.004 REVIEW; dead zones in North Stamford and power limitations at the Sterling Farms tower for volunteer fire departments. **REPORT MADE**
01/21/10 – Submitted by Public Safety & Health Committee
02/18/10 – Report Made

Co-Chair Mirkin stated that this moved into a discussion of how best to reactivate the switch, which was a continuation of last month's discussion. Captain Tomlin is going ahead to amend his license so the switch can be turned on. That process should take 3-5 weeks.

4. PS28.006 REVIEW; status of Scofieldtown Park area well contamination; update from Co-Chair of Task Force, Mitchell Kaufman. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
01/21/10 – Submitted by Rep. Pia
02/18/10 – Held in Committee

PARKS & RECREATION

COMMITTEE:

[\(Attendance\)](#)

[\(Votes\)](#)

[\(Report\)](#)

Linda Cannady, Chair

Meeting: Thursday, February 25, 2010

6:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair Cannady reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on February 25, 2010. Present were: Chair Cannady, and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Franzetti, Pia and Taylor. Also present was Clerk of the Board Summerville.

1. [PR28.002](#) APPROVAL; and **public hearing** for 2010 season rate increases for E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course. **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
11/17/09 – Approved by EGB Golf Commission
12/21/09 – Submitted by Mayor Pavia
01/19/10 – Committee approved 6-0-0
02/01/10 – Approved for public hearing
02/25/10 – Committee approved 5-0-0

2. PR28.004 REVIEW; Terry Connors Ice Rink's allocation of ice time. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
02/03/10 – Submitted by President Skigen & Rep. Zelinsky
02/25/10 – Held in Committee

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 1, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: **Michael Molgano, Co-Chair**
[\(Attendance\)](#) **Andy Sklover, Co-Chair**
[\(Report\)](#) **Mary Savage, Vice Chair**
Meeting: Wednesday, February 24, 2010
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Co-Chair Sklover reported that the Education Committee met on February 24, 2010. Present were Co-Chairs Sklover and Molgano, Vice Chair Savage and Committee Member Reps. Cerasoli and Young. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Layton and Wallace. Also present were Dr. Starr, Superintendent of Schools; Jackie Heftman, President of the Board of Education; and Kimberly Schultz, Melissa Bang and Denise Gagne Kurpiewski of Stamford Public Schools.

1. E28.002 REVIEW; vetting process for substitute teachers. **REPORT MADE**
01/21/10 – Submitted by Reps. Molgano, Sklover & Savage
02/24/10 – Report Made

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:** **Elaine Mitchell, Chair**
Philip Giordano, Vice Chair

[\(Attendance\)](#)
[\(Report\)](#)

Meeting: Tuesday, February 16, 2010
5:30 p.m. – Legislative Chambers
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[\(Attendance\)](#)
[\(Report\)](#)

Meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2010
6:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair Mitchell reported that the HCD-SS Committee met on February 16, 2010. Present were Chair Mitchell and Vice Chair Giordano and Committee Member Reps. Cerasoli, McNeil, Uva, Wallace and Young. Also present were Mayor Pavia; Reps. Day and Summerville and Tim Beeble, Community Development. Also present were representatives from agencies requesting funding.

Chair Mitchell reported that the HCD-SS Committee also met on February 23, 2010. Present were Chair Mitchell and Vice Chair Giordano and Committee Member Reps. McNeill, Cerasoli, Uva and Young. Also present were Clerk Summerville and Tim Beeble.

1. [HCD28.3](#) PUBLIC HEARING; on CDBG Year 36 use of 2010-11 Federal HUD funds for community development activities. **REPORT MADE**
02/03/10 – Submitted by Tim Beeble
02/17/10 – Report Made

Chair Mitchell reported that 42 agencies came before the Committee requesting \$2,700,951, and they only have \$1,200,000 to allocate. The subcommittees met on February 23, 2010 to discuss their allocation recommendations. This Saturday, March 6, 2010, the Committee will meet with the mayor to allocate the grant. This is an unusual year. One agency submitted its application late. We had another 3 agencies not show to present their applications, and all of these will be disqualified upon a formal vote this Saturday.

2. [HCD28.4](#) WORKSHOP; for subcommittees to review CDBG Year 36 funding requests. **REPORT MADE**
02/03/10 – Submitted by Tim Beeble
02/23/10 – Report Made

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:
[\(Attendance\)](#)
[\(Report\)](#)

Robert “Gabe” DeLuca, Chair
Terry Adams, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, February 11, 2010
7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Vice Chair Adams reported that the Transportation Committee met on February 11, 2010. Present were Chair DeLuca and Vice Chair Adams and Committee Member

Reps. Lombardo, McNeil, Raduazzo and Young. Also present were Reps. Layton, Mallozzi and Zelinsky; Jack Condlin of the Stamford Chamber of Commerce; Marty Levine representing the League of Women Voters; Josh LeCar, City of Stamford; and Stuart Popper, David Chase and Stephen Gazillo of URS.

1. [T28.003](#) REVIEW; final Light Rail Feasibility Study (previously [T27.041](#), [T27.052](#), T27.057 and T27.061). **REPORT MADE**
01/21/10 – Submitted by Chair DeLuca
02/11/10 – Report Made

Vice Chair Adams stated that the Committee heard from URS covering the final draft report, which is available in the Board Office. An overview of the presentation is attached to the Committee Report.

**STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE: Mitchell Kaufman, Chair
Salvatore Gabriele, Vice Chair**

No meeting/No report.

MINUTES

1. [February 1, 2010 Regular Board Meeting](#) **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

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

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