

*The Regular Meeting of the 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on **Monday, July 9, 2012** at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Stamford, Connecticut.*

# MINUTES

President Skigen called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Delivered by Clerk Annie M. Summerville.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Led by President Skigen.

**ROLL CALL:** Conducted by Clerk Annie M. Summerville. There were thirty-five members present and five members excused (Reps. Giraldo, Kaufman, Lombardo, McNeil and Pia). Note: Rep. Kaufman arrived after Roll Call.

**VOTING MACHINE STATUS:** Confirmed by Clerk of the Board Summerville.

**MOMENTS OF SILENCE:** To be recorded in the minutes.

**MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS:** By Mayor Michael A. Pavia

**COMMUNICATIONS:** President Skigen announced:

1. Reps. Zelinsky, Sklover, Loglisci and Pia are celebrating July birthdays.
2. The Steering Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 (tomorrow) at 7:00 p.m.
3. Next month's Board Meeting will be held on Monday, August 6, 2012.
4. John Mallozzi will no longer serve on the Fiscal Committee; Elise Coleman will replace him.

5. The Annual Softball Game will take place on July 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning with a desert and coffee with the Boccuzzi Family at the park.

## HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

1. [SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION](#);  
congratulating The Rev. Dr. Tommie Jackson on his  
15<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary.  
06/14/12 – Submitted by Clerk Summerville
- APPROVED BY  
UNANIMOUS  
VOICE VOTE**

The Board took a 15-minute recess at this time, returning at 9:40 p.m.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

**STEERING COMMITTEE:** Meeting: Monday, June 11, 2012  
([Report](#)) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room  
([Video](#))

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

**APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:** **Annie Summerville, Chair**  
([Attendance](#)) Meeting: Monday, July 9, 2012  
([Votes](#)) 6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room  
([Report](#))  
([Video](#))

Chair Summerville reported the Appointments Committee met as indicated above. Present were Chair Summerville and Committee Member Reps. Caterbone, Cerasoli, Franzetti, McGarry, Savage and Velishka.

1. A28.175 [Health Commission](#) **NO ACTION  
TAKEN**  
Patricia D. Parry, R.N. (R) Reappointment  
66 Emery Drive Term Exp. 12/1/11  
Stamford, CT 06902  
Term Expires: 12/01/2014  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
2. A28.176 [Old Long Ridge Historic District](#) **NO ACTION  
TAKEN**  
Marshall Millsap (U) Reappointment

76 Mill Road Term Exp. 12/1/11  
Stamford, CT 06903  
Term Expires: 12/01/2016  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia

3. A28.179 Stamford Golf Authority **APPROVED BY**  
Antonio Conte (R) *Reappointment* **MACHINE**  
71 Barmore Drive East *Term Exp. 1/1/12* **VOTE 34-0-2**  
Stamford, CT 06905  
Term Expires: 01/01/2015  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia  
07/09/12 – Committee approved 6-0-1

A motion to approve Mr. Conte for appointment on the Golf Commission was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 34-0-2 (Reps. Adams, Caterbone, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Franzetti, Frazis, Gabriele, Giordano, Heaphy, Kaufman, Layton, Loglisci, Mallozzi, McGarry, Merritt, Mitchell, Raduazzo, Rauh, Savage, Skigen, Sklover, Summerville, Taylor, Uva, Wallace, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Coppola and Velishka abstaining) (See [Vote Record No. 1305](#)).

4. A28.177 Patriotic & Special Events Commission **NO ACTION**  
Ralph Battinelli (R) *Reappointment* **TAKEN**  
9 Amherst Place *Term Exp. 12/1/11*  
Stamford, CT 06902  
Term Expires: 12/01/2014  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia

5. A28.178 Planning Board **NO ACTION**  
Theresa Dell (R) *Reappointment* **TAKEN**  
125 Hardesty Road *Term Exp. 12/1/11*  
Stamford, CT 06903  
Term Expires: 12/01/2014  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia

6. A28.173 Environmental Protection Board **NO ACTION**  
Gary H. Stone (R) *Reappointment* **TAKEN**  
258 Dogwood Lane *Term Exp. 12/1/11*  
Stamford, CT 06903  
Term Expires: 12/01/2014  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia

7. A28.174 Golf Commission **APPROVED BY**  
Daniel P. Brennan (R) *Reappointment* **VOICE VOTE**  
1048 Westover Road *Term Exp. 12/1/11* **(Rep. Caterbone)**

Stamford, CT 06902  
Term Expires: 12/01/2014  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia  
07/09/12 – Committee approved 6-0-01

*abstaining)*

A motion to approve Mr. Brennan for appointment to the Golf Commission was made, seconded and approved by a voice vote (Rep. Caterbone abstaining).

8. A28.180     Director of Legal Affairs  
Joseph Capalbo, Esq.     *Repl. Larobina*  
1100 Summer Street  
Stamford, CT 06905  
Term Expires: 11/30/2013  
04/09/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
- NO ACTION  
TAKEN**
9. A28.165     Commission on Aging  
Valerie Hermann (R)     *Repl. Blick*  
54 Club Road     *Term Exp. 6/1/7*  
Stamford, CT 06905  
Term Expires: 06/01/2013  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia  
**07/02/12 – Item withdrawn**
- ITEM  
WITHDRAWN**
10. A28.166     Personnel Commission  
Mark Teichman (R)     *Repl. Kolin*  
52 Mill Spring Lane     *Term Exp. 12/1/11*  
Stamford, CT 06903  
Term Expires: 12/01/2014  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
- NO ACTION  
TAKEN**
11. A28.167     Smith House Board of Directors  
Michael Pansini (R)     *Repl. Pierre Louis*  
76 Lawrence Hill Road     *Term Exp. 12/1/9*  
Stamford, CT 06903  
Term Expires: 12/01/2014  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
- NO ACTION  
TAKEN**
12. A28.168     Smith House Board of Directors  
Christopher Tasik (R)     *Repl. Berman*  
2435 Bedford St., Unit 18A     *Term Exp. 12/1/11*  
Stamford, CT 06905  
Term Expires: 12/31/2012  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia
- NO ACTION  
TAKEN**

13. A28.170     Traffic Hearing Officer  
Ralph Knapp, Jr. (R)     *Repl. Sgritta*  
40 St. Charles Avenue     *Term Exp. 12/1/99*  
Stamford, CT 06907  
Term Expires: 12/01/2013  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia  
**07/02/12 – Item withdrawn**     **ITEM WITHDRAWN**
14. A28.164     Board of Ethics  
Allan Lang (R)     *Repl. Steed*  
26 Fieldstone Terrace     *Term Exp. 6/30/11*  
Stamford, CT 06902  
Term Expires: 06/30/2016  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia  
**NO ACTION TAKEN**
15. A28.171     Zoning Board of Appeals  
Alfonso C. Sgritta (R)     *Repl. Lipman*  
108 Midland Avenue     *Term Exp. 12/1/12*  
Stamford, CT 06906  
Term Expires: 12/01/2012  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia  
**NO ACTION TAKEN**
16. A28.172     Urban Redevelopment Commission  
Peter Sciarretta (R)     *Repl. Sgritta*  
996 Rock Rimmon Road     *Term Exp. 12/1/11*  
Stamford, CT 06903  
Term Expires: 12/01/2014  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia  
**NO ACTION TAKEN**
17. A28.169     Tax Assessment Board of Appeals  
Nicola Tarzia (R)     *Repl. Vacancy*  
1455 Newfield Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06905  
Term Expires: 12/01/2014  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia  
**06/13/12 – Item Withdrawn**     **ITEM WITHDRAWN**

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

[Attendance](#)  
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**Jay Fountain, Chair**  
Meeting: Tuesday, June 26, 2012  
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

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[Attendance](#)  
[Votes](#)  
[Report](#)  
[Video](#)

Meeting: Monday, July 9, 2012  
6:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair Fountain reported that the Fiscal Committee met at the above time and place. In attendance were Chair Fountain; Committee Member Reps. Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Loglisci, Mallozzi and Mitchell. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Rauh, Sklover and Summerville. Also present were Joe Capalbo, Corporation Counsel; Laure Aubuchon, Director of Economic Development; Peter Privitera, OPM; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations; Deputy Chief William Smith, Stamford Fire and Rescue; Lieutenant Scott Duckworth, Stamford Police; Terri Drew, Youth Services; and Joseph Barbarotta, AFB.

Chair Fountain reported that the Fiscal Committee also met on July 9, 2012. Present were Chair Fountain and Committee Member Reps. Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Loglisci, Mallozzi, Mitchell, Rauh, Sklover and Summerville; excused was Reps. Figueroa. Also present was Laure Aubuchon.

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| 1. <a href="#">F28.318</a><br>\$120,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);<br>Education through Adventure; to appropriate fees<br>collected from community groups.<br>06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia<br>06/25/12 – Approved by Board of Finance<br>06/26/12 – Committee approved 6-0-0                      | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 2. <a href="#">F28.319</a><br>\$20,000.00  | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);<br>LoCIP AED Purchase; Emergency Equipment; to<br>purchase Auto External Defibrillators.<br>06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia<br>06/25/12 – Approved by Board of Finance<br>06/26/12 – Committee approved 6-0-0                     | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 3. <a href="#">F28.310</a><br>\$5,000.00   | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);<br>Medical Reserve Corp.; funds to be used to pay for<br>annual meetings, educational materials and travel<br>costs.<br>06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia<br><b>06/04/12 – Approved by full Board</b><br>06/26/12 – No action taken | <b>NO ACTION<br/>TAKEN/WITH<br/>DRAWN</b> |
| 4. <a href="#">F28.321</a><br>\$1,665.00   | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);<br>CERT Training; training for volunteers to assist first<br>responders in emergencies.  | <b>NO ACTION<br/>TAKEN/WITH<br/>DRAWN</b> |

06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia  
**06/04/12 – Approved by full Board**  
06/26/12 – No action taken

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| 5. F28.322<br>\$4,966.00   | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Bioterrorism Emergency Response; to appropriate additional grant funds.<br>06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia<br><b>06/04/12 – Approved by full Board</b><br>06/26/12 – No action taken  | <b>NO ACTION<br/>TAKEN/WITH<br/>DRAWN</b>       |
| 6. <a href="#">F28.331</a> | <a href="#">GRANTS RESOLUTION</a> ; authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the CT Office of Policy and Management for a Justice Assistance Grant. Amount of Grant: \$42,000; match: \$0.<br>05/21/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia<br>06/26/12 – Committee approved 6-0-0 | <b>APPROVED ON<br/>CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b>       |
| 7. <a href="#">F28.332</a> | <a href="#">RESOLUTION</a> ; amending Resolution Nos. 3481 and 3484 Adopting the Various Funds Budgets, to amend the WPCA budget.<br>06/07/12 – Submitted by Ernie Orgera<br>06/26/12 – Committee approved 6-0-0   | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>MACHINE<br/>VOTE 18-16-2</b> |

A motion to approve Item No. F28.332 was made and seconded.

Rep. Uva stated that in reviewing the minutes of two WPCA meetings revealed that on June 6, they discussed the budget but there was no discussion about the odor problems or financial questions. The WPCA did not take any action to review the sludge drier, costs or to undertake a study to review alternatives. During the same meeting, they had a presentation from Synagro, the company that operates that drier, and Synagro presented a proposal to renew its contract next March. This is a mixed message. She would feel more comfortable if the WPCA Board has agreed to take action, they should reflect that in their minutes.

She also noted that the town of Darien is served by the WPCA, and the contract with Darien has been under negotiation for over a year. In the budget, the Darien revenues are expected to decrease by 7.7%, and she does not understand why the Town of Darien would be getting a cut while the ratepayers in Stamford are being asked for an increase. It would be helpful if the WPCA could come in and explain this. She requested that the Board of Reps reject this budget until these two items are addressed.

Rep. Kaufman stated that he does not feel this is the forum for these issues and concerns as it relates to the budget. The WPCA Board did discuss the BOR's concerns regarding the drier, and he will go back and have the minutes corrected. The meeting

was recorded. Regarding the Darien contract, he does not feel this is the best time to discuss this but it could be brought up at a future meeting. If anyone has any concerns or issues, they should call him, and he will try to address them.

Clerk Summerville stated that the WPCA does not do verbatim minutes, and the tape would include additional information.

Rep. Uva stated that the minutes do not reflect a motion to engage a study regarding the drier while at the same time hearing a presentation from Synagro to continue the contract. This is despite the budget cut that was specifically tied to the drier issue. She stated that this is the only time that the BOR has any affect on the WPCA, and the WPCA budget reflects an increase for Stamford ratepayers and a cut for Darien ratepayers. She does not know when there is a more appropriate time to have input into the Darien contract, which will be voted on by the WPCA soon.

The motion was approved by a machine vote of 18-16-2 (Reps. Day, DePina, Figueroa, Fountain, Giordano, Kaufman, Mallozzi, McGarry, Merritt, Mitchell, Raduazzo, Rauh, Savage, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Caterbone, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, DeLuca, Fedeli, Franzetti, Frazis, Gabriele, Layton, Loglisci, Taylor, Uva, Velishka and White opposed; Reps. Heaphy and Sklover abstaining) (See [Vote Record No. 1306](#)).

8. [F28.323](#)      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);      **FAILED BY**  
\$176,500.00      Parking Management; Contracted Services; to fund      **MACHINE**  
shortfall due to extension of garage hours.      **VOTE 21-15-0**  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia  
06/25/12 – Approved by Board of Finance  
06/26/12 – Committee approved 6-0-0

A motion to approve Item No. F28.323 was made and seconded.

Rep. DeLuca stated that he was under the impression that this item would not be approved unless Mr. Orgera provided cost details to the Committee. Chair Fountain stated that this was between Mr. Orgera and Mr. DeLuca; the Fiscal Committee did not request this information. This is an item to close the books for the City, and it will cause a problem if it is not approved. Mr. DeLuca stated they can find the funds if they need them.

The motion FAILED by a vote of 21-15-0 (a two-thirds vote is required for approval). Voting in favor of the item were Reps. Adams, Coleman, DePina, Figueroa, Fountain, Giordano, Heaphy, Kaufman, Mallozzi, McGarry, Merritt, Mitchell, Rauh, Skigen, Sklover, Summerville, Velishka, Wallace, White, Young and Zelinsky; Reps. Caterbone, Cerasoli, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Franzetti, Frazis, Gabriele, Layton, Loglisci, Raduazzo, Savage, Taylor and Uva opposed) (See [Vote Record No. 1307](#)).

9. [F28.324](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **APPROVED ON**  
\$30,000.00 Fire; Vehicle Maintenance; to fund shortfall due to **CONSENT**  
increased costs and assumption of repairs for **AGENDA**  
volunteer fire apparatus.  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia  
06/25/12 – Approved by Board of Finance  
06/26/12 – Committee approved 6-0-0
10. [F28.325](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **HELD IN**  
\$90,000.00 Police; Differential; to fund shortfall (differential is **COMMITTEE**  
paid in addition for time worked during weekend, evening and overnight shifts).  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia  
06/25/12 – **Defeated** by Board of Finance  
06/26/12 – Held in Committee
11. [F28.326](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **APPROVED ON**  
\$115,000.00 Police; Gasoline; to fund shortfall in account. **CONSENT**  
**AGENDA** (Rep. Franzetti abstaining)  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia  
06/25/12 – Approved by Board of Finance  
06/26/12 – Committee approved 6-0-0
12. [F28.327](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **APPROVED ON**  
\$30,000.00 Police Support Services; Communication Utility; to **CONSENT**  
fund shortfall due to installation of fiber optic data **AGENDA** (Rep. Franzetti abstaining)  
line as part of upgrade of technology.  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia  
06/25/12 – Approved by Board of Finance  
06/26/12 – Committee approved 6-0-0
13. [F28.328](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **APPROVED ON**  
\$40,000.00 Police Support Services; Vehicle Maintenance; to **CONSENT**  
fund shortfall due to requirements of older fleet. **AGENDA** (Rep. Franzetti abstaining)  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia  
06/25/12 – Approved by Board of Finance  
06/26/12 – Committee approved 6-0-0
14. [F28.329](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **APPROVED ON**  
\$100,000.00 Transportation Center; Vehicle Maintenance; to fund **CONSENT**  
shortfall due to major repairs of front end loaders. **AGENDA**  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia  
06/25/12 – Approved by Board of Finance  
06/26/12 – Committee approved 6-0-0

15. [F28.330](#) \$200,000.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Law; Professional Consultants; to fund shortfall due to federal lawsuits, outside counsel needs, attorneys' fees for Smith House collections, etc..  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia  
06/25/12 – Approved by Board of Finance  
06/26/12 – Committee approved 6-0-0
- APPROVED ON  
CONSENT  
AGENDA (Rep.  
Gabriele  
abstaining)**
16. F28.315 REVIEW; tax liens and foreclosure policy.  
05/22/12 – Submitted by President Skigen  
06/26/12 – Report Made
- REPORT  
MADE**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1, 2, 6, 9 and 11-15, was made, seconded and approved by voice vote (Rep. Franzetti abstaining on Item Nos. 11, 12 and 13; Rep. Gabriele abstaining on Item No. 15).

### **Suspension of Rules**

A motion to suspend the rules was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

17. [F28.320](#) \$150,000.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Economic Development; Stamford Lights; represents matching funds for State rant for illumination-based mural project at Transportation Center.  
06/19/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia  
06/28/12 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-1-0  
06/26/12 – No action taken  
07/09/12 – Committee approved 8-2-0
- FAILED BY  
MACHINE  
VOTE 20-16-0**

A motion to approve Item No. F28.320 was made and seconded.

Rep. Coppola stated that the extra \$155,000 should be funded privately, not public money, and certainly not from capital funds. A lot of people came before the Board to beg for money for roads, schools and other projects. For the City to give \$150,000 to this project is something that he cannot in good conscience do to the people of Stamford. Rep. White stated he is also against this item. He feels that it does not aesthetically enhance the City, nor does he believe it will increase safety. He believes it is rather garish.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he has received eight telephone calls from constituents requesting he not support this. Some don't feel this serves any significant purpose. He does not believe drivers will pay attention to a lit up building; it may be a distraction for some drivers and could cause accidents on I-95. To spend \$150,000 on lights may not be money well spent. There are no sculptures, painting or art work – simply lighted bulbs. He thought the project also included sidewalk lighting, and this is not the case.

Rep. Heaphy stated that there were 5 cities selected for this grant, art in public places, and we were very fortunate to be selected. This is an opportunity to brand our city and make it distinctive and attractive. It may just be light bulbs, but so is Times Square. The project could last as long as 20 years. It is being done by a lighting artist – it is not simply putting up a billboard. This is a wonderful opportunity for the City. This might not have been as much of a problem if the administration knew from the start that it would require local funding.

Rep. Gabriele stated that during this economy, the money should not come from the taxpayers. The City should go to the businesses and ask them to donate.

The motion FAILED by a machine vote of 20-16-0 (Reps. Adams, Coleman, Day, DePina, Figueroa, Fountain, Franzetti, Giordano, Heaphy, Loglisci, Mallozzi, McGarry, Merritt, Mitchell, Rauh, Skigen, Sklover, Summerville, Wallace and Young in favor; Reps. Caterbone, Cerasoli, Coppola, DeLuca, Fedeli, Frazis, Gabriele, Kaufman, Layton, Raduazzo, Savage, Taylor, Uva, Velishka, White and Zelinsky opposed) (See [Vote Record No. 1308](#)).

A motion to take up the State & Commerce Committee Report was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE:** **Mitchell Kaufman, Chair**  
[Attendance](#) **Salvatore Gabriele, Vice Chair**  
[Votes](#) Meeting: Thursday, June 28, 2012  
[Report](#) 6:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room  
Video – [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)

Chair Kaufman reported that the State & Commerce Committee met on Thursday, June 28, 2012. Present were Chair Kaufman and Committee Member Reps. Frazis, Gabriele, Heaphy and Sklover. Excused were Reps. Lombardo and Summerville; Also present were Reps. Layton and Fountain and Jeff Clements.

1. [SC28.015](#) RESOLUTION; calling for the passage of a constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United.  
04/26/12 – Submitted by Rep. Sklover  
05/30/12 – Report Made & Held in Committee  
06/04/12 – Report Made & Held in Committee  
06/28/12 – Committee approved 4-0-1

**APPROVED BY  
MACHINE  
VOTE 26-5-5**

Chair Kaufman moved Item No. SC28.015; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Frazis moved to hold the item in Committee. The handling of this item was procedurally flawed. At the meeting, two presentations should have been given – one for and one against. Only a dialog against Citizens United was presented. The BOR should have listened to both sides thoroughly.

Rep. Day stated that while he is not necessarily against the resolution, he does not believe we had a balanced debate on this. He also questions whether the BOR should even take this up, and this should be discussed. It is important that both sides be heard, and he supports Mr. Frazis' motion.

Rep. Zelinsky stated he is in support of holding the matter, and feels it would be relevant to hear both sides of the issue. He is still not confident of the expertise of Mr. Clemens, who did attend the meeting and gave a presentation.

Rep. Uva is in support of the resolution being debated by this Board; she is also in support of the resolution, having read the entire decision. But, she supports the motion to hold because in her commitment of freedom of speech and political debate, she can see full benefit for Stamford's citizens to become better educated and learn more about this decision.

Rep. Coppola questioned whether there was a time factor related to this resolution. President Skigen did not feel that any action by Congress was imminent.

Rep. Sklover stated that he was approached by several constituents about this issue, and he brought it to several members of the Board, including Mr. Day, who supported putting this on the agenda. There is no issue he has seen where there is more information available in the public domain. Both sides are presented thoroughly on line. The co-chair of the Committee sent out a list of links that represented both sides. Delaying it to have another expert that opposes it is just one more point of view. He agrees that the speaker was in favor of it, but it is really the job of all representatives to look at the information available in the public domain.

Rep. Cerasoli stated that the information in the public domain is voluminous and he would appreciate having someone from the other side speak in order to filter through all of that information.

Rep. Gabriele stated that he does support the resolution, but was under the impression a constitutional attorney was going to come in and explain the Supreme Court's decision and the impact of this decision. He is in favor of holding the item.

Chair Kaufman stated it is also very difficult to find someone who does not want to overturn Citizens United, which was part of the problem. This is a non-binding resolution; other cities have also done the same, but it is up to our representatives in Congress to draft an amendment to the Constitution clarifying the rights of citizens and

who are citizens. The resolution was wonderfully written, and he believes it expresses the interests of our community quite well.

The motion FAILED by a vote of 16-20-0 (Reps. Caterbone, Cerasoli, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Franzetti, Frazis, Gabriele, Layton, Loglisci, Raduazzo, Savage, Taylor, Uva and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Coleman, DePina, Figueroa, Fountain, Giordano, Heaphy, Kaufman, Mallozzi, McGarry, Merritt, Mitchell, Rauh, Skigen, Sklover, Summerville, Velishka, Wallace, White and Young opposed) (See [Vote Record No. 1309](#)).

A motion to approve the resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 26-5-5 (Reps. Adams, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Figueroa, Fountain, Giordano, Heaphy, Kaufman, Mallozzi, McGarry, Merritt, Mitchell, Raduazzo, Rauh, Skigen, Sklover, Summerville, Taylor, Uva, Velishka, Wallace, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Caterbone, Coppola, Fedeli, Layton and Loglisci opposed; Reps. Cerasoli, Franzetti, Frazis, Gabriele and Savage abstaining) (See [Vote Record No. 1310](#)).

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| 2. SC28.016 | MEETING; with State Delegation for an update on the recently-completed General Assembly session.<br>06/04/12 – Submitted by Rep. Heaphy<br>06/28/12 – No action taken  | <b>NO ACTION<br/>TAKEN</b> |
| 3. SC28.017 | REVIEW; Stamford economic update (including status of ongoing major developments, unemployment rate numbers, corporations moving in and out of town).<br>06/04/12 – Submitted by Rep. Heaphy<br>06/28/12 – Report Made | <b>REPORT<br/>MADE</b>     |

## LEGISLATIVE & RULES

### COMMITTEE:

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**Eileen Heaphy, Chair**

**Arthur Layton, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Monday, June 18, 2012

7:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Heaphy reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on June 18, 2012. In attendance were Chair Heaphy and Committee Member Reps. Fountain, Merritt, Mitchell, Rauh and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Day, Layton and Uva. Also present were Reps. Summerville and Gabriele; Joseph Capalbo, Corporation Counsel; Cheryl Bader, Chair, Board of Ethics; and Joe Sargent.

1. [LR28.045](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **for public hearing & final adoption**; amending the Ethics Ordinance concerning ethics training. **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**  
04/30/12 – Submitted by Chair Heaphy  
05/21/12 – Committee approved 7-0-0  
06/04/12 – Approved for publication  
06/18/12 – Committee approved 6-0-0
  
2. [LR28.046](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **for publication**; amending the Ethics Ordinance concerning mediation. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**  
04/30/12 – Submitted by Chair Heaphy  
05/21/12 – Held in Committee 7-0-0  
06/04/12 – Held in Committee  
06/18/12 – Held in Committee 6-0-0
  
3. [LR28.042](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **for publication**; amending the attorney’s fee section of the Ethics Ordinance. **NO ACTION TAKEN**  
03/21/12 – Submitted by Chair Heaphy  
04/10/12, 05/07/12, 05/09/12 – Report Made  
05/21/12 – Held in Committee 7-0-0  
06/04/12 – Held in Committee  
06/18/12 – No action taken

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

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**      **Mary Fedeli, Chair**  
   **Polly Rauh, Vice Chair**

No meeting; No report.

**LAND USE/URBAN**

**REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

**Harry Day, Chair**

[Attendance](#)

Meeting: Wednesday, June 27, 2012

[Votes](#)

7:30 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

[Report](#)

Video – [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)

Chair Day reported that the Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Day, Committee Member Reps. Fountain, Kaufman and Lombardo. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. McGarry,

Raduazzo and Summerville. Also present were Rep. Coleman; Joseph Capalbo, Corporation Counsel; Laure Aubuchon, Director of Economic Development; Rachel Goldberg, Jackie Heftman, Joel Mellis, Taylor Molgano and Christopher Meek (by telephone), URC; Bill Hennessey and Lisa Feinberg, Sandak Hennessey & Greco LLP; Rick Redniss, Redniss & Mead; Patrick Lee, Frank Edwards and Marzuq Muhammad, Trinity Financial; Jack Conclin, Stamford Chamber of Commerce; Dave Breidenbach, A.P. Construction Company; Tom Cassone, Esq.; Greg Caggianello, SL Green Realty Corp.; Chris Kelly, FD Rich Co.; and Jon A. Smith.

1. LU28.033A RESOLUTION; **for public hearing & final adoption**; approving the Land Disposition Agreement (LDA) to reflect the reassignment of the LDA from Corcoran Jennison to Trinity Financial Inc. for the redevelopment of the Park Square West parcels; and RESOLUTION  
11/10/11 – Submitted by Laure Aubuchon  
06/27/12 – Approved by the URC  
01/25/12, 02/06/12 – Held in Committee  
02/29/12, 03/05/12 – Held in Committee  
03/12/12 – Placed on Pending Agenda  
05/31/12 – Report Made & Held in Committee  
06/04/12 – Report Made & Held in Committee  
07/12/12 – Approved by Board of Finance  
06/27/12 – Held in Committee  
**HELD IN COMMITTEE**
  
1. [LU28.033B](#) RESOLUTION; **for public hearing & final adoption**; of the revised SE Quadrant Plan.  
11/10/11 – Submitted by Laure Aubuchon  
06/27/12 – Approved by the URC  
01/25/12, 02/06/12 – Held in Committee  
02/29/12, 03/05/12 – Held in Committee  
03/12/12 – Placed on Pending Agenda  
05/31/12 – Report Made & Held in Committee  
06/04/12 – Report Made & Held in Committee  
07/12/12 – Approved by Board of Finance  
06/27/12 – Committee approved SE Quadrant Plan resolution 4-0-0  
**APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
  
2. LU28.039 REVIEW; policies regarding installation and presence of banners on utility/light poles in the City of Stamford.  
03/01/12 – Submitted by Ernie Orgera  
03/22/12, 04/03/12 – Report Made & Held in Committee  
05/01/12, 05/07/12 – Report Made & Held in Committee  
05/31/12 – Report Made & Held in Committee  
**HELD IN COMMITTEE**

06/04/12 – Report Made & Held in Committee  
06/27/12 – Held in Committee

*Secondary Committee: Operations*

3. [LU28.035](#) REVIEW; easement process over city-owned parks and city-owned land. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**  
11/09/11 – Submitted by Reps. White and Uva  
01/25/12, 02/06/12, 02/29/12, 03/05/12 – Report Made & Held in Committee  
03/22/12, 04/03/12 – Report Made & Held in Committee  
05/01/12, 05/07/12 – No Action Taken & Held in Committee  
05/31/12 – Report Made & Held in Committee  
06/04/12 – Report Made & Held in Committee  
06/27/12 – Held in Committee

*Secondary Committee: Parks & Recreation*

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

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** **Joseph Coppola, Jr., Co-Chair**  
**John R. Zelinsky, Co-Chair**  
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Meeting: Tuesday, June 26, 2012  
7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair Zelinsky reported that the Operations Committee met on June 26, 2012. Present were Co-Chair Zelinsky and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Frazis, Gabriele and Coleman. Excused were Committee Member Reps. Coppola, Raduazzo, White and Giraldo. Also present were Rep. DeLuca; J. Capalbo, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations; Joe Barbarotta, AFB; Lou Casolo, City Engineer and Paul Kleiber Sun Services, LLC.

1. O28.050 REVIEW; matter of allowing residents with combination license plates to use transfer station free of charge. **REPORT MADE**  
06/04/12 – Submitted by Rep. DeLuca  
06/26/12 – Report Made
2. [O28.051](#) APPROVAL; of a contract between the City and Sun Services, LLC for building maintenance for the Stamford Government Center. **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia  
06/25/12 – Approved by Board of Finance  
06/26/12 – Committee approved 5-0-0

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 2, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

### Suspension of Rules

3. [O28.052](#) APPROVAL; of a contract between the City of Stamford and Bargmann Hendrie & Archetype for additional services for the Boyle Stadium Restoration Project. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia  
06/25/12 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-1-0  
06/26/12 – Committee approved 5-0-0

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

### PUBLIC SAFETY &

#### HEALTH COMMITTEE:

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**Gloria G. DePina, Co-Chair**

**Ralph Loglisci, Co-Chair**

**Anabel Figueroa, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Thursday, June 28, 2012

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Co-Chair Loglisci reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on Thursday, June 28, 2012. In attendance were Co-Chair DePina, Co-Chair Loglisci, Vice Chair Figueroa, and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Caterbone, Coppola, Giraldo and Mallozzi. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. Pia. Also present were Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety; and Deputy Chief William Smith, Stamford Fire and Rescue.

1. [PS28.049](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **for public hearing & final adoption**; amending Section 146-50, Housing Standards, Blight, Remedial Action Authorized. **NO ACTION TAKEN**  
04/25/12 – Submitted by President Skigen  
05/31/12 – Committee approved 7-0-0  
06/04/12 – Approved for publication  
06/28/12 – Report Made
2. [PS28.045](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **for republication**; **APPROVED BY**

regarding smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.  
02/09/12 – Submitted by Mayor Michael A. Pavia  
03/01/12 – Committee approved 4-1-0  
03/05/12 – Approved by machine vote 33-3-0  
03/27/12 – Public Hearing Held & Held in Committee  
5-0-0  
04/03/12 – Held in Committee  
05/03/12, 05/07/12 – Held in Committee 5-0-0  
05/31/12 – Held in Committee  
06/04/12 – Held in Committee  
06/28/12 – Committee approved 6-1-0

**MACHINE  
VOTE 34-0-1**

Mr. Loglisci moved to approve Item No. 2; said motion was seconded.

The motion was approved by a machine vote of 34-0-1 (Reps. Caterbone, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Franzetti, Frazis, Gabriele, Giordano, Heaphy, Layton, Loglisci, Mallozzi, McGarry, Merritt, Mitchell, Raduazzo, Rauh, Savage, Skigen, Sklover, Summerville, Taylor, Uva, Velishka, Wallace, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Adams abstaining) (See [Vote Record No. 1311](#)).

## **PARKS & RECREATION**

### **COMMITTEE:**

**Pat White, Chair**

[Attendance](#)

Meeting: Tuesday, June 19, 2012

[Report](#)

6:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

[Video](#)

Chair White reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on June 19, 2012. Present were: Chair White and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Heaphy, McGarry, Merritt, Pia and Taylor. Excused were Committee Member Reps. DePina and Franzetti. Also present were Reps. McNeil and Clerk Summerville; Bob King and Ernie Orgera.

1. PR28.028 REVIEW; including Rosa Hartman Park in the category of parks requiring a parking permit sticker.  
05/09/12 – Resubmitted by Rep. Velishka  
05/29/12 – Report Made & Held in Committee  
06/04/12 – Report Made & Held in Committee  
06/19/12 – Report Made

**REPORT  
MADE**

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

**Andy Sklover, Chair**

**Mary Savage & Frank Cerasoli, Co-Vice Chairs**

Meeting cancelled

1. E28.027 REVIEW: formation of a Student Advisory Council consisting of students from all SPS middle and high schools. **NO ACTION TAKEN**  
06/06/12 – Submitted by Andy Sklover

#### **HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/**

#### **SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

**Elaine Mitchell, Chair**

**Philip Giordano, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Tuesday, June 26, 2012

6:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

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Chair Mitchell reported that the HCD-SS Committee met on June 26, 2012. Present were Chair Mitchell, Vice Chair Giordano and Committee Members Reps. Cerasoli, McNeil, Young, and Wallace. Also present: were Reps. Coleman and Merritt; and Tim Beeble, Director of Community Development.

1. [HCD28.041](#) APPROVAL; of a budget modification to decrease the CDBG administration budget/salaries and increase Stamford Community Development housing staff budget in the amount of \$81,971. **NO ACTION REQUIRED**  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Tim Beeble  
06/26/12 – Committee approved 6-0-0
2. [HCD28.042](#) APPROVAL; of a budget modification to decrease the CDBG-R budget lines for salaries, consultants and conferences and increase the CDBG-R budget for insurance/taxes in the amount of \$4,457.12. **NO ACTION REQUIRED**  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Tim Beeble  
06/26/12 – Committee approved 6-0-0
3. [HCD28.043](#) APPROVAL; of a modification to the HOME down payment loan terms to meet the new HUD requirements. **ITEM WITHDRAWN**  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Tim Beeble  
06/26/12 – Item withdrawn

#### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:**

**Robert “Gabe” DeLuca, Chair**

**Terry Adams, Vice Chair**

Meeting: Thursday, July 5, 2012

7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

[Attendance](#)

[Report](#)

Chair DeLuca reported that the Transportation Committee met on July 5, 2012. Present were Chair DeLuca, Vice Chair Adams and Committee Member Rep. Coleman; excused were Committee Member Reps. Giordano, Lombardo, Raduazzo and Young. Also present were Mike Skoumbros, Thomas Turk and Frank Fedeli.

1. T28.026      REVIEW; status report on scofflaw list.      **REPORT  
MADE**  
05/24/12 – Submitted by Chair DeLuca  
07/05/12 – Report Made
  
2. [T28.027](#)      APPROVAL; of a contract with Team Light Wrangler      **NO ACTION  
TAKEN**  
for Transportation Center Lighting Project; amount of  
contract \$250,000.  
06/05/12 – Submitted by Laure Aubuchon  
06/25/12 – **Not taken up** by Board of Finance  
07/05/12 – No action taken

*Secondary Committee: Fiscal*

*(Note: The State & Commerce Committee Report was taken out of order, after the Fiscal Committee Report.)*

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **NORTH STAMFORD WATER SUPPLY:**

**Mitchell Kaufman, Chair**

No meeting; No report.

### **CHARTER COMMITTEE:**

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**John Mallozzi, Co-Chair**  
**Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair**  
Meeting: Thursday, July 5, 2012  
6:00 p.m.. – Democratic Caucus Room

Co-Chair Mallozzi reported that the Charter Committee met on Thursday, July 5, 2012. Present were Co-Chairs Mallozzi and Fedeli and Committee Member Reps. Day, DePina, Savage, Sklover, Summerville and Taylor; Rep. Layton was excused. Also present were Reps. Coppola and Heaphy and Jay Sandak, Esq., Co-Chair of the 17th Charter Commission.

1. [C28.011](#)      REVIEW; Draft Report of the 17<sup>th</sup> Charter Revision      **NO ACTION  
TAKEN**  
Commission.  
05/07/12 – Submitted by President Skigen

05/30/12 – Report Made & Held in Committee

06//5/12, 06/13/12, 06/19/12 – Report Made

2. [C28.012](#) RESOLUTION; concerning Recommendations for Changes to the Draft Report of the 17th Charter Revision Commission. **NO ACTION TAKEN**  
05/07/12 – Submitted by President Skigen  
05/30/12 – No action taken  
06//5/12, 06/13/12 – No action taken  
06/19/12 – Committee approved 7-0-0  
06/25/12 – Approved by full Board
3. [C28.013](#) & [Vote Sheet](#) RESOLUTION; approving the final report of the 17<sup>th</sup> Charter Review Commission. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**  
05/07/12 – Submitted by President Skigen  
05/30/12 – No action taken  
07/05/12 – Committee approved 8-0-0

Mr. Mallozzi stated that prior to moving the Committee's action, he noted that: of the items returned back to the Committee from the Commission, some items were withdrawn or re-affirmed. The Committee accepted three items that were sent back for clarification: 1) exclusion of constables from the dual-office holding change; 2) the deletion of the word "status" in the Fire section; and 3) the Committee decided not to take up any bonding items and leave those for a future Charter Commission. The Committee was divided on these items, and the group of items really needed to be approved or rejected as a whole. Mr. Mallozzi moved the resolution/report for approval; said motion was seconded.

President Skigen stated that everyone received a copy of the Charter Commission Report of Thursday, July 5, 2012, a resolution from the Board accepting the Report (subject to any rejected provisions) with an accompanying chart.

President Skigen stated that he will go through the entire report, and take motions from representatives. He will start on Page 1 and read off the Vote Number. He will call all vote numbers, and if anyone wants to change what the Committee has recommended, they should make a motion. Once he has passed a page, he will not return.

President Skigen read: Vote 96, 13, 1, 19, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40a, 40b, 42. Items 40c, 40d, 40e and 41 should read Excluded on the spreadsheet. Mr. Mallozzi confirmed that this is in fact the case. President Skigen read: 42 Failed, 9, 10, 14, 44, 45, 46 Failed, 130 Failed, 79, 99a, 138, 49, 50, 51, 142, 52, 54, 67, 68, 121, 108, 56 Failed, 83 Failed, 86 Failed, 88, 65, 66, 85, 61, and 92.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that if this is approved, members of the Board who are also justices of the peace cannot serve in one of these capacities. It may be unconstitutional

to deprive voters from voting for someone they want to due to serving in another elected position. The public has in the past elected people to more than one elected position. He moved to reject the Committee's recommendation on Vote No. 70 (limiting service to one elected municipal position); said motion was seconded.

Co-Chair Fedeli stated that the Charter language does not reference justices of the peace in that section, and these are the only positions that would be affected, excluding constables. This section will be worded to make it clear that only these positions (excluding constables) are affected. Mr. Day stated that there is no constitutional issue whatsoever on reasonable restrictions on being elected to public office. If it is based on sound reasoning, it is constitutional. People may disagree, but it is not arbitrary or capricious.

Rep. Gabriele stated he agrees with Rep. Zelinsky. The City and Town Committees nominate the candidates to run for office, and the voters should decide.

Rep. Mallozzi stated that this will let the people decide. The BOR is not making a determination, it is leaving it up to the voters.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that the public knows that the BOR is putting these items on the ballot; most people vote positive and will feel that the BOR wants this and will support it.

The motion FAILED by a machine vote of 4-28-3 (Reps. Frazis, Gabriele, White and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Caterbone, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Franzetti, Heaphy, Layton, Loglisci, Mallozzi, McGarry, Merritt, Mitchell, Raduazzo, Savage, Skigen, Sklover, Taylor, Uva, Velishka, Wallace and Young opposed; Reps. Giordano, Rauh and Summerville abstaining) (See [Vote Record No. 1312](#)).

President Skigen continued: Item 71, 74, 77, 95, 137, 100, 133, 134, 136, 139, 33, 34, 140, 141a Failed.

Rep. Taylor moved to reject Vote No. 115 (Fire Service) was made and seconded. She stated that whether a plan or a framework, she feels it is too complex to be reduced to a ballot item. To ask the people of this community to vote on something of such great importance without the detail and at what cost. She continues to advocate for a workable solution, but she believes it starts with the stakeholders sitting down at the table to try and work out something that works for everybody and keeps the constituents involved. She urges her fellow representatives to exclude this.

Rep. Coppola stated that today we received a letter from the attorney for the 3 volunteer companies – Belltown, TOR and Long Ridge. He requested that the letter become part of the record as it presents the argument against the votes regarding the fire service. President Skigen stated that he sent the letter to the Board Office late this morning, it will be included on the website and will become part of the record. President Skigen stated that it was not the Board's tradition to read correspondence into the record;

however, he stated he would not stop Mr. Coppola from reading it.

Mr. Coppola added that the Charter Revision Commission and the Committee could recommend certain things listed in the Report that merges the departments. We can legislate all we want, but we are not going to get everybody to agree if they don't want to agree. There is no question in his mind that the plan that was put forward by the Mayor was unworkable. He has never said that publicly before, but he never believed it was a workable plan. He did think it had some merit and could become a basis for a good solid relationship between SFR and the volunteers. He asked four times for a public hearing, and it was refused on the grounds that we did not have the financials of the Mayor's plan, which he disagrees with in that he believes we did have the financials. However, the public never had a right to speak about the issue. Firefighters and volunteers did speak, but the public was short changed in this regard. He urged his colleagues to oppose this. It goes too far, and he just doesn't think it is a workable solution. It will probably kill the volunteer system at some point down the road.

Rep. Coppola stated that the International Fire Fighters union (IAFF), has in its constitutional by-laws, a section that considers the volunteers a rival organization. IAFF membership is forbidden to interact or support the volunteers. He does not know how something like this can work. He has worked for many years with the SFR Department, and it has been fine, but there has always been a little bit of animosity. It just stands to reason that this can't work.

Rep. Layton stated that while he has voted for this in the past, during caucus he changed his mind: 1) there is an issue of severability here because all of the votes would have to be in one question; 2) he agrees with Ms. Taylor as too complex of an issue to be in charter revision. Charter revision will create the structure, and he believes that this is something that he would hope the Mayor's Office would take the lead on and come up with a solution, rather than us trying to put something on the ballot. It is very complex to explain and understand to the voters. He said it would be better to back out now rather than take a big jump now.

Rep. Day stated that he lives in a volunteer district and he treasures the volunteers. We are not passing anything. We are deciding what to let the voters pass. It is not a plan; it is nothing more than a basic framework that is more aligned with where we all probably think we are going toward in the future taking into account the extremely important role of the volunteer companies. He believes the volunteers have now a bulwark that they don't currently have. The Charter will recognize that the volunteers remain an important component of the SFR, and recruiting and strengthening the volunteer force will be a priority. This is not in the Charter now. This is a painstaking effort on the part of the Commission to build something simple and straightforward as nothing more than a framework to pave the way for a comprehensive plan. We have not changed the requirement of the 2/3 vote of the BOR to change districts; we retained the word "status;" there is the explicit recognition of the role of the volunteers which is not in the charter now; and does anyone object to creating a single office of fire marshal? He does have some concerns as a resident of a volunteer district, but he thinks this is a

thorough effort by the Commission (who spent a lot of hours on it), and given the fact it is not a plan and we are not deciding anything ... we are paving the way for the voters. The Mayor submitted a plan two years ago, and this Board, for a variety of reasons, found itself unable to get anywhere with the Mayor's plan. He is not placing blame, but it is apparent to the public that we didn't get anything done in two years. Are we really willing to take the additional step now, after the Commission put forth this effort, that we are not going to let the voters have a chance at it either? This is a risky proposition for the Board's esteem.

Rep. Cerasoli stated that asking voters to vote on this is asking them to take a leap in the dark. Section 115 is only five sentences, not near final form, and no one will really now what it will look like operationally, financially or from a legal standpoint. He thinks that we are committing ourselves to one solution, and in the process we will be hamstringing our flexibility as a Board to deal with this issue.

Rep. Heaphy stated: 1) she understands that the IAFF has withdrawn the rival designation; 2) the purpose was to create a single department with a single chief. The rest was an attempt to protect the rights and the powers of the volunteers within that plan. The problem for the BOR in dealing with the Mayor's Plan is that the Charter, as it exists, does not allow for a combination of volunteers and career firefighters into one department. If this question is not decided now, it will just be kicked down the road another 10 years. The issue is: are we going to combine the strengths and talents of the volunteers with the career department.

Rep. Sklover stated he agrees with Rep. Day. This is our last opportunity to put together a structure under which we can move forward. The Commission has done an exceptional job. All parties were able to present their case at each meeting. It was open and transparent, and it needs to be moved forward.

Rep. Coppola stated that to clarify the record, he believes that local 786 sent a letter to the IAFF requesting that Belltown, TOR and perhaps Long Ridge, be considered a "hostile" organization. He does not believe it was removed from the IAFF by-laws; what was removed was whatever pertained to Stamford. He stated again that we can legislate, but we cannot force people to do what you want them to do. He believes this will destroy the volunteer system. Also, one of our congresswomen said, "you gotta vote for it and pass it to find out what is in it."

The motion FAILED by a machine vote of 10-23-0 (Reps. Caterbone, Cerasoli, Coppola, Franzetti, Frazis, Layton, Loglisci, Raduazzo, Taylor and Uva in favor; Reps. Adams, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Giordano, Heaphy, Mallozzi, Merritt, Mitchell, Rauh, Savage, Skigen, Sklover, Summerville, Velishka, Wallace, White, Young and Zelinsky opposed; Reps. Gabriele, Kaufman and McGarry abstaining) (See [Vote Record No. 1313](#)).

President Skigen continued: Vote No. 116, 116a, 116b Failed, 128, 129, 109, 110 Failed, 110b, 110c, 109a. President Skigen then referred to Pages 13-21, which were

items not recommended for submission to the BOR, and the Committee took no action on these items.

Mr. Mallozzi moved the resolution; said motion was seconded and was approved by unanimous voice vote.

## **MINUTES**

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| 1. | <a href="#">May 7, 2012 Regular Board Meeting</a><br>06/04/12 – Held | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
| 2. | <a href="#">June 4, 2012 Regular Board Meeting</a>                   | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
| 3. | <a href="#">June 25, 2012 Special Board Meeting</a>                  | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

*This meeting is on [video](#).*