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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Health and Safety Committee

Leon Staples, Chairman, reported on the requirements for candidates for the position of firemen. He informed the Board that there were over 300 candidates seeking a maximum of 19 positions, and the outline for determining mental and physical requirements as recommended by the Personnel Director were, on the whole, as good as needed to start in organizing civil service under the Charter. It was their thought that, since the rules required a high school education, it would be well to include graduates from the Wright Technical School as equivalents.

Height and weight charts were compared with standard scales of the United States Selective Service, Fairbanks, and the New York News. All four were about the same.

The committee recommended that:

1. "Chronic catarrh and very offensive breath" be eliminated, in No. 5(b).
2. "retained testicle or atrophy" be eliminated, in No. 5(d).
3. 20/20 eyesight in 5(h) be changed to 20/30.
4. Blood pressure figures and pulse pressure range in 5(k) be checked for they would probably need correcting.
5. Wasserman test in 5(n) be deleted since it was mentioned in 5(d).

Leon Staples **MOVED** that the requirements as submitted and modified by the Committee be approved, seconded by Ralph Nau, 19th District, and **CARRIED**.

Daniel Miller, 16th District, **MOVED** the meeting be adjourned to Thursday, May 25, 1950, seconded by Ralph Nau, 19th District, and **CARRIED**.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 p.m.

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An adjourned meeting of the Board of Representatives was held at the Burdick Junior High School on Thursday, May 25, 1950. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Samuel Pierson at 8:15 p.m. Roll Call was taken with 33 present and 7 absent.

Members who were absent:

- John Gacher, 2nd District
- Clifford Waterbury, 4th District
- Robert Shepherd, 6th District
- Edward Ballo, 12th District
- Eugene Kaminski, 13th District
- George Lockwood, 14th District
- Vito Longo, 14th District

The president read the following resolution of the Board of Finance which was revised by that Board:

"**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE** that the itemized estimate of expenditures of the Municipality of Stamford for the ensuing year, July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951 amounting to \$7,515,143.16 is hereby approved by the Board of Finance, and be it further resolved that said budgets proposed by the mayor and board of education, and as approved by the Board of Finance, be forthwith transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Representatives as provided in Section 613 of the Charter, for its action thereon.

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E. Gaynor Brennan, Chairman
 BOARD OF FINANCE OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT
 Nicholas J. Gorman, Member
 Walter F. Randall, Member
 Dr. James J. Costanzo, Member
 Ralph A. Shulman, Member
 Charles T. McKean, Member"

The President then read the letter from the Chairman of the Board of Finance outlining various changes in the operating budget as submitted, and requesting they be included before final approval and certification.

The following changes were submitted:

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Code	Item	From	TO
20GG	General Government	\$ 831,386.11	\$ 836,086.11
20ED	Education - Schools	2,960,430.00	2,956,130.00
20PW	Public Works	1,155,659.20	1,156,559.20
	Grand Total	\$7,429,940.61	\$7,431,240.61

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550	Zoning Board & Zoning Bd. of Appeals	2,900.00	3,300.00
710-719	Pensions	101,856.97	106,156.97
20GG	Total	831,386.11	836,086.11

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	Zoning Bd. & Zoning Bd. of Appeals		
550.1	Salaries	2,100.00	2,400.00
550.5	Telephone	0	100.00
	Total	2,900.00	3,300.00

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	Pensions		
	*Custodians' Retirement Fund		4,300.00
	Total	101,856.97	106,156.97

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510	Board of Education	2,950,000.00	2,945,700.00
20ED	Total Education	2,960,430.00	2,956,130.00

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413	Bureau of Parks	72,706.86	73,606.86
20PW	Total Public Works	1,155,659.20	1,156,559.20

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	Bureau of Parks		
413.2	Rental of Bedford St. Park	0	900.00
	Total	72,706.86	73,606.86

*Inasmuch as this item is not a responsibility of the Board of Education, it should be deleted from the breakdown of that Budget and inserted under "Pensions".

Babette Ransohoff, 15th District, asked if the total amount originally appropriated the Board of Education wasn't being reduced by \$4,300 (Custodians' fund). She said that when the Board of Education budget was acted on by this Board it was the intention that the \$4,300 was a separate item and not part of that budget. Now the Board of Finance has deducted it from the Board of Education budget.

The president said that his interpretation of it was that the \$2,950,000.00 originally appropriated the Board of Education included the \$4,300 item

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James Mulreed, 4th District, noted that a member of the Finance Board was in the audience, and perhaps he could give the explanation.

Mr. Gorman of the Board of Finance said he was attending the meeting as a private citizen, but the interpretation as given by Mr. Pierson was the basis by which the School budget was decreased.

David Waterbury, 8th District, MOVED the corrected figures of the Board of Finance be approved by the Board of Representatives, seconded by Ralph Nau, 19th District.

James Mulreed, 4th District, raised the question as to whether or not the additional appropriations contained in the correction of the Board of Finance were properly before us. He said he believed we approved the Mayor's budget.

Mr. Pierson said we must approve of the mayor's budget, but we have not completed our approval. The entire budgets--operating, capital projects, and board of education-- are certified at one time.

John Cameron, 20th District, pointed out that when we completed the operating budget a motion was suggested that a resolution be approved, and the president ruled that such a motion was not in order. He said he thought it was entirely in order to act up until the time a resolution is passed on the entire budget.

The president ruled that the items as submitted by the Board of Finance can be considered.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, offered an AMENDMENT that the specific items as submitted be approved, but the totals be certified by the President and Clerk after checking the addition. He pointed out that if we approved the totals, and there was a mistake in the addition, it would be an incorrect budget. He said he thought we had the right to approve each item and leave the certification of the totals, as to addition, to the President and Clerk, seconded by Edward Hogan, 10th District.

The AMENDMENT was voted and PASSED.

The MOTION as AMENDED was voted and PASSED.

When asked for the recommendations of the Fiscal Committee, Louise Seeley, Chairman, said the report of her Committee on the capital projects was covered in the report submitted at the first budget meeting of the Board. The changes made by the Board of Finance after the public hearing showed a slight revision upward and the deletion of one of the two items the Fiscal Committee recommended taking out--the purchase of property for the municipal center. The only other recommendation of the Fiscal Committee at that time was the deletion of a filing cabinet from the Police Department--amounting to \$75.00. The Fiscal Committee now recommends no change in the Capital Budget as passed on to us by the Board of Finance. She said she couldn't say that for the entire committee since she did not have a chance to speak to each of them.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, asked if we had a right at this time to star a particular item for bond issue rather than have it raised by taxation. He questioned such items as alternators, etc.

Louise Seeley, Fiscal Committee, said that was in the discretion of the Board of Finance and the Mayor. She said she questioned some of the items that were under bond issue, and commented that she would like to see us in the new government pay by bond issue only those items that are permanent improvements.

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Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the approval of the budget as recommended by the Board of Finance, seconded by Ralph Nau, 19th District.

Helen Bromley, 20th District, said that, by this time, everyone is aware that the Hubbard Heights Club House was turned over to the Board of Recreation. An appropriation of \$10,000 was asked for its repair--the furnace is not adequate and the doors are not approved by the State Fire Dept. Therefore, the Recreation Department cannot use the building at all. In looking over the Hubbard Heights Municipal Golf Course budget, she said, it is the only one that, as far as she could see, got nearly everything they asked for. She pointed out that it was self-supporting and that fences were necessary, but, she questioned, what is to be done with the old club house that is now in the hands of the Recreation Department and cannot be used. Vandalism has occurred, and it seems a shame in that if we weren't going to get any money for it, that at least the women's locker room could be used for the golfers. She said it seemed a poor policy to allow that building to go unused until the next capital budget. She noted that this and other recreation projects were on bond issue. She said she was not criticizing anybody for economizing, but thought perhaps it might be short-sighted of us. The \$5,000 granted for the Cummings Park pavilion, she noted, is for nothing but exploration. Is this going to be considered final until we consider the next budget, or can we add things that are going out on bond issue through the coming year, she asked.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, noted that we made bond issues during the past year.

James Mulreed, 4th District, said he was opposed to the motion to approve the budget because he did not believe the delegates here had time to give it every consideration. He would hate to have it said that this Board has been nothing but a "rubber stamp", and he didn't think that anyone could conscientiously say that they have given thorough consideration to each item. He said he sincerely hoped the motion was defeated and we go through the capital budget item by item and carefully consider each item.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, said he agreed with Mrs. Bromley. He noted that we have a competent Board of Recreation, but when they ask for something they get meager funds. For example, he said, Camp Heroy was dropped. He said he thought the Board of Recreation was slighted to a certain extent.

Hilda Clarke, 17th District, said she also agreed with Mrs. Bromley and protested the elimination of the preliminary plans for the addition to Springdale School.

James Harrington, 9th District, said he was in accord with what Mr. Mulreed said. He said he was also against the \$10,000 for repairs and alterations to the Town Hall recommended by the Citizens Committee. They first asked for \$20,000, then \$15,000, now they are satisfied with \$10,000.

Babette Ransohoff, 15th District, also was in accord with Mr. Mulreed's statements. She said that our discussions on individual items would be helpful in considering the budgets in following years.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, said that when he made the motion it was not his intention to preclude debate. There are a great many items, he said, which show lack of vision and foresight. He said he made the motion to emphasize that the Board of Representatives is a "rubber stamp". Under the terms of the Charter, he went on, we have no right to override or comment--we are left only with the privilege of cutting down even further some of the cutting that has already been done. It is undemocratic. In previous years the budget was adopted by the City Board of Appropriation--consisting of a Board of Finance and Common Council, and

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at least both bodies had debate. In the present Charter, he went on, we have no such power at all. We have only the power to approve or cut down even further in places where we already disagree with the Board of Finance. There is a legislature coming into session in January. "I want to place on the record that the Board of Representatives ought to have a substantially larger voice in these matters than they have today." He said he was prepared to withdraw the motion and take up the items one by one.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, said they had a similar system in the former town. The town meeting had the same power as the Board of Representatives. That part of the Charter was based on that philosophy. The system we have here, she said, is one which has persisted from the beginning in which the larger body has the power to reduce or prevent, but not to introduce any further expenditures over the smaller fiscal body.

John Cameron, 20th District, said that he agreed with Mrs. Seeley that the Charter has been drawn up on the basis that we are still a town. He said he gets the attitude, and the Board of Finance is justified, that they are protecting the people. In setting up a city government, he said, we don't have to fear that. We have a representative body which is presumably responsible. He said he agreed with Mr. Wofsey that some change should be made that this body has some effect or the Board of Finance should adopt the policy that their function is to decide what the financial obligations of the city can be and let the people decide what they want.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, said we are now a representative body, and we did not have that system under the town government. We are 40 people representing every line of thought, and we should place before ourselves the considerations and recommendations for an ultimate decision--this Board should have a greater power than it now has. He said he could not believe that six people should have a greater voice and a more final voice than the representatives. He said he had in mind that we might introduce a revision that would allow the Board to go back to the original request in the budget by a vote of 75 per cent of the Board. Also he said, in his judgement, it is only the function of the Board of Finance to decide how much the city can afford. It is not its function to decide what the city ought to have. That is our function, he said. It is up to us to decide whether or not we need a larger recreational program. If the Board of Finance says we can't afford it, that's one thing. The attitude, he said, seems to be that these things are not necessary. The Board of Finance's only problem is how much can the city afford to pay. The basic policies are layed down by the Planning Board, Mayor, and Board of Representatives--not by the Board of Finance except as to how much the city can afford to pay.

Helen Bromley, 20th District, recalled Sherman Hoyt's statement at the public hearing that the Planning Board's approval of bond issue items was within the figure given them by the Board of Finance, and those bond issues could have been carried without an increase in our present tax rate. She said she wished that would have guided the Board of Finance on the capital budget.

Catherine Cleary, 8th District, said she thought the Planning Board and the Board of Finance between them know what we can spend. The representatives might have their own "pet babies" and she didn't think they took every item and went over it as the Board of Finance and other Boards did.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, MOVED we go over the Capital Budget item by item, seconded by Michael Laureno, 3rd District, and CARRIED.

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Police Department - Radios for three new cars - \$1,575.00

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the appropriation, seconded by Edward Hogan, 19th District, and CARRIED.

James Mulreed, 4th District, noted that the alternators for the radios were not allowed and that they were needed to provide power for the radios.

Michael Laurenno, 3rd District, speaking to the suggestion that the item be eliminated completely, said he thought it better to approve it and hope a request would come through for an additional appropriation or transfer to cover.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, noted that that is an example of the sort of thing he had in mind when he suggested the Board of Representatives be given the power to restore items.

The MOTION was CARRIED.

10 complete new traffic lights - \$1,400.00 - Edward Wojciechowski, 2nd District, said he disapproved of the item and thought it should be taken out completely, since \$1400 would be of little use.

Louise Seeley pointed out that the Board of Finance approved only 2 of the regular lights at \$700 in this item, and approved no trippers.

George Connors, 10th District, said the two regular lights were to be placed at Pulaski Street and Courtland Avenue.

Board of Recreation -

Mr. Hunt of the Board of Recreation explained the four items on page 8 (construction of baseball, softball diamonds and tennis courts). He said the amounts requested were results of estimates by Public Works. Since the amounts were cut, Mr. Hunt said they would do the best they could. He said that while they would probably be able to make the diamonds and tennis courts, they wouldn't be of the high type originally intended.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the following items be approved:

Construct baseball diamond in Target Field, \$3000.00 (bond issue)
 Construct 4 softball diamonds in Cummings Park \$2000.00 (bond issue)
 Complete work on tennis courts in Woodside Park \$2500.00 (bond issue)
 Construct tennis courts in Belltown Park \$3000.00 (bond issue)

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, seconded, and CARRIED.

Louise Seeley, Fiscal Committee, said by her notes of the Planning Board meeting of April 26th, she showed that the mayor recommended these amounts be reduced since he thought the Public Works Department could cover the commitments with lower appropriations.

Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, MOVED approval of following items:

Greenwich Ave. Pumping Station (rebuilding) - \$35,000.00 (bond issue)
 Sanitary Sewers; State Street Trunk Line - \$550,261.00 (bond issue)
 East Side Sewer - \$1,425,959.00 (bond issue)
 Legal fees for sewers - \$25,000.00 (bond issue)

In explaining the East Side Sewer, Louise Seeley said it was her understanding this took in only Sections 1 and 2 - which extends up to the foot of Hamilton Avenue. The sewer would take care of the district from Main Street, north to Hamilton Avenue, and it might even go as far as the railroad track.

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Mr. Sutherland's motion was seconded by Ralph Nau, 19th District and CARRIED.

Patrick Hogan, 10th District, MOVED a vote of thanks to all Boards and persons concerned with the item of East Side Sewers, seconded by Stephen Kelly, 12th District, and CARRIED.

(bond issue)
Vidal Park, \$50,880.00/- Helen Bromley, 20th District, MOVED approval, seconded by Leonard DeVita, 5th District.

Michael Laureno, 3rd District, replied to the question as to why this item was reduced from \$70,880.00 to \$50,880.00 by the Board of Finance. He said he was in contact with two members of that Board who said while they were aware the lower amount might not be enough it would at least be a start. The reduction was made with the thought in mind that materials are now priced quite high. The Board of Finance were unanimous in acknowledging the need of the park and the appropriation would be a good start. He went on to say that he wanted to relay the thanks of the people of West Stamford to the Board of Finance and this Board for their action in getting the Park.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, said he concurred with Mr. Laureno and wanted to thank all involved.

The appropriation was CARRIED.

Repairs to Pavilion, \$5000 (bond issue) - Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED approval, seconded by Stephen Kelly, 12th District.

The question came up as to how the \$5000 would be used. Helen Bromley, 20th District, said she was told that the money would be used for complete plans for the overall reconditioning of the entire bathing area.

The motion was CARRIED.

Black Swamp - Purchase and preliminary improvements, \$1000 - Hilda Clarke MOVED the approval of the appropriation, seconded by Hunt Sutherland, 17th District.

Edward Hogan, 19th District, said his understanding was that the \$1000 was to cover only preliminary plans and drainage.

Hilda Clarke, 17th District, said the problem was that Mr. Hickey claims water is draining on his property from city property. She was of the opinion the money was for investigation by an engineer.

James Mulreed, 4th District, noted that we had just approved an appropriation of \$5000 where \$65,000 was requested. The appropriations were reduced by the mayor and Planning Board in these instances. Since they have approved this reduction, it would be wise to follow the same procedure, he said.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the motion be amended to read that the item be changed to "plans and preliminary improvements" instead of "purchase". The amendment was accepted, and motion as amended was CARRIED.

100 gallon Hardie sprayer, for tree warden, \$600 - Edward Hogan, 19th District, MOVED the approval, seconded by Ralph Nau, 19th District, and CARRIED.

James Mulreed, 4th District, questioned that a specific trade name sprayer was used.

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Helen Bromley, 20th District, said she believes in this particular case the Hardie was the only type sprayer used for a certain oil spray mixture, which was the reason it was specified.

John Canavan, 11th District, said there are other companies that build sprays and he thought could be used as well as the Hardy sprayer if they were given a chance to bid.

William Adriance, 18th District, reminded the Board that certain type trucks were mentioned in the operating budget, and the Commissioner of Finance said if the department wanted certain automobiles or trucks, he thought they should have them.

The motion was CARRIED.

Repairs and alterations to Town Hall as recommended by Citizens' Committee, \$10,000 - James Harrington, 9th District, MOVED it be DENIED, seconded by Edward Wojciechowski, 2nd District.

Sewell Corkran, 18th District, said he was actually in favor of the item, but since \$10,000 would not do the job, he opposed it.

Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, noted that this item for \$10,000 was for repair to the town hall. There is an item in the operating budget for \$5000 for maintenance to town hall, and also an item of \$4000 in the capital budget for town hall maintenance, making a total of over \$19,000. The original item was \$17,000. Therefore, he said, there was enough appropriated as originally planned.

Catherine Cleary, 8th District, opposed the appropriation. She said the \$19,000 appropriated throughout the budget wouldn't accomplish anything, and she would rather see the money transferred to Recreation. She said she was aware of the condition of the police department now, and also that the new civic center, which Stamford needed, was being postponed. She said, spending that money for the present town hall would be "throwing it down the drain".

Mr. Pierson explained the situation regarding town hall maintenance appropriations. He said that the \$5000 in the operating budget was for making repairs other than alterations, such as plumbing, etc. The \$4000 and this \$10,000 item comprise the total of the appropriation that is to be spent in renovating--\$4000 for the police offices and \$10,000 for the balance of the building. The Board of Finance broke the \$14,000 total down in that manner.

Babette Ransohoff, 15th District, spoke against the motion. She said that previously members said they were against renovation because they felt the money should go to a civic center. It was pointed out that with the renovation \$4000 a year would be saved in rentals. This year there was nothing appropriated for a civic center and it would probably be three or four years before there is. She said she thought it would be wise to spend the money now because it will be repaid to us in the amount of money we save in rent.

James Mulreed, 4th District, spoke against the motion. He said he thought it was unwise to deny the appropriation. He said the renovation would expedite city affairs. It would make it easier for anyone who uses the offices in the town hall, and he considered the appropriation an adequate amount.

Leon Staples, 7th District, said the efficiency of the present government depends upon better organization in the town hall with the many new administrative offices which have been added. The files would all be in the same place, and the many offices that work together would be centrally located. It would only be temporary, he agreed, because of the new civic center, but it would be three or four years before we would have one.

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Michael Lauren, 3rd District, pointed out that even before actual work was started in building the new civic center, it would take an architect fully 18 months or two years to complete his final drawings for submission, and another 18 months to two years to build. It would probably be 1955 or 1956 before we get the building. In the mean time, we will save some money on rentals. There will also be space provided for storage which is now scattered and will never be moved to the civic center. For that reason alone, he said, we could look at the appropriation as one to create the future record hall of Stamford.

Helen Peatt, 16th District, said at first she thought the appropriation would hold up the civic center, but after going through it, she didn't think it was as much of a "fire trap" as was her original thought, and the fact that the police and detectives would be in the same building, would mean a great deal.

Sewell Corkran, 18th District, withdrew his objection to the appropriation.

James Harrington, 9th District, said he was against the renovation when it first came before the Board as a special appropriation, since there was talk of a new civic center, but primarily because it took the GAR room away from the veterans. The resolution passed in 1931 gave the room to the veterans for perpetual use. Other organizations have been trying for years to get the veterans out of the hall. The Citizens Committee wanted \$20,000 at first, then it was cut to \$15,000. It then went to \$18,000, then again to \$15,000 which was defeated because of lack of a two-thirds vote. The \$4000 in the budget for renovation of the police department is a separate item. The total appropriation now allowed would not be enough to fix the town hall, he said, and they would be back for more.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, said that the proposed renovations would keep the business of the city confined to the town hall. That the intention of the alterations is to combine the various bureaus into one working force, all working on the same floor. The alterations would not necessarily be temporary since it is contemplated that the tax department will eventually move into the town hall which would mean a large savings in rent in that one department alone. The courts could be extended, since they will always be in that building, and there is presently a need for additional vault space for the probate court. Space could always be used by the Town Clerk's Office which is presently cramped. There is no fear, he said, that the space will not be used even after the civic center is in operation.

A rising vote was taken on the motion to deny the request and was DEFEATED by 8 in favor, 22 opposed.

John Cameron, 20th District, MOVED the request be granted, seconded and PASSED by 23 in favor, 3 opposed.

James Harrington, 9th District, said that he hoped the mayor would see fit to finish this job now that the appropriation was granted. He said he was not against the improvements of the town hall since he thought it was an asset to the city, but he did hope there would be no further requests for money to finish the work.

Catherine Cleary, 8th District, said that she now wanted to see the increased efficiency which was stated would result.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, MOVED that the president and clerk be directed to effect the totals of items as approved by this Board and certify them to the Town Clerk, seconded and CARRIED.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the regular June meeting of the Board be held on June 12, 1950, at 8 P.M. at the Burdick Junior High School and the Steer-

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ing Committee meeting on June 6, 1950, in the Law Library of the Town Hall, seconded by Edward Hogan, and CARRIED.

The president read from the minutes of the Board of Finance meeting of May 23, 1950, a request that \$125.00 be transferred from Code 416CE - Bureau of Buildings, Town Hall Maintenance, to Code 300.3 Mayor's Office, stationery, Postage and Office Supplies.

Louise Secley, 1st District, MOVED the matter be considered an emergency, seconded by William Adriance, 18th District, and CARRIED.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, MOVED the transfer be approved, seconded by Patrick Hogan, 10th District, and CARRIED.

Mr. Pierson read a letter from Mrs. Robert W. Foster, Secretary of the Schools for Stamford Committee, thanking the Board "in calling for a decision on the legality of the Capital Budget" which resulted in a public hearing on the capital projects program.

The following resolution was certified to the Town Clerk on May 29, 1950:

RESOLUTION #79

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance has transmitted to the Board of Representatives its recommended budget of the City of Stamford for the ensuing fiscal year, commencing July 1, 1950 and ending June 30, 1951, for final action thereon by the Board of Representatives:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the itemized estimate of expenditures of the City of Stamford for said ensuing fiscal year amounting to \$7,404,600.61 for the operating budget and \$2,270,338.55 for the capital budget, \$2,186,436.00 of which capital budget amount is to be raised by bond issue, be and is hereby accepted, adopted and approved by the Board of Representatives and specific appropriations are hereby made for each of the several items or amounts as approved by the Board of Representatives.

Respectfully submitted,
BABETTE S. RANSHOFF, Clerk

Report of the Fiscal Committee of the Board of Representatives
Stamford, Conn. Re-Proposed Budget for the
Fiscal Year July 1, 1950 - June 30, 1951

On receipt of the proposed budget from the Mayor on May 8th, your committee met for three nights, April 8, 9, and 10, to consider in detail the proposed expenditures in the operating and capital budgets. Your Committee arrived at its own opinion as to the revisions to be recommended in these proposed expenditures. Upon receipt of the budget as approved by the Board of Finance on April 15th, your Committee again met and considered each proposed expenditure. Only in such cases where your Committee had arrived at a figure lower than that approved by the Board of Finance have we made a recommendation.

It seemed to your Committee that the Board of Finance had made a thorough and considered study of the budget as proposed by the Mayor. While the reductions made by the Board of Finance in appropriations were on the whole greater than those arrived at by your Committee, there were many cases where the reductions arrived at were identical with both reports. We regret that the Capital budget as approved by the Board of Finance did not include some provision for the expansion of our school facilities, but we believe that an agreement will be reached on this program in time to accomplish an orderly and reasonable growth of our school facilities with due consideration for the practical limit of our community tax income, and for the other claims on these resources, such as sanitation and recreation.

Your Committee will be glad to provide the information and reasoning whereby it arrived at its recommendation to your Board. A list of the recommendations is appended, and for the convenience of the Board, notations have also been made in a copy of the proposed budget opposite the item referred to.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Talbot Seeley, Chairman
John L. Cameron
Hunt Sutherland
Patrick Hogan
Michael E. Laurenco

Reductions in the appropriations as approved by the
Board of Finance for the fiscal year 1950-51 recommended to the
Board of Representatives by their Fiscal Committee

	Amount Recommended	Reduction from Bd. of F.
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I- General Government		
p.1-100.1 Registrars of Voters	\$ 7,182.97	\$ 2,519.00
*p.2-300.1 Mayor's Office	13,969.88	1,393.64
300.23 " "	1,500.00	700.00
p.5-481B Ferguson Library	132,000.00	5,732.00
p.6-486- Patriotic Celebrations	3,925.00	75.00
p.8-550.4 Zoning Board	500.00	250.00
p.13-830.7 Probate Court-cleaning offices	0.00	530.00
Total General Government		<u>\$11,199.64</u>
p.6-489A- County Tax		5,000.00
		<u>\$16,199.64</u>
IV- Welfare and Charities		
p.21-460.5-Telephone	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 480.00
460.20-Storage and trucking	200.00	300.00
460.61-Cash Relief	125,000.00	15,000.00
460.61A Other Town Charges	4,000.00	500.00
460.63 Pauper Burials	1,000.00	1,400.00
460.68 Soldiers Burials	2,500.00	500.00
p.22 461C Tubercular Sanitoria	3,500.00	500.00
Total Welfare and Charities		<u>\$18,680.00</u>
V. Protection to Persons and Property		
p.23- Health Department- 3 automobiles	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
p.28- 424.1 Dog Warden Fees	600.00	2,400.00
Total Protection to Persons & Prop.		<u>\$ 3,900.00</u>
VII. Capital Budget		
p. 6- Police Dept. precinct #2		
Filing Cabinet	\$ 0.00	\$ 75.00
p. 10- Land for Civic Center	0.00	25,000.00
Total Capital Budget		<u>\$25,075.00</u>
Total of all reductions recommended		\$58,854.64
		+ 5,000.00
		<u>\$63,854.64</u>

*The Committee was not in agreement on this reduction- the alternative was to leave the Board of Finance appropriation of \$15,363.52, reducing the final amount of reductions recommended to \$62,494.00.