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A SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of Representatives was held on Wednesday, May 14, 1952 at the Burdick Junior High School. The meeting was called to order by John L. Cameron, President, at 8:15 P.M.

Roll call was taken with 16 absent and 24 present. The absent members were Theodore Donahue, William Kamiński, Paul Plotkin, Joseph Mancusi, John Charleson, Robert Lewis, Catherine Cleary, John Canavan, John Sandor, Joseph Zdanowicz, Vito Longo, Helen Peatt, Harold Clark, Edward Hogan and also George Lockwood and Robert Shepherd whose resignations had been submitted but not acted on.

Babette Ransohoff, Clerk, read the "Call":

TO: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

Pursuant to Section 202 of the Charter, I, John L. Cameron, President of the Board of Representatives, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of Representatives to be held on Wednesday, May 14, 1952 at 8 P.M., at the Burdick Junior High School, Stamford, Connecticut, for the following purposes:

1. To consider an amendment to the 1952-1953 Operating Budget to cover an appropriation of \$169,118.00 on account of a proposed Job Reclassification Plan, an appropriation of \$66,000. to cover the cost of the proposed pension plan and an appropriation of \$21,000. to cover Social Security Taxes by the City for employees for the fiscal year.
2. To certify the Mayor's Operating Budget and Capital Projects Budget for the fiscal year 1952-1953.
3. To take action on the resignation of Mr. George Lockwood.

John Cameron suggested that the three amounts be considered under Item 1.

Helen Bromley presented the minutes covering recent action by the Board of Finance on approval of these items. Also reported that a meeting had been held by the Board of Finance, Helen Peatt (as Chairman of the Welfare & Recreation Committee) and John L. Cameron with Miss Catherine Dunn and it was agreed to retain Miss Dunn for a three day preliminary study of the Welfare Department, the findings to be submitted to the Board of Finance at a later meeting.

James Mulreed MOVED that a letter be sent to the Mayor, the Personnel Commission and the Board of Finance informing them that no action which may be taken at this meeting on the requested appropriation in re job reclassification and job schedule be construed as approval of the plan of any particular wage schedule. Seconded by Patrick Scarella.

Helen Bromley read the letter received from the Board of Finance as follows: "It is the consensus of this Board that your Board should appoint a Committee to review the present salary plan and consider a plan more equitable to all classes of municipal employees".

Babette Ransohoff MOVED to amend Mr. Mulreed's motion to read "approval or disapproval" which was accepted by Mr. Mulreed.

The MOTION, as amended, was adopted UNANIMOUSLY. "James Mulreed MOVED that a letter be sent to the Mayor, the Personnel Commission and the Board of Finance informing them that no action which may be taken at this meeting on the requested appropriation in re job reclassification and job schedule be construed as approval or disapproval of the plan of any particular wage schedule. Seconded by Patrick Scarella."

Helen Bromley MOVED approval of the appropriation of \$169,118., seconded by Patrick Scarella.

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Mr. Mulreed pointed out that the present Charter states that the Personnel Commission has the full power to set reclassification and it is not within the jurisdiction of the Board of Representatives. He feels, however, that this section of the Charter should be amended. He recommends the adoption of this sum, definitely stating such action is to have no relationship with either Job Classification Plan A or B previously submitted by the Personnel Commission for the information of the members.

It was **MOVED** by Webster Givens, seconded and **CARRIED** to hear Mr. Gavigan of the Stamford Police Department who spoke at the Public Hearing.

Mr. Gavigan concurred in the acceptance of the sum mentioned in agreement with Mr. Mulreed's suggestion. He stated that although the Personnel Director appeared to have agreed with Plan A when submitted, Plan B was sprung on the employee representatives after a four hour meeting with the various department heads and without their full concurrence. He suggested that the Personnel Committee of the Board of Representatives work with the Municipal Employees in further discussion of reclassification and more equitable changes.

Helen Bromley's **MOTION** to approve the sum of \$169,118. for salary increases and to amend the Operating Budget for 1952-53 to include same therein was seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

John Cook **MOVED** that a Committee meet with the Personnel Commission re a more equitable reclassification plan. Joseph Carlin amended this motion to read "The Personnel Committee" which was accepted by John Cook. Motion was seconded by Patrick Scarella and **CARRIED**.

Helen Bromley **MOVED** approval of the appropriation of \$66,000. to cover cost of a proposed pension plan for 1952-1953 and to amend the Operating Budget for 1952-53 to include this sum, seconded by Joseph Carlin and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

Michael Holahan **MOVED** approval of the appropriation of \$21,000. to cover the cost of the city's Social Security taxes for 1952-1953 and to amend the Operating Budget for 1952-53 to include this sum, seconded by Stephen Kelly and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

John Cameron then submitted a Resolution covering the certification of the Operating Budget and the Capital Budget for the fiscal year 1952-53 including the figures as accepted by the Board of Representatives. Helen Bromley **MOVED** its acceptance, seconded by Patrick Hogan and **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**.

RESOLUTION #138 - Resolution of Certification on Operating and Capital Budget for the City of Stamford for fiscal year 1952-1953.

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance has transmitted to the Board of Representatives its recommended budget for the City of Stamford for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 1952 and ending June 30, 1953 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 \$7,960,354.05 for the Operating Budget and \$1,771,497. for the Capital Budget, of which \$1,697,700. is to be raised by Bond Issue, \$73,797. from current taxation and \$220,000. is anticipated from the State School-Building Program, 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.

Dated at Stamford, Connecticut, this 14th day of May 1952.

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The President stated that the certified copy of the Operating Budget and the Capital Budget with the individual items of appropriation approved by the Board at its meeting April 3rd, the Special Meeting of May 8, 1952 and at this meeting would be filed in the office of the Town and City Clerk.

A letter from George Lockwood ~~submitting his resignation~~ was read by John Cameron. John Cook **MOVED** acceptance of his resignation with regret. James Mulreed amended the motion to include a rising vote for appreciation of the work that George Lockwood has done for this Board since its inception, seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rabette S. Ransohoff
Clerk