

Minutes of 9/25/52

My original copy given to Judge Malloy at Danbury Hearing on 5/6/53. This exhibit will be returned when decision is made.

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A Special Meeting of the Board of Representatives was held on September 25, 1952 at Burdick Junior High School at 8 P.M. pursuant to a call from Mayor Quigley.

The "Call" issued by the Mayor was read by the Clerk.

"Pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, I, Thomas F. J. Quigley, Mayor, hereby call a special meeting of the Board of Representatives to be held on Thursday, September 25, 1952, at 8:00 P.M. at the Burdick Junior High School Auditorium, Stamford, Conn., for the following purposes:

1. To consider and/or act upon the resolution of the Board of Representatives to initiate an amendment in the Charter to give the Board of Representatives power to intervene in zoning matters where the Planning Board and the Zoning Board fail to agree.
2. To reconsider and amend the CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET for the year 1952-1953.
3. To act in accordance with Sec. 619.2 (Special Act 376, 1951 General Assembly of the Charter and validate acts done on the budget after the dates prescribed in the Charter for the same.
4. To consider and/or act upon the acquisition of municipal off-street parking lots as proposed by the Mayor and his Parking Committee.

In accordance with Section 202 of the Charter, I hereby order a copy of the above call to be served upon each member of the Board of Representatives personally or left at his usual place of abode at least twenty-four hours before the time affixed for this meeting."

Roll call was taken by the Clerk. There were 31 present, 1 resigned and 8 absent. The absent members were Joseph Caputo, Theodore Donohue, Rober Lewis, Michael J. Holahan, John Canavan, William Murphy, John Sandor, Joseph Zdanowicz.

James Mulreed stated that it would be necessary to meet for 15 minutes before the Legislative & Rules Committee could make a report on Item #1 on the Call.

James Mulreed MOVED a 15 minute recess, seconded by Leon Staples and CARRIED.

Meeting reconvened at 3:45 P.M.

ZONING AMENDMENT

James Mulreed reported that the Committee considered that the making of the proposed changes through use of the House Rule Amendment was of doubtful legality and the matter was of such controversial nature that it should be referred back to committee for further study and perhaps submitted to the next session of the legislature.

John Cameron turned the chair over to the Clerk and detailed his explanation on the Zoning Amendment to the Charter and its relative importance, as well as the need for making the change.

John Cameron read, without submitting, a Resolution to instruct the Legislative & Rules Committee to prepare legislation to be considered for submission to the General Assembly.

Webster Givens MOVED that same be TABLED.

Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by George Russell that the Legislative & Rules Committee be instructed to prepare legislation for submission to this Board before recommendations are sent to the General Assembly. Motion DEFEATED by a vote of 11 to 4.

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Catherine Cleary MOVED to proceed with item 4, pending a report from the Board of Finance on #2 and #3, seconded and CARRIED.

MUNICIPAL PARKING

Helen Bromley asked that we hear from Mr. Gibbs Lyons, one of the members of the Mayor's Committee and the request was approved.

Mr. Lyons read the report submitted by the Mayor dated August 4, 1952 to each member of the Board.

Mrs. Ransohoff asked if the property directly in the rear of the stores would be included and was told that some arrangement would undoubtedly be made with the City at little or no cost.

Patrick Hogan stated he did not believe it should be the obligation of the City but rather an obligation of the merchants to furnish parking lots.

Mayor Quigley, who had just arrived, was then asked to speak on Municipal Parking. He explained the great necessity for purchase of the two sites in question stressing the fact that it was a problem which had to be faced promptly because of a deadline.

John Hanrahan stated that approval had been given by the Stamford Planning Board on the two named properties.

James Mulreed MOVED that the subject matter contained in the document known as the memorandum of August 4, 1952 of the Mayor's Committee on Parking is, in the opinion of the Board, worthy of serious consideration, seconded by William Kaminski and CARRIED.

CAPITAL BUDGET

The Capital Projects Budget for 1952-1953 as Reconsidered and Amended was submitted for adoption to the Board together with a letter from the Board of Finance dated September 25, 1952 reading as follows:

"This is to certify that the Capital Projects Budget, 1952-1953, as reconsidered and amended, was adopted and approved by the Board of Finance at its meeting on September 25, 1952 at 9 P.M.

The resolutions concerned therewith are being prepared and we are hereby transmitting said budget to your Board for its action thereon.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Nicholas J. Gorman, Jr.
Nicholas J. Gorman, Jr., Chairman
Board of Finance

Helen Bromley raised several questions on changes made in the previously adopted budget, particularly the item of \$2300. for the repair of Woodside and Summer Streets, an item which had been deleted by the Board.

Mr. Morrissey was asked to explain and carefully explained the two items transferred from the 1951-1952 budget covering Belltown-Willard School and the Firehouse; the added cost because of higher bids on the Culloden Road Trunk Line Sewer and Greenwich Avenue Pumping Station. He stated that if the budget was adopted with the appropriation of \$2300. for Woodside and Summer Streets included, he would assure the Board that the money would not be spent without its approval. Mayor Quigley also gave his assurance from the floor that the \$2300. would not be expended if that was the wish of the Board.

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James Mulreed read the proposed Resolution to be adopted covering the acceptance of the Capital Projects Budget 1952-1953 as Reconsidered and Amended, seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION #153 - Adoption of Capital Projects Budget 1952-1953 as Reconsidered and Amended.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that it reconsider Resolution #138 adopted at its Special Meeting of May 14, 1952 and rescind so much of the same as applies to the Capital Projects Budget and substitute the following corrected resolution therefore.

WHEREAS, The Board of Finance has transmitted to the Board of Representatives the recommended Capital Projects Budget for the fiscal year 1952-1953 entitled "City of Stamford Capital Projects Budget 1952-1953 as Reconsidered and Amended" for action by the Board of Representatives.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that the itemized estimate of expenditures of the City of Stamford for the said ensuing ^{fiscal} year amounting to \$7,960,354.05 for the Operating Budget and \$2,816,500.00 for the Capital Budget is Reconsidered and Amended and is hereby accepted and adopted and approved. The Capital Projects Budget is to be financed in the manner indicated in the following schedule:

Item	Total	To Be Financed	
		By Bonds	By Taxes
Sanitary Sewers	\$ 315,411.00	\$ 203,211.00	\$112,200.00
Storm Drains	162,093.00	155,793.00	6,300.00
Highway Construction	128,550.00	128,550.00	
Parks	244,424.00	244,424.00	
Fire Department	95,000.00	95,000.00	
Police Department	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Board of Education	1,825,000.00	1,172,000.00	653,000.00
Board of Recreation	36,022.00	36,022.00	
	<u>\$2,816,500.00</u>	<u>\$2,045,000.00</u>	<u>\$771,500.00</u>

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Corporation Counsel of the City of Stamford is hereby instructed and authorized to prepare and take all necessary steps to secure a special act from the 1953 General Assembly of the State of Connecticut validating the Capital Budget of the City of Stamford, Connecticut for the fiscal year 1952-1953 and the tax rate for said year.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives in accordance with Special Act 376 of the 1951 General Assembly known as Section 619.2 of the Stamford Charter by a two-thirds vote of its entire membership hereby validates all the action taken by the City or any of its Boards or Officers in connection with the Capital Projects Budget of the City of Stamford for the fiscal year 1952-1953 and such budget as reconsidered and amended since the last date specified for such action by the Charter is hereby adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 11: P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Babette S. Ranshoff
Clerk