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The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, October 4, 1954 at the Burdick Junior High School Auditorium at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by President George V. Connors at 8:20 P.M.

Invocation was given by Reverend John Tomis, Assistant Pastor of St. Benedicts Roman Catholic Church.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk. There were 36 present, 3 absent and one vacancy, Patrick Hogan. The absent members were Phil Coulter, Edward Ryba and Thomas Killeen. Phil Coulter arrived later changing the final roll call to 37 present.

George Connors presented the minutes of the regular meeting of August 2, 1954 for approval of the Board.

Patrick Scarella MOVED acceptance of the minutes of August 2, 1954 as submitted, seconded by William Kaminski and CARRIED.

George Connors asked Alphonse Jachimczyk to take the Chair so that he might submit a nomination to the Board.

George Connors submitted the report of the 10th District recommending the nomination of Eugene Barry as 10th District Representative to replace Patrick Hogan recently elected to the Board of Finance, and so MOVED, seconded by Joseph Caputo.

James Mulreed MOVED the nomination of Mrs. Barbara Windsor as 10th District Representative, seconded by Katherine Kaminski.

Alphonse Jachimczyk MOVED that nominations be closed, seconded by Dwight Marshall and CARRIED.

Tellers Topping and Bankowski distributed and counted the ballots. Barbara Windsor received 19 votes, Eugene Barry 18 votes. George Connors declared Barbara Windsor elected to represent the 10th District, replacing Patrick Hogan, term to expire December 1, 1955.

John Hanrahan, Corporation Counsel, administered the oath of office to Mrs. Barbara Windsor, who then took her seat as a member of the Board of Representatives.

George Connors presented the minutes of September 13, 1954 for approval of the Board.

Helen Bromley MOVED that the acceptance of the minutes of September 13, 1954 be deferred until the November meeting, seconded by Patrick Scarella and CARRIED.

#### Fiscal Committee

Patrick Scarella stated that two items as additional appropriations requested by Civil Defense were referred to Health & Protection Committee for further consideration at last month's meeting.

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Joseph Caputo, Chairman of Health & Protection Committee, stated that Mr. Price, Director of Civil Defense had requested that same be postponed for another month inasmuch as he was unable to be present this month, since he was attending school at Connecticut University.

James Mulreed MOVED that the matter be recommitted to the Health & Protection Committee, seconded by William Murphy and CARRIED.

### Legislative & Rules Committee

1. Paul Plotkin submitted the proposed ordinance for publication re: Grounding of Television Antennae, reading as follows:

#### "PROPOSED ORDINANCE RE: GROUNDING OF TELEVISION ANTENNAE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD that Article VII of the Building Code of the City of Stamford be amended by adding the following section:

#### SECTION 703. Radio and Television Antennae

Antennae structures for private radio or television reception not more than 12 feet in height may be erected and maintained on the roof of any building without a building permit. The installation shall in no case be erected nearer to the lot line than the total height of the antennae structure nor shall such structure be installed near electric power lines nor shall same encroach upon any street or other public space. The approval of the building inspector shall be secured for all antennae structures more than 12 feet in height. The application shall be accompanied by detailed drawings of the structure and methods of anchorage. All wiring shall comply with the requirements of Section 1500 and the National Electrical Code and the antennae shall be grounded either by direct copper ground or through a resistance coil in the circuit."

John Cook brought out the fact that the guidewires are as much in need of grounding as the lead wire, reporting results of a recent fire caused by an electrical storm.

James Mulreed stated that required changes within the ordinance can be made by experienced technicians in this field after publication and before adoption.

Paul Plotkin MOVED that this ordinance be published, seconded by Rutherford Huizinga and CARRIED.

2. Paul Plotkin reported that the Ordinance proposed re: Requirement for an Outside Exit from Basements was still under consideration but must await submittal until the committee is able to secure further draftsmanship assistance and advise.

#### 3. Amendment to the Classified Employees Pension Plan

Paul Plotkin stated the Committee recommended the adoption of the submitted resolution covering an Amendment to Section 6, of the Classified Employees Pension Plan, and MOVED its adoption, seconded by Vincent Vitti.

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Dwight Marshall, Helen Bromley and Rutherford Huizinga recommended that the matter be given further study. James Mulreed, Norton Rhoades, Wardham Collyer, Patrick Scarella and William Kaminski spoke in favor of adoption.

Rutherford Huizinga MOVED to recommit the matter to the Legislative & Rules Committee for further study, seconded by Phil Coulter and DEFEATED by a vote of 11 yeas, 24 nays.

James Mulreed MOVED to hear from Mr. Harry Weathers, Jr., Personnel Director, seconded by William Kaminski and CARRIED.

Mr. Weathers answered many inquiries as to those presently retired and those retiring after July 1, 1955, explaining how the variance of the Social Security Benefits of those already retired and those to retire. He stated that if the U.S. Government saw fit to increase the Social Security Benefits to offset the rising cost of living, it was most unfair to penalize the retired employees. He stated that salary adjustment increases to other employees retiring at a later date would automatically offset the difference that these employees may forego through increased Social Security Benefits.

Robert Lewis MOVED the question and close debate, seconded by John Cook and CARRIED.

Paul Plotkin MOVED for a roll call vote, seconded by Joseph Caputo and Carried by a vote of 23 in favor and 13 opposed.

Jack McLaughlin asked permission to be excused at this time.

A roll call vote was taken by the Clerk and the Amendment to Section 6. of the Classified Employees Pension Plan was adopted by a vote of 33 in favor, 3 opposed. George Connors, President, declared the Amendment CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #186 - Amendment to Section 6 (PENSIONS) of the Classified Employees Pension Plan

"Section 6. PENSIONS. (a) Service Retirement. Any member who is retired under the provisions of Section 5 (a), (b) or (c) of this act shall receive annually from said fund for the remainder of his natural life, a sum which when added to any social security benefit available to the member at the time of retirement will produce a total income equal to one-fiftieth of his average final salary multiplied by the number of years of his service. In determining the amount of the social security benefits available to a member retired prior to July 1, 1955, the provisions of the Federal Social Security Act in effect August 1, 1954 shall apply. In no event shall such pension payment be an amount which when added to the social security benefit available to the member will produce a total income which will be more than two-thirds of his average final salary or, if he has had more than twenty-five years of service will, when added to said social security benefit produce a total income which will be less than one thousand dollars annually."

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4. Offer from First Church of Christ Scientist

Paul Plotkin MOVED that the secretary be requested to write a letter to the First Church of Christ Scientist reiterating the reasons given by the Planning Board for refusing their offer and suggesting that a compromise be worked out between them and the Planning Board for the parking of cars, thereby eliminating the dangerous traffic hazard prevalent in this area. Motion was seconded by James Mulreed and CARRIED.

5. Public Address System:

Paul Plotkin MOVED, seconded by Hayes Hoyt that the President be requested to check either with the Board of Education or elsewhere with regard to making arrangements for public address system; also with regard to getting ice cubes for drinking water for use of the Board of Representatives. Motion Carried.

6. Paul Plotkin MOVED, seconded by Stephen Kelly, that the Board authorize the purchase of 6 copies each of the National Electric Code and National Plumbing Code, stating the cost would be approximately 50¢ a copy or \$6.00. Motion Carried.

7. Paul Plotkin MOVED that the Mayor be requested to initiate an additional appropriation for the Board of Representatives for \$42.50 for the purchase of "Codification of Municipal Ordinances" which is a national model ordinance service in loose-leaf form and would be a tremendous asset to the Legislative & Rules Committee and the Corporation Counsel's Office. Motion was seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED.

8. Paul Plotkin stated that a report for acceptance of the new Building Code would not be ready until December or January.

9. Paul Plotkin stated a copy of the new Rules and Regulations governing the Board of Representatives would be mimeographed and sent to each member of the Board this month and the committee would welcome comments and suggested changes.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

William Murphy, Chairman, Moved approval of 300' of Sanford Lane, appearing on Map #4989, and an additional 1150' of Parry Road which was incorrectly stated at 650' at last month's meeting instead of 1800', seconded and carried.

Streets Accepted

Sanford Lane - 300'

Parry Road - additional 1150', or a total of 1800'.

William Murphy MOVED that the limitation on the acceptance of road set for October 15 be extended to the November meeting, seconded by Helen Bromley and CARRIED.

Public Works Committee

Thomas Topping submitted a report on the recent survey report of Keis & Holroyd on sewage and garbage disposal. The committee recommended planning for a new incinerator in the next budget in order to take care of the growing population in Stamford. The committee recommended that the materials burned at the incinerator not be weighed as it would entail an additional cost of approximately \$7000. plus shelter and other supplies and seems superfluous.

Although the plant taking care of sewage disposal was built in 1942 and can treat about 10,000,000 gallons of raw sewage daily (primary treatment only), the committee felt that to extend the present disposal plant, as recommended by Keis & Holroyd at a cost of \$1,050,000., unnecessary at this time.

Keis & Holroyd also recommended the installation of a trunk line sanitary sewer to serve the entire city at an estimated cost of \$2,683,600; also recommended a 36" main with pumps, station, and equipment to extend from the present disposal plant out into Long Island Sound from the end of Shippan Avenue at an approximate cost of \$2,080,000.00 or a total expenditure of \$6,313,600.00.

Patrick Scarella MOVED that the report be accepted, seconded by Doris Zuckert.

William Kaminski amended the motion to add that the recommendations be channeled properly. Patrick Scarella and Doris Zuckert accepted the amendment and the amended motion was CARRIED.

Personnel Committee

Dr. Francis V. Dolan submitted the committee report recommending that the Mayor be requested to initiate an additional appropriation covering the Cost of Living Bonus for Seasonal Employees, of the Classified Employees group.

Dr. Dolan MOVED acceptance of the report, seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED.

William Kaminski MOVED that a letter be sent to the Mayor as a reminder that the Board had previously suggested that he consider initiating an additional appropriation for a mimeograph machine in the Personnel Department which is needed badly. Motion seconded by Norton Rhoades and CARRIED.

Steering Committee Report

George Connors read the report of the Steering Committee meeting. Copy of this report is on file at the office of the Board of Representatives.

Patrick Scarella MOVED acceptance of the report, seconded and CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

George Connors read three letters from the Mayor submitting the following names for appointments:

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Leonard D. Scalzi, 75 Rachelle Ave., for Sewer Commission replacing Mr. Robert G. Davis, term to expire Dec. 1, 1955. Mr. Scalzi is a Republican.

William Jordan, 65 South Street, Stamford for Sewer Commission replacing Michael S. Grzelaczyk, term to expire Dec. 1, 1957. Mr. Jordan is a Democrat.

Patrick J. Scarella, 10 Burr Street for Commissioner of Public Works.

Rutherford Huizinga MOVED that same be referred to the Appointments Committee, Seconded by Helen Bromley and CARRIED.

#### Petitions

Stephen Kelly MOVED that the request for use of Central Park for services of the Baha'1' Faith on Saturday evenings be referred to the Police Department.

There was considerable discussion about referring this to the Police Dept. inasmuch as the Board felt it was within the Board's jurisdiction to decide on the use of any of the City Parks.

Robert Lewis MOVED that this location be Denied, with the suggestion that they ask for another location, seconded by George Russell.

Mr. Kelly withdrew his motion and the latter motion was CARRIED.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

George Connors read a letter from Agnes Convery, Controller, stating the additional appropriations approved by the Boards of Finance and Representatives through Sept. 13, 1954, amounted to \$86,758.27, representing 31/100ths of a mill on the present tax rate.

William Murphy asked permission to leave at this time.

George Connors read a notice received from the Public Utilities Commission re a meeting to be held on ~~October 13, 1954~~ re The Stamford Transit Commission request to raise the taxi fare on metered taxis when there are several passengers riding in the taxi, each to pay from the original point of destination.

Robert Lewis MOVED that the Board go on record that the Mayor be asked that Stamford be represented at this meeting asking that the rate increase be denied, *seconded by Rutherford Huizinga -- Carried*

Wardham Collyer MOVED that the November meeting be postponed to November 8, 1954 inasmuch as November 1 is the day before election, seconded by Robert Lewis and CARRIED.

Rutherford Huizinga MOVED to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alphonse Jachimczyk and CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Alphonse C. Jachimczyk*  
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Clerk