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A special meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Wednesday, May 9, 1956, in the Cafeteria of the Walter R. Dolan Jr. High School, Toms Road, Glenbrook, pursuant to a Call issued by the President, Mr. George V. Connors. The meeting was called to order at 8:07 P.M. by the President.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 35 present and 5 absent. The absent members were: Robert Lewis, Eugene Barry, William Murphy, Edward Czupka and John Lilliendahl.

MR. BAKER MOVED to dispense with the reading of the Call. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

The "Call" reads as follows:

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES
Stamford, Conn.

I, George V. Connors, President of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, pursuant to Section 202 of the Charter, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of the members of the Board of Representatives, for the following purpose:

- (1) To consider and act upon the OPERATING and CAPITAL BUDGETS for the City of Stamford's fiscal year 1956-1957,
- (2) Also, for the purpose of considering fiscal items other than those which appear in the Budget that may appear in another Fiscal Committee report,

to be held on

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9TH, 1956

at 8:00 P.M.

at the Walter Dolan Jr. High School Cafeteria, Toms Road, Glenbrook.

I hereby order a copy of this Call to be sent to each member by mail at least seventy-two hours before the time fixed for said meeting.

May 3, 1956

GEORGE V. CONNORS,
President
Board of Representatives

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Call of a Special Meeting was sent by mail to all members of the Board of Representatives on Thursday, May 3, 1956.

GEORGE V. CONNORS,
President
Board of Representatives

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

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Mr. William Kaminski, Chairman, presented letter of April 11, 1956 from the Board of Finance, addressed to the President of the Board of Representatives, Fiscal Committee and members of the Board of Representatives, transmitting the Operating Budget, the Capital Budget and the Budget of the Board of Education for the fiscal year 1956-1957.

MR. NOLAN MOVED to dispense with the reading of this letter. Seconded by Mr. Georgoulis and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Kaminski then read the following report of the Fiscal Committee:

REPORT OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD
OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD,
CONNECTICUT, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1956-1957.

Your Committee has held six lengthy sessions in the study of the Capital Budget and the Operating Budget.

As a part of our study we interviewed several department heads in order to secure first hand knowledge as to the necessity of the amount of their respective budgets.

Our deliberations were not only confined to the possibility of reducing various operating funds and capital funds which have been requested by the various departments of the City, but we also took into consideration what, in our opinion, was a reasonable tax increase which our citizens must pay for the required increased facilities and higher costs of providing the services demanded by the taxpayers of Stamford.

CAPITAL BUDGET:

The Board of Finance has approved a reduction of \$875,000.00 in the Capital Budget as submitted by the Mayor.

It is the opinion of your Committee that further reductions in any of the listed projects would seriously affect the plans which have been established for the welfare of Stamford, and we therefore recommend the adoption of a Capital Budget totaling \$1,881,775.00.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OPERATING BUDGET:

Records indicate that in previous years the Fiscal Committee of this Board has made recommendations for reductions in the expenditures of specific items within the Board of Education Budget. In the past, these specific recommendations have not been approved. It is the opinion of this Committee, that because the Board of Education has the power and authority to spend the total funds appropriated in any manner their judgment dictates, it does not appear to be within the scope of our responsibility to recommend specific reductions in any of the operating accounts of the Board of Education.

The only alternative before this Committee was the possibility of recommending an arbitrary reduction in the total budget, approved by the Board of Finance. This, we were reluctant to do, because of the sizeable reduction approved by the Board of Finance. We therefore recommend the adoption of the total budget in the amount of \$5,337,275.00 as approved by the Board of Finance.

OPERATING BUDGET OTHER THAN BOARD OF EDUCATION:

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In reviewing and studying the various budgets of the departments of the City, we find that no department other than Recreation, has been granted appropriations in excess of 5½% over the previous year's appropriation. Although the Recreational Budget is approximately 12% greater than last year, the increase of \$36,720.00 is relatively small.

The increase in the operating costs of the City and also the additional demands of the taxpayers for increased facilities, definitely in our opinion, justifies the increased appropriations.

We also feel that the appropriation of \$560,000.00 for salary adjustments, which in effect, is an increase of approximately 100% over the Cost-of-Living adjustments of the previous year, is definitely justified.

Under the circumstances, it is the recommendation of this Committee that no further reductions be made in the Operating Budget, with the exception of two minor adjustments:

- (1) Due to changes made by the State in the Probationary System, it is no longer necessary to pay the salary of one Probationary Officer. Therefore, Code 800.1, Salaries, should be reduced by \$3,300 to \$34,350. Also, Probation Officer, Expense Code 800.75 should be reduced \$250. to \$250. for the same reason.
- (2) The appropriation of \$10,000 for Self Insurance should be eliminated from the Budget, because there is no formal Self Insurance plan in existence.

We do not believe these minor adjustments can be interpreted as further budget reductions. In our opinion, they are merely corrections. Therefore, with the exceptions of the above adjustments, we wish to recommend for adoption the total Operating Budget as approved by the Board of Finance, including Board of Education Operating Budget, namely \$12,668,173.79.

We believe this is the first time since the establishment of the Board of Representatives, that a Fiscal Committee has presented a report without recommending further reductions in the Budgets approved by the Board of Finance. This decision was motivated by a desire of this Committee to eliminate the additional appropriations which are continually coming before this Board for approval throughout the year. Many of these additional appropriations are for amounts as small as \$100. The time and paper work involved for items of this size are certainly not justified.

When this Board approves the total budgets, it is not only informing all department heads as to the limit of their expenditures, but this Board is expecting that each department live within their allotted budgets. There will always be additional appropriations for items beyond control, such as snow removal, compensation claims, etc., but to receive additional appropriations for miscellaneous operating accounts such as Telephone, Stationery, Office Supplies and similar items is an indication that the department head involved cannot live within his budget and therefore is not qualified as a servant of the taxpayers of this City. Therefore, beginning with the next fiscal year, the expenditures for which are all hereby approved, this Committee will not approve additional appropriations, unless they are of an emergency nature.

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Respectfully submitted,

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William C. Kaminski, Chairman,
Fiscal Committee

Doris M. Zuckert

Edward P. Wynn, Jr.

William J. Brett

Rutherford G. Huizinga

Charles W. Bradbury, Jr.

Capital Projects Budget:

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$1,881,775.00. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED by a vote of 34 in favor and 1 opposed.

Operating Budget:

Mr. Kaminski began with page 3 of the Operating Budget and continued through each department, page by page, with the members of the Board confirming all requested appropriations, as previously passed by the Board of Finance, with the exception of the ones listed below. Mr. Waterbury asked to be permitted to abstain from voting and permission was given.

The following changes were made in the
Operating Budget:

1. Page 23, City Court

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED to approve the item Salaries, Code 800.1 in the amount of \$34,350.00, representing a cut of \$3,300., salary for one Probation Officer, due to changes made by the State in the Probationary system, transferring this officer to Greenwich. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury and CARRIED unanimously by a vote of 34 in favor.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of \$250.00 for Probation Officer Expense, Code 800.75, representing a cut of \$250., also for the same reason - i.e. the transfer of the Probation Officer to Greenwich. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and carried unanimously by a vote of 34 in favor.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of a total of \$38,050. for City Court. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury and CARRIED unanimously by a vote of 34 in favor.

2. Page 25, General Government

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of a total of \$1,224,714.41 for General Government. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously by a vote of 34 in favor.

3. Page 39, Dog Warden, Salaries, Code 424.1

Mr. Baker spoke in reference to the salary of the Dog Warden and said for the reason that a proposed ordinance is being considered for passage by the Board which would change the method of providing a salary for this position, he MOVED to amend the Budget to delete the sum of \$3,360.00 for Code 424.1, Dog Warden salary account.

Mr. Kaminski said he could not accept this as an amendment to the Budget, as a vote must be taken on the larger sum first, which would represent the total budget for this department.

Mr. Fredericks remarked that the Dog Warden could be paid out of individual fees by collecting for each individual dog seized.

Mr. Bradbury said fees must be appropriated out of the City fund for that purpose.

Mr. Nolan stated that before the end of the fiscal year the Board will have back a report from the Police Chief and the Dog Warden on the Ordinance that is under consideration. He said: "If this salary is deducted from the budget, it will show that we are serious about this."

MR. IACOVO: "I am in favor of deleting this salary from the budget."

MR. RYBNICK: "Has the Dog Warden a place to put these dogs after he catches them?"

MR. BAKER: "That will be discussed when the Police Chief and the Dog Warden meet with the Legislative & Rules Committee to discuss the Ordinance in question. We have not been living up to the State law."

MRS. ZUCKERT: "I think this salary should be appropriated because this sum can go back into the General Fund if it is not used, and it should be provided for in the event the Ordinance is not passed in its present form."

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the total appropriation under Dog Warden in the amount of \$3,510.00, as recommended by the Board of Finance. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and LOST by a vote of 11 in favor and 23 opposed.

MR. BAKER MOVED that the sum of \$3,360.00, Code 424.1, Salaries, be deleted from the Budget, and that the total budget for this department be approved in the amount of \$150.00. Seconded by Mr. Iacovo and CARRIED by a vote of 24 in favor and 10 opposed.

4. Page 53, Total - Protection to Persons and Property

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the total sum of \$1,930,473.40, representing the remaining sum after deduction of the \$3,360.00 for Dog Warden's salary. Seconded by Mr. Georgoulis and CARRIED unanimously by a vote of 34 in favor.

5. Page 73, OTHERS - Self Insurance

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that the \$10,000 under "Self Insurance" be eliminated from the budget for the reason that there is no formal plan for this item in existence. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and CARRIED unanimously by a vote of 34 in favor.

MR. KAMINSKI then MOVED for approval of the total under "OTHERS" which includes Salary Adjustments, \$560,000 and the sum of \$3,500 for Sundries, making a total of \$563,500.00. Seconded by Mr. Wynn and CARRIED unanimously by a vote of 34 in favor.

Mr. Topping introduced the following report of his committee, which was read and ordered printed in the Minutes:

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REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A meeting was held April 25th. Members present were Vincent Vitti, Alan Ketcham, Anthony Kolich and Thomas Topping. Mr. Aaron Chase, Highway Supervisor, was also present.

After discussing the Operating Budget in detail with Mr. Chase, the Committee recommends that this Budget be passed without any further change.

The Committee also recommends that the Capital Projects Budget also be passed without further change.

No other items were discussed, as we had not as yet received the items referred by the Steering Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Topping, Chairman
Anthony Kolich
Alan Ketcham
Vincent Vitti

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for adoption of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and CARRIED unanimously by a vote of 34 in favor:

RESOLUTION NO. 222

ADOPTION OF THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL
BUDGETS FROM JULY 1, 1956 TO JUNE 30, 1957

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, 1956 and ending June 30, 1957 for final action thereon by the Board of Representatives:

BE IT RESOLVED BY STAMFORD that the itemized estimate of receipt and expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year 1956-1957 in the budgets as submitted by the Mayor and as acted upon by the Board of Finance and as finally acted upon and considered by the Board of Representatives in the amount of:

\$ 1,881,775.00 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

\$12,664,813.79 OPERATING BUDGET

be and it is hereby accepted, adopted and approved and specific appropriations are hereby made for each of the several items in the amounts appearing in the columns of the budgets under the heading of "Board of Representatives" recording the approval or other action of this Board.

UPON MOTION of MR. NOLAN, seconded by several others, a rising vote of thanks was given to the Fiscal Committee for having done a very fine job.

Mr. Kaminski spoke in reference to the second part of the "Call" and explained that this was put in the "Call" for the reason that there were many requests for additional appropriations by various City departments which had been taken up by the Board of Finance at their meeting on May 4th, but because of lack of time between their meeting and the Board of Representatives' regular meeting of May 7th in which to hold a Fiscal Committee meeting, these items would have to wait until the June meeting for passage, unless the Fiscal Committee could meet and pass on them. For this reason, he said he had attempted to hold a meeting tonight before the Board meeting, but for lack of time they had been unable to consider all requests previously passed by the Board of Finance. He said if the Board would grant them time for a recess of perhaps 1/2 hour the Fiscal Committee could meet and pass on these various requests that were on the Agenda for the May 4th Board of Finance meeting.

MR. GEORGOULIS MOVED that a recess be granted for not longer than 1/2 hour to enable the Fiscal Committee to meet. Seconded by Mr. Nolan and CARRIED unanimously.

The President called the meeting to order at 10:05 P.M. There were 33 present, Mr. Giuliani having been excused. It was explained that for the reason that it was his birthday he had requested that he be excused.

MR. NOLAN MOVED that the congratulations of the Board be extended to Mr. Giuliani on the occasion of his birthday. Seconded by Mr. Rhoades and CARRIED unanimously.

- (1) \$250., Code 300.5, Telephone - Mayor's Office (See Acting Mayor's letter of May 1, 1956)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of this request. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously.

- (2) \$225., Code 485.3, Stationery & Supplies, Mimeograph Dept.
(See Mayor's letter April 18, 1956)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of this request. Seconded by Mr. Waterbury and CARRIED unanimously.

- (3) \$300., Code 430.1, Salaries, Police Department (See Acting Mayor's letter May 1, 1956)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of this request. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Macrides asked if the Fiscal Committee had considered the request of the Corporation Counsel for \$15,000 for settlement of non-contract claims.

Mr. Kaminski said that because this was a major amount, it should be considered by the entire Board.

- (4) \$10,000., Transfer from Cummings Park Beach Improvement to Over-all Survey of City Parks, and

\$4,300., Authorization to amend Capital Projects Budget for 1955-1956 to give additional appropriation for Over-all Survey of City Parks. (See Mayor's letter of April 26, 1956)

Mr. Kaminski read a letter he had in his possession, signed by Mr. Robert Stevens, Chairman, Joint Committee on Parks and Recreation.

MR. RHOADES MOVED to hear from Mr. Connell on the urgency of the matter. Seconded

by Mr. Kaminski and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Connell said this was most urgent and the firms to do the survey should have begun their work a month ago. He said the Park Commission had studied this since February and selected two firms, recommended by the New York City Park Department. He said: "We would like by the end of this summer to have a pretty definite blueprint. If we delay another month, the delay will be a great handicap. Brown and Blavett are doing the general survey. This represents an investment of some half million dollars in the acquisition of this land and we would like to get things under way. The appropriation of \$10,000 was specifically designated for Cummings Park and we would like to transfer this to Over-all Survey of City Parks instead of merely Cove Island."

MR. BAKER MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to vote on this question, Seconded by Mr. Nolan and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Kelly said this matter has the approval of the Parks and Recreation Committee, which they unanimously endorse.

MR. KAMINSKI introduced the following resolution, covering item #4 above, and MOVED for its adoption. Seconded by Mrs. Bankowski and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 223

BE IT RESOLVED that the Capital Projects Budget of 1955-1956 be amended to authorize a transfer of the sum of \$10,000. from Cummings Park Beach Improvement to Over-All Survey of City Parks, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 1955-1956 Capital Projects Budget be amended to authorize an additional appropriation of \$4,300. for Over-All Survey of City Parks.

(5) \$500., Code 300.1, Salary, Acting Mayor (See Mayor's Letter 3/26/56)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of this request. Seconded by Mr. Rhoades and CARRIED unanimously.

(6) \$250., Board of Representatives, as follows: (See Mayor's letter of April 18, 1956)

Code 200.6	Supplies & Postage.....	\$150.00
Code 200.1B	Overtime -Meetings	100.00
		<u>\$250.00</u>

(7) \$1,000., Fire Department, Code 440.15A, Fuel (See Mayor's letter of April 25, 1956)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of this request. Seconded by Mr. Waterbury and CARRIED unanimously.

(8) \$1,500., Police Department, Code 430.25, Clothing & Equipment (See Mayor's letter April 6, 1956)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of this request. Seconded by Mr. Milano and CARRIED unanimously.

(9) \$1,437., Police Department, as follows: (See Mayor's letter of April 3, 1956)

Code 430.5	Telephone & Teletype (June bills).....	\$425.00
Code 430.12B	Traffic Light-Power bill (May & June	700.00
Code 430.15A	Canal Street Building:	
	Electric bill (Mar. 9/June 30) \$100.00	
	Fuel Oil (March/June)..... 150.00	
	Water..... 12.00	
		262.00
Code 430.3A	Stationery & Postage (Board of Public Safety supply account).....	50.00
		<u>\$1,437.00</u>

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED unanimously.

(10) \$2,380., Public Works Department, Code 414B.12, Maintenance of Equipment.
(See Mayor's letter of April 25, 1956)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of above request. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

(11) \$25,000., Public Works Department, Code 412.6A, Snow Removal
(See Mayor's letter of April 10, 1956)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of above request. Seconded by Mr. Vittl and CARRIED unanimously.

(12) \$700., Department of Public Works, Code 410.5, Telephone (See Acting Mayor's letter of May 1, 1956)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of above request. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

(13) \$700., Department of Public Works, Code 412C.15 Crosby Street, Light & Power.
(See Acting Mayor's letter of May 1, 1956)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of above request. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

(14) \$5,350., Department of Public Works, Code 414B.15, Treatment Plant, Light & Power. (See Acting Mayor's letter of May 1, 1956)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of above request. Seconded by Mr. Waterbury and CARRIED unanimously.

(15) \$2,000., Department of Public Works, Code 414C.15, Pumping Stations, Light & Power. (See Acting Mayor's letter of May 1, 1956)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of above request. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

(16) \$1,400., City Court, for following: (See Acting Mayor's letter of May 2, 1956)

Code 800.27	Court Orders.....	\$1,294.00
Code 800.5	Telephone.....	106.00
		<u>\$1,400.00</u>

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MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of above request. Seconded by Mr. Hearing and CARRIED unanimously.

- (17) \$15,000., Corporation Counsel's Office, Code 450.60, Settlement of Non-contract Claims. (See Acting Mayor's letter of May 2, 1956)

MR. RHOADES MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to take up this matter. Seconded by Mrs. Bankowski and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of above request. Seconded by Mr. Russell and Mr. Waterbury and CARRIED unanimously.

- (18) \$100,000., Storm Drains and Initial Highway Work, Morgan Street Extension. (See Acting Mayor's letter of March 16, 1956)

MR. TOPPING MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to discuss the above request. Seconded by Mr. Hearing and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Kaminski explained that in the absence of a resolution to act on the above request, the Committee could make no recommendations for its passage.

Mr. Rhoades said he had received a number of very strong objections to the extension of Morgan Street and would like to wait a few days to hear from some of the people who had contacted him previously.

MR. NOLAN: "Does anyone have any knowledge of the fact that this request is a dire necessity?"

MR. NOLAN MOVED to hear from Mr. Chase, who was present. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Chase explained the urgency of having the work done at this time. He said it was because of the addition to St. Joseph's Hospital which would require additional drainage and sewage facilities and the work should all be done at once in order to save money.

MR. NOLAN: "Is it imperative that we pass this tonight?"

Mr. Chase said it was.

MR. FREDERICKS: "I think we should not act hastily at this time."

MR. NOLAN MOVED to hear from Mr. Hanrahan, who was present. Seconded by Mr. Raiteri and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. HANRAHAN: "At the time of the investigation of Strawberry Hill, it was thought best to put this auxiliary line through, known as the Morgan Street Extension. Most of the property owners have now deeded land to the City with the idea that this work is going to be done. The hospital has progressed to a point where the facilities from Strawberry Hill will not carry the waste from the hospital. You can't lay the pipe until you have some kind of a grade for it, so the road has to be graded first."

MR. NOLAN: "In view of the facts we have heard, I think it would be appropriate to act on this at this time. Some of the misunderstandings that Mr. Fredericks had should be pretty well cleared up by now."

MR. NOLAN MOVED that the appropriation be granted. Seconded by Mr. Topping.

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MR. TOPPING: "You save money by putting in the storm drain at the time you rough grade the street. It is merely a transfer of money from one account to another."

Mr. Fredericks read an excerpt from the Minutes of the Board of Finance of their meeting held May 4, 1956, when they passed this request.

MR. VITTI MOVED to hear from Mr. Hanrahan. Seconded by Mr. Longo and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Hanrahan explained it more fully. He said it was a transfer from Surplus. He said: "You are only acting on a transfer of funds."

After a great deal of discussion as to how the resolution should be worded, it was decided to take a 15 minute recess in order to prepare a proper resolution.

MR. IACOVO MOVED that the Board recess in order to prepare the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Findlay and CARRIED unanimously.

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 P.M.

Mrs. Bankowski asked to be excused and her request was granted.

The Clerk read the resolution as prepared by Mr. Fredericks, Mr. Kaminski and Mr. Hanrahan.

MR. MACRIDES MOVED for acceptance of the following resolution on item No. 18 above. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 224

TO AMEND CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR
1955-1956 TO AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATION
FOR STORM DRAINS AND INITIAL HIGHWAY
WORK IN MORGAN STREET EXTENSION.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Capital Projects Budget for the year 1955-1956 be hereby amended to authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$100,000. for the storm drains and initial highway work involved in the Morgan Street Extension, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to authorize the transfer of that amount, being the excess over the amount required for such sanitary sewers, from the Morgan Street Extension Sanitary Sewer item in the 1955-1956 Capital Budget for such appropriation.

There being no further business to come before the Board, MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for adjournment at 11:55 P.M. Seconded by several voices and CARRIED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Macrides,
Clerk
Board of Representatives

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