MEETING OF THE 11th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT Minutes of March 1, 1971

A regular monthly meeting of the 11th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Monday, March 1, 1971 in the Board's Meeting Rooms, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8.55 P.M., after a Caucus by the respective parties.

INVOCATION was given by Rabbi Alex J. Goldman, Temple Beth El.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG: The President led the Members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 34 present and 6 absent at the calling of the roll. However, two members arrived shortly thereafter and another Member resigned and was replaced, changing the roll call to 37 members present and 3 absent.

The absent members were:

William D. Murphy (D), 6th District Richard A. Bieder (D), 11th District Watson M. Horner (R), 19th District

RESIGNATION - STEPHEN R. ELLSWORTH (R) 13th DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

THE PRESIDENT read the resignation of Mr. Ellsowrth at this time and for the reason that Mr. Ellsworth represented the same District as he does, in accordance with the past practice of the encumbent making the nomination for a successor, he offered the name of CLINTON H. SPRINGER (R) 33 Barncroft Road, as successor to Mr. Ellsworth.

MR. SPRINGER was elected as replacement in the 13th District by unanimous vote.

THE PRESIDENT administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Springer and he assumed his seat as a Member of the Board from the 13th District.

PAGE BOY - DREXEL HAMPTON, from Rippowam High School

THE PRESIDENT announced the presence of the above Page boy. DANNEL MALLOY was also present as PAGE BOY, having served several times in this capacity.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Meeting of January 18, 1971
Meeting of January 29, 1971
Meeting of February 1, 1971

The Minutes of the above meetings were accepted with a correction to Page 7639 in the Minutes of January 29, 1971 - 5th paragraph from the bottom of page - change "MR. BITETTO" to "MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI".

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The reading of the Report of the Steering Committee was waived and entered in the Minutes and appears below:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT Meeting held Tuesday, February 16, 1971

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Tuesday, February 16, 1971 at 8 P.M in the Caucus Room of the Board of Representatives.

The meeting was called to order by the President and Chairman, Charles J. Heinzer, III, and the following Members were present: Thomas Morris, Robert Exnicios, Alan Ketcham, Frederick Miller, Joseph Bitetto, Daniel Russbach, George Russell, Edward K. Scofield, Anthony D. Truglia, John J. Boccuzzi and Charles J. Heinzer. Also present was Gerald Rybnick. The absent Members were: Mrs. Lois Pont-Briant, Stephen R. Ellsworth, Watson M. Horner and Stephen E. Kelley.

(1) Mayor's Appointments

The appointment of BETTY ANN COOKNEY to the PARK COMMISSION and LOUIS J. CASALE to the FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD, held in Committee at the February 1, 1971 Board Meeting, were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA.

The Mayor's letters of January 15, 27, 29 and February 10 and 11, submitting sixteen (16) appointments were ORDERED ON AGENDA under APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE.

(2) Proposed Resolution rescinding two previous appointments. The Steering Committee authorized Mr. Russbach, Chairman of the Appointments Committee to write commitments prior to March 1st, that these two appointments be withdrawn.

ORDERED ON AGENDA

(2) Additional Appropriations

All additional appropriations acted upon by the Board of Finance at their meeting of February 4, 1971, were REFERRED TO THE FISCAL COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON THE AGENDA. Items in excess of \$2,000 were referred to Secondary Committees.

(3) \$18,522.00 - To provide Merit Step Increases in Salary for 45 Employees who are Supervisory and Administrative Personnel -(Mayor's letter of 1/13/71) and (Mayor's letter 11/2/70)

The above was also referred to PERSONNEL COMMITTEE and listed by code as follows:

	Code No.	Department	No. of Employees	Appropriation Required
	106.0101	Board of Representatives	1	
	110.0101	Law Department	5	\$ 2,931.00
	112.0101		1	
	116.0101		2	<u></u>
	117.0101	Data Processing	3	2,134.00
	118.0101		2	
		Central Services	1	721.00
	134.0101		2	
	144.0101		2	1,331.00
	174.0101	Dept. of Civil Service	1	
	410.0101	Welfare Dept.	3	285.00
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	420.0101	Sunset Home	1	794.00
		Smith House	1	
		Health Dept.		
	511.0101	Housing Code Enforcement T.F.		10 24
	525.0101	Traffic Dept.		546.00
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	606.0101	Bureau of Highways	1 2	920.00
	620.0101	Incinerator & Sewage Treatment Plant	2	936.00
-	624.0101	Division of Collection		715.00
	629.0101	Division of Land & Bldg. Maintenance	1	598.00
	710.0101	Park Dept.	1	
	720.0101	Board of Recreation	2	
	730.0101		1	516.00
	302.0000	Board of Education	9	6,095.00
	302.0000	BOATG OF EGGCAETOR	7	\$18,522.00
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Note: This was recommitted to Fiscal Committee.

(4) \$66,746.00 - Adoption of a Resolution AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR STATE ASSISTANCE WITH COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

IN ORDER TO UNDERTAKE A PROGRAM OF STUDY AND PLANNING FOR HOUSING SITE DEVELOPMENT IN AMOUNT OF \$66,746 with the City of Stamford to provide a local Grant-In-Aid in accordance with the requirements of Public Acts 522, 760 or 768, 1967 Regular Session, as amended, as appropriate (local grant-in-aid to extent necessary and required for said program) - (For year Sept. 1, 1970 to Aug. 31, 1971)

Above referred to PLANNING & ZONING and PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE - Ordered on Agenda.

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(5) \$ 903.92 - BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - Code 106.0404 and 106.0101 for an Additional Appropriation as follows: (See Mayor's letter of Jan. 26, 1971)

Code 106.0404 - Official Notices ----- \$500.00
'' 106.0101 - Salaries ----- 403.92
Total ----- \$903.92

Ordered on Agenda

(6) \$2,720.00 - Add1. Appropriation in order to grant 8% Salary Increases to Chiefs of the Police & Fire Departments to be allocated as follows:

Code 530.0101 Police Dept.-Salaries ----- \$ 1,360.00
" 540.0101 Fire " -Salaries ----- \$ 1,360.00
\$ 2,720.00

Ordered on Agenda

(7) \$60,000.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Additional Appropriation representing 100% Prepaid Grant from the State and Federal Governments, under the Adult Basic Education Act to continue
"ADULT BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM" for 1970-71 fiscal year

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVT. COMMITTEE AND ORDERED ON AGENDA

(8) \$237,710.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Additional Appropriation which amount represents 100% prepaid State Funds to be received from the State of Conn. under State Aid for Disadvantaged Children to Continue Project 135-1 - "Educational Services for Disadvantaged Children" for the 1970-71 fiscal year

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVT. COMMITTEE AND ORDERED ON AGENDA

(9) \$16,008.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Additional Appropriation which amount represents 100% prepaid State Funds to be received from the State of Conn. under State Aid for Disadvantaged Children (non-public schools) to continue Project P-135-4

"REMEDIAL READING CENTERS IN INNER CITY NON-PUBLIC ELE-MENTARY SCHOOLS" for the 1970-71 fiscal year

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVT. COMMITTEE AND ORDERED ON AGENDA

(10) \$418,133.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Additional Appropriation which amount represents 100% prepaid Federal Funds to be received from the State of Connecticut, under Title I, ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL ACT, to continue E.S.E.A. "TITLE PROJECT 125-2, "ASPIRATION-EDUCATION" for 1970-71 fiscal year

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVT. COMMITTEE AND ORDERED ON AGENDA

(11) \$ 600.00 - BOARD OF SELECTMEN - Additional Appropriation covering

Code 104.0101 - Salaries - (See Mayor's letter of 1/28/71)

ORDERED ON AGENDA

(12) \$2,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - Code 510.0920 - Gifts & & Donations to Health Dept. & Narcotic Rehabilitation

Program, which amount represents the second portion of a Grant to the Health Dept. for the Narcotic & Air

Pollution Program - (See Mayor's letter of 1/28/71)

Above also referred to HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE AND ORDERED ON AGENDA

(13) Ordinance for final adoption CONCERNING THE PARTIAL ABANDONMENT OF VERNON PLACE - Requested in letter from John E. Smyth, Asst.

Corporation Counsel dated 12/22/70. (Held in Committee 1/11/71 and awaiting opinion from Corporation Counsel). This was published 2/5/71.

ON AGENDA FOR FINAL ADOPTION - Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- (14) Request for approval of a Resolution authorizing the URBAN REDEVELOP-MENT COMMISSION to convey to the Stamford Federal Savings & Loan
 Association, for the sum of \$1.00, 1,129 square feet of City-owned property located on the Easterly side of Atlantic Street, together with an easement over a portion of Luther Street
 - (NOTE: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance of the City of Stamford, Conn. held Feb. 4, 1971, IT WAS RESOLVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE 5 MEMBERS PRESENT, that the Mayor of the City of Stamford execute and deliver all documents necessary to transfer title to Stamford Federal Savings & Loan Assn. for the sum of \$1.00 to 1,129 sq.ft. of City-owned property (presently in the jurisdiction of the Urban Redevelopment Commission), which is located on the Easterly side of Atlantic Street; together with an easement appurtenant to said premises over a portion of Luther Street, comprising an area of 3,168 sq.ft., however, the foregoing authorization shall not become effective unless and until receipt of the proper authorizing letter from the Regional Office of HUD.

Ordered on Agenda and referred to URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE

(15) Letter dated 1/18/71 from Mr. John L. DeForest, 19th District Representative, re: Sec. 11, MAINTENANCE OF ANIMALS & FOWL and Sec. 12

OFFAL & MANURE NOT BE KEPT, ACCUMULATED OR EXPOSED, concerning City

Officials acting upon numerous complaints which have been made to them.

The above was NOT ordered on the Agenda.

(16) Letter dated Jan. 22, 1971 from MICHIE CITY PUBLICATIONS CO. re:

DECISION ON "REFERENCE TO OUR PROPOSAL UNDER DATE OF 11/10/70 TO
PREPARE SUPPLEMENTAL REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE STAMFORD CODE"

The above was noted and filed - not ordered on the Agenda

(17) Letter dated 2/17/71 from Mr. Edward K. Scofield, 10th District Representative re: proposed Resolution concerning 3 story high Frame Buildings for Garden Apartment Use in R-2½ and R-5 Zones

The above was noted and filed. Referred to Health & Protection

(18) Letter dated 2/17/71 from Mr. Edward K. Scofield, 10th District
Representative re: Acceptance of 100 Plus Roads

The above was referred to Mr. Russell's attention who said he would look into the matter.

(19) Concerning DEBRIS AND GARBAGE FEE SCHEDULE:

It was noted that this matter had been TABLED at the last Meeting - (January 18, 1971). Mr. Heinzer suggested an Ordinance be prepared concerning this matter and every member should receive a copy of same.

(20) Resolution AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL FOR STATE GRANT
FOR NEW INCINERATOR AND INSTALLATION OF AIR POLLUTION CONTROL
EQUIPMENT IN EXISTING INCINERATOR - (Mayor's letter 8/17/70)

Reference was made to the above matter and Mr. Heinzer suggested this matter be put ON the Agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 9.30 P.M.

CHARLES J. HEINZER, III Chairman Steering Committee

MR. BOCCUZZI requested, in order to save time when voting on appointments, that there be no seconding speeches, and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSBACH presented his Committee Report. He said his Committee met on Wednesday and Thursday, the 24th and 25th of February to consider 18 appointments. He said all members were present at the first meeting, but at the second meeting several Committee Members were attending other meetings

which were in conflict and tried to cover them all to the best of their ability.

Action was taken on the following appointments:

PARK COMMISSION:

Term Ending:

12/1/75

(1) BETTY ANN COOKNEY (R)
266 High Ridge Road
(replacing Lotus Mills, whose term expired)

The above appointment was held in Committee, as the Committee was unable to interview Mrs. Cookney because she is recuperating from an accident.

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD:

(2) LOUIS J. CASALE (R)
155 Frederick Street
(reappointment)

VOTE: 28 yes

12/1/75

7 no

SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY:

(3) LOUIS J. RODRIGUEZ (R)
237 Russet Road

VOTE: 26 yes

3/15/73

10 no

(replacing Stearns Woodman)

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:

(4) ROBERT ISRAEL (R)
Clarks Hill Avenue
(Replacing Stanley Grabowski)

12/1/71

The above appointment was held in Committee for another month.

PARKING AUTHORITY:

(5) JACK PINSKY (R)

1 Strawberry Hill Court
(replacing Aurelia Pich

VOTE: 24 yes 12 no

1/1/73

(replacing Aurelio Rich, deceased)

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

(6) SIGURD MEDHUS (R) 84 West Hill Circle

VOTE: 26 yes 10 no 8/7/73

(replacing Lynn Farmen who resigned)

APPOINTMENTS: (CONT D)

CDAP DIRECTOR:

Term Ending:

(7) JOSEPH NARAJKA (R) VOTE: 29 yes No term of 27 Silver Street 7 no office.

(replacing Robt. Cabana who
resigned)

BOARD OF TAXATION:

(8) FRANCIS GREANEY (R) VOTE: 27 yes 12/1/75
Grove Street 9 no
(replacing Dominic LoRusso,

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATE:

whose term expired)

(9) NICHOLAS CRISPI (R)
5 Robinson Drive
(replacing John Sedlak, whose term expired)

The above appointment was held in Committee for another month.

COMMISSION ON AGING:

who resigned)

(10) MRS. ANN McDONALD (D) VOTE: 31 yes 12/1/73

53 Courtland Hill Street 5 no
(replacing Dr. Clara Kaiser,

. (11) REVEREND PAUL DUBOIS (D) VOTE: 33 yes 12/1/73
18 Janes Lane 1 no
(replacing Dr. Kevin Doyle,
whose term expired)

GOLF AUTHORITY:

(12) ROBERT NOLAN (D) VOTE: 22 yes 12/1/73
110 Hope Street 14 no (reappointment)

(13) MRS. LILLIAN MELTZER (D) VOTE: 23 yes 12/1/73
44 Studio Road 13 no
(replacing Anthony Boccuzzi,
whose term expired)

(14) PETER J. SOMMA (D) VOTE: 20 yes 12/1/73
91 Nutmeg Lane 15 no
(replacing Frank Daley, whose 1 abstention term expired)

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:		Term Ending:
(15) CHICO VEJAR (D) 16 Burwood Avenue (replacing Joseph Mehan, whose term expired)	VOTE: 29 yes 7 no	12/1/73
(16) ROBERT KELLEY (D) 60 Aberdeen Street (replacing Charles Mitchell, who resigned) BOARD OF TAX REVIEW:	VOTE: 29 yes 7 no	12/1/73
(17) KENNETH S. HERMAN (R) 1589 Newfield Avenue (replacing Dennis White, whose term expired) FAIR RENT COMMISSION ALTERNATE:	VOTE: 25 yes 11 no	12/1/75
(18) LLOYD CONTRACT (R) 1425 Bedford Street (replacing Patrick Quigley,	VOTE: 24 yes 12 no	12/1/75

CONCERNING MATTER OF TWO RECENT APPOINTMENTS:

whose term expired)

MR. RUSSBACH brought up the above matter and said as far as one recent appointment is concerned, the matter has been resolved, but as far as the second appointment goes, it is a matter of ethics and a resolution of censure will be presented.

CENSURE OF MR. STUART KONSPORE, MEMBER OF ZONING BOARD

MRS. SHERMAN said she feels this is strictly the business of the Republican Town Committee and has nothing to do with this Board and the appointment of Mr. Konspore was done solely on the basis of his qualifications, and to bring it up at this time is completely out of order.

MR. SHERER also objected and said this should not be brought on the floor of this Board. He said Mr. Konspore has been on the Zoning Board for a good many years and has always voted for the best interests of Stamford, and he hoped that he was reappointed because of his record. He said after listening to some remarks made by the Members of the Appointments Committee, it would appear that the only reason that he was approved for reappointment, was because he had said he would resign and he will resign when he is sure of his replacement with someone who would be acceptable to his constituents. He said he suggests that time be given to Mr. Konspore to do this. He read

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into the record the letter Mr. Konspore sent to the Board of Representatives:

Dear Mr. Brandi:

In accordance with my promise to Mayor Wilensky, I am hereby submitting my resignation from the Republican Town Committee, effective at the time set forth hereinafter.

When Mayor Wilensky asked me if I would accept another appointment to the Zoning Board, I told him that I would accept another appointment, but that I wanted the opportunity to have an orderly transition when I left the Town Committee.

As you know, I was elected by the voters of my District in the Primary held in April 1970 and I naturally feel an obligation to my constituents to see that an orderly transition is effected.

I have been working on this and will continue to do so diligently and my resignation will become effective as soon as I accomplish this. But, so that the whole matter is not left up in the air, I will not, in any event serve beyond the day of the next Municipal election which is to be held in November, 1971.

In the meantime, I will consult with my Town Committeewoman and our District workers in an attempt to resolve the matter as soon as possible.

I am sending copies of this letter to Mr. Daniel Russbach and the other Members of the Board of Representatives, since Mr. Russbach has asked for a letter for the next meeting of the Board of Representatives.

I feel that the proposals set forth in this letter will do justice to and be consistent with my discussions with Mayor Wilensky and the Appointments Committee and with the interests of the voters of my District.

(signed) Stuart Konspore

The following Resolution was read by Mr. Exnicios, who moved for its approval. Seconded by Mr. Russbach:

RESOLUTION NO. 733

CENSURING MR. STUART KONSPORE, MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND REQUESTING THE MAYOR TO IMMEDIATELY SECURE HIS RESIGNATION

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford has been advised by its Appointments Committee that its recommendation concerning Mr. Stuart Konspore's fitness to serve on the City's Zoning Board was arrived at by misrepresentation made by the Candidate, and

WHEREAS, the Appointments Committee questions the integrity, and therefore, the fitness, of Mr. Konspore to serve the City of Stamford as a Member of the Zoning Board:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford to request the Mayor of the City of Stamford to immediately secure the resignation of Mr. Stuart Konspore from the Zoning Board of the City of Stamford, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Stamford be requested, in the event that the resignation is not received by 12 o'clock noon on the 5th day of March, 1971, that the Mayor take the necessary steps to remove Mr. Stuart Konspore from the Zoning Board, and

BR IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we request the Mayor of the City of Stamford to advise, in writing, before March 19, 1971, to the President of the Board of Representatives that the foregoing has been accomplished.

MR. KETCHAM said he regret this situation has developed, but supports the Appointments Committee. He said this is not a party matter, but transcends that and politics and concerns the integrity of this Board and the respect that is due this Board.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said he wishes to state that remarks have been made about the Committee's feelings and as a Member of the Appointments Committee, he wished to state that it was not a unanimous vote that this be brought out on the floor to have the Board of Representatives approve this resolution.

MR. TRUGLIA asked for a recess at 9.45 P.M. which was allowed.

The recess was over at 10 P.M. and the Members resumed their seats.

MR. TRUGLIA said the Democrats will abstain as a group from voting on this question. He said they feel that what they are dealing with is an intra-party situation. He asked what legislative immunity this Board has if this matter should go into legal proceedings.

THE PRESIDENT said he does not think we have any more than the usual immunity on these kinds of issues.

MR. LiVOLSI said this Board is about to vote on a Resolution which accuses an individual of misrepresentation or fraud. He said if this has not been given to the Board of Ethics and sent to the Corporation Counsel for an opinion, then can the President guarantee this Board will have legislative immunity.

THE PRESIDENT said this he cannot do.

MR. MORRIS said he thinks the issue is whether or not we intend to back

up the Appointments Committee and the claim he lied to them.

MR. KETCHAM said he fails to see where a motion to censure is actionable, because this has been going on for a number of years with no legal repercussions.

MR. SCOFIELD said he is surprised that Mr. Truglia is bringing this up as far as the Board's right to vote on an issue as he is the one questioning the vote on taking more land on Rutherford Lane and it was the opinion of the Corporation that if a Committee of this Board was given incorrect information, they had a perfect right to re-vote on an item.

MR. MILLER said it appears that the issue here is not Mr. Konspore's personal ethics, but the question is what powers does this Board have. He said there is nothing in the Charter which requires that an appointee to any city Board has to give up a seat on a City Committee and he does not think this Board can impose requirements which go beyond those provided for in the Charter. He said it appears that if we approve the resolution in question it is tantamount to a Bill of Attainder is unconstitutional, and involves legislative punishment, without the person in question having an opportunity to defend himself.

MR. RUSSBACH said the issue at stake has nothing to do with the Town Committee, dual job holding or anything else. He said we have one fundamental issue at stake and it is a question which concerns this entire Board and is strictly one of right or wrong. He said we are doing nothing which has not been done many times in the past and goes back thousands of years to the old Roman Senate.

MR. LiVOLSI said he has found nothing in the Charter that gives this Board the power to censure and for that reason he is going to ask again whether we will be subject to any civil repercussions.

MR. CONNORS asked if Mr. Konspore had agreed to resign from the Town and City Committee?

MR. RUSSBACH said the Appointments Committee did not solicit this information - and was advanced by the candidate as a consideration for his appointment and the Appointments Committee never held the issue of dual job holding in question. He said they do not set a criteria for this, but it was information given to the Committee by the individual as consideration for voting a certain way and was a misrepresentation of fact and that is the issue.

MR. CONNORS asked if this is a "housekeeping" problem in the Republican Party, where the man has no choice on who is going to be picked for his seat on the Town Committee? He asked if that was the trouble.

MR. RUSSBACH said "no" and that the issue is one of ethics and misrepresentations made before the Appointments Committee.

MR. CONNORS said he was led to believe that he agreed to resign in due time when he had picked out his own choice (for replacement). He said he may be wrong, but that is what he was told.

MR. GUROIAN said he can't go along with the group in voting on the Democratic side - first, because he happens to be a member of the Appointments Committee, and secondly, because he believes that the integrity of the members of that Committee, who are both Republicans and Democrats, is at stake. He said if a precedent setting things such as this can happen, other appointees who come before the Appointments Committee can say a thing and not really mean what they say and this can happen over and over again. He said at the time this was discussed by the Committee, the Chairman read:

"I will resign from the Town Committee when I am confirmed for a reappointment to the Zoning Board."

He said this was what prompted the Committee to sit in judgment - on the above statement made by Mr. Konspore. He said several members of the Committee were definitely influenced in making their decision to approve the appointment by the statement. He said for this reason he cannot go along with the group vote by the Democrats, but must stick with the decision made by the Appointments Committee.

MR. KETCHAM said it might be of interest to Mr. LiVolsi that in the year 1964 a Member of this Board was censured by vote and he was the Member of this Board and the political party doing the censuring was the Democratic City Committee.

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

A division was requested. Resolution No. 733 censuring Mr. Stuart Konspore was CARRIED by a vote of 15 in favor and 7 opposed.

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. EXNICIOS presented his Committee Report. He said they met on Wednesday, February 24th with the following Members present: Mrs. Pont-Briant, Messrs. John Boccuzzi, Rybnick, Puette, Caporizzo, DeForest and Robert Exnicios, Chairman. He reported on the following matters:

(1) \$18,522.00 - To provide Merit Step Increases in Salary for 47 Employees
who are Supervisory and Administrative Personnel (Mayor's letter of 1/13/71)

Note: Listed by Code numbers on Pages 7648-49 of 2/1/71 Minutes)

MR. EXNICIOS said this is listed on the Agenda, all salary codes for the several departments concerned.

MR. EXNICIOS said the Fiscal Committee voted to recommend approval of this appropriation with one "no" vote.

He said he would like to make one statement on behalf of the Committee. He said that during their deliberations on this, one letter which was received by the President was discussed. He said it came from the Attorney of the MAA and the Committee felt it was of a rather intimidating nature and he would like to go on record as saying that this letter was not received favorably. However, he said it did not intimidate the Committee and they tried to be fair in their vote. He said they would not request, but think it would be in order for an apology, because the first three paragraphs consisted of a personal attack on one of their members and other paragraphs point out things like "this Board is legally and morally bound to approve these funds" which, in their opinion is NOT the case. He said this letter, which is written by the Counsel of the MAA, questioned the Board of Representatives' right to review in depth for the reason that "it only duplicates the in-depth review already conducted by the Mayor, the Personnel Commission and the Board of Finance prior to their approval".

MR. EXNICIOS said he would like to point out to this gentleman and to the MAA that, in the Committee's opinion this is their responsibility and they reserve that right on everything that comes before them -- to review it in depth, and if they fail to do this they would not be doing their job.

MR. EXNICIOS said the other letter he refers to has been received by all Board Members and he will not comment on that but will let everyone draw their own conclusions. However, he said he wished to say again that the Committee DID vote six in favor and one opposed, for approval and he SO MOVED. This motion was seconded by Mr. Bitetto and several others.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said as Chairman of the Personnel Committee, she also would like to make a couple of statements. She said the letter mentioned by Mr. Exnicios, plus another letter, she believes to be out of line for a different reason. She explained that the Committee (at the February meeting) had voted to hold this in Committee so that further information could be obtained on questions they had on perfectly legitimate items - no problem and no upset, but just to hold it for another month. She said she had a special meeting with Mrs. Friebie, Chairman of the Personnel Commission, and had requested of her certain itemized information and also copies of the Minutes of a special meeting, at which time this was approved. She said these have all been given to her and questions she had asked in regard to persons not previously on the MARCOM REPORT and now included in it, were answered, and there were about eight of those - each one involving a different reason. She said these answers were all given to her, upon request, to her satisfaction, with a couple of exceptions (which is not within the power of this Board to change) and which would have to come from the source, at this time, to our Board. She said all of the questions asked by her Committee have been answered, with no problem at all.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said she wants to state for the record that she takes exception to certain statements where they say (in their letter) that merit

increases "will be requested through any means available to the MAA". She said she feels this Board is a responsible Board and they will act in that fashion.

MR. SCOFIELD speaking about the letters referred to by the previous speakers, said he thought it was beneath the dignity of the Board to consider these emergency appropriations under the circumstances.

MR. SCOFIELD MOVED that the Board not consider this matter until the Members have received a written apology from the MAA which motion was seconded and CARRIED by a vote of 22 in favor and 14 opposed. (Machine Vote).

(2) \$66,746.00 - Resolution No. 734 - Authorizing Application for State

assistance in above amount to undertake program of study
and planning for Housing Site Development - (Requested in
letter from Mr. Anthony J. Marrucco dated 1/13/71 - Deferred
at the 2/1/71 Board meeting - See page 7676, item (g) Sent back to Committee)

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Dixon who said the Public Housing & General Relocation Committee concurs. CARRIED with one "no" vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 734

AUTHORIZING FILING OF APPLICATION FOR STATE ASSISTANCE
WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS IN ORDER TO
UNDERTAKE A PROGRAM OF STUDY AND PLANNING FOR HOUSING
SITE DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Acts 522, 760 and 768, 1967 Regular Session as amended, the Commissioner of Community Affairs is authorized to extend financial assistance to local housing authorities, municipalities, human resource development agencies and non-profit corporations; and

WHEREAS, Section 4-114a of the General Statutes as amended provides that any party contracting with the State of Connecticut shall agree not to discriminate nor permit discrimination, in the performance of such contract, against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religion, or national origin in any manner prohibited by the laws of the State of Connecticut, or of the United States, and that such party shall agree to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission concerning the employment practices and procedures of such party as relate to said section; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Stamford make application to the State for \$66,746 in order to undertake a program of Housing Site Development and, to execute an Assistance Agreement therefor. It is understood that the City of Stamford will provide a Local Grant-In-Aid in accordance with the requirements of Public Acts 522, 760 or 768, 1967 Regular Session, as amended, as appropriate.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD:

- 1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State assistance imposed by Public Acts 522, 760 and 768, 1967 Regular Session, as amended, especially the requirement of a Community Development Action Plan in Section 9(b) of Public Act 522.
- 2. That it recognizes the responsibility for the provision of local grants-in-aid to the extent that they are necessary and required for said program.
- 3. That the filing of an application by the City of Stamford in an amount not to exceed \$66,746 is hereby approved and that the Stamford Housing Site Development Agency is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such application with the Commissioner of Community Affairs, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an assistance agreement with the State of Connecticut for state financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, recisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the City of Stamford.

(3) \$903.92 - BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - Code 106.0404 and Code 106.0101 for the following: (Mayor's letter of 1/26/71)

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

(4) \$2,720.00 - To grant 8% salary increases to the Chiefs of Police and Fire Departments, allocated as follows: (Approved by Board of Finance on 2/4/71)

The above matter was returned to Committee for further clarification by a vote of 17 yes and 16 no.

(5) \$60,000.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Representing 100% prepaid Grant from the State and Federal Governments under the Adult Basic Education Act in order to continue "ADULT BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM" for 1970-71 fiscal year - (Letter from Dr. Porter, Supt. of Schools, dated 1/19/71)

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for approval of the above request. He explained we already have the money and this is just an appropriation out of the General Fund for the Board of Education. Seconded by Mr. Miller, who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs. CARRIED.

(6) \$237,710.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Representing 100% prepaid State

Funds to be received from the State of Connecticut
under State Aid for Disadvantaged Children to continue
Project 135-1 "EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR DISADVANTAGED
CHILDREN" for the 1970-1971 fiscal year - (Letter
dated 1/19/71 from Dr. Porter, Supt. of Schools)

MR. EXNICIOS explained that this is just like the previous one just approved - that the money has been received from the State and this is just an appropriation out of the General Fund, and he MOVED for approval of the request. Seconded by Mr. Miller who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.

(7) \$16,008.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Representing 100% prepaid State

Funds to be received from the State of Connecticut
under State Aid for Disadvantaged Children (non-public
schools) in order to continue Project P-135-4 "REMEDIAL
READING CENTERS IN INNER CITY NON-PUBLIC ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS" for the 1970-1971 fiscal year - (Letter dated
1/19/71 from Dr. Porter, Supt. of Schools)

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for approval of the above request, which he said is similar to the previous two. Seconded by Mr. Miller who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.

(8) \$418,133.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Representing 100% prepaid Federal funds to be received from the State of Connecticut under Title I, Elementary & Secondary Educational Act, to continue E.S.E.A. - "TITLE PROJECT 135-2 - "ASPIRATION-EDUCATION" for the 1970-1971 fiscal year - (Letter dated 1/19/71 from Dr. Porter, Supt. of Schools)

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Miller, who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs in approval.

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MR. DONAHUE asked if the letter (from Dr. Porter), gives a complete breakdown on just what this close to half a million dollars is going to be used for.

MR. MILLER said he does not recall getting any detailed analysis of how this money is going to be used.

THE PRESIDENT reminded the members that they have all received a letter on this, and called for a VOTE. CARRIED with two or three "no" votes.

(9) \$600.00 - BOARD OF SELECTMEN - Code 104.0101, Salaries - (See Mayor's letter of 1/28/71)

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for approval of the above request. He explained that this item was inadvertently left out of the 1970-1971 Budget and is for salaries for the Board of Selectmen and the appropriation is for one year only. Seconded and CARRIED.

(10) \$2,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - Code 510.0920 - Gifts & Donations for NARCOTIC REHABILITATION PROGRAM, which amount represents the second portion of a Grant to the Health Department for their Narcotic & Air Pollution Program - (Mayor's letter of 1/28/71)

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for approval of the above request. He said a check has been received for \$2,000 for the General Fund and we are now giving it to the Department of Public Health. Seconded by George Russell, who said the Health & Protection Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.

(11) \$355,737.00 - Resolution No. 735 - CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR
FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR STATE ASSISTANCE IN AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$355,737.00 TO ENABLE WAIVER OF
PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES, MAKING SOCIAL SERVICE
PROGRAMS POSSIBLE IN STATE MODERATE RENTAL PROJECTS
(OAK PARK MR-6, WILLIAM C. WARD HOMES MR-33, VIDAL
COURT MR-55, and LAWNHILL TERRACE MR-68) - (Mayor's letter of 2/26/71)

MR. EXNICIOS said he is moving for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to take up the above matter. He said the only reason he is requesting this is in accordance with information received from the Mayor, both this and another one he is introducing just after this one, are both extremely vital to the welfare of Stamford and also to its fiscal operation. In this particular one, he said we must get an application in by tomorrow (March 2) at the latest, because the DCA Commissioner, Mr. Dorsay, has given us a one day extension of time. He explained that the second item has to do with the Amendatory now being studies by HUD in Hartford. He said it has to do with the Housing Coordinator's position.

THE PRESIDENT asked the speaker to separate these matters and move for suspension of the rules on them separately.

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for suspension of the rules on the first item (Resolution No. 735) which has to do with PILOT program funds. Seconded and CARRIED

with one "no" vote.

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Bitetto:

RESOLUTION NO. 735

CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR STATE

ASSISTANCE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$355,737.00 TO ENABLE WAIVER

OF PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES, MAKING SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS

POSSIBLE IN STATE MODERATE RENTAL PROJECTS, (OAK PARK MR-6, WILLIAM

C. WARD HOMES MR-33, VIDAL COURT MR-55, LAWNHILL TERRACE MR-68)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Acts 522, 760 and 768, 1967 Regular Session as amended, the Commissioner of Community Affairs is authorized to extend financial assistance to local housing authorities, municipalities, human resource development agencies and non-profit corporations; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 4-114a of the General Statutes as amended provides that any party contracting with the State of Connecticut shall agree not to discriminate nor permit discrimination, in the performance of such contract, against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religion or national origin in any manner prohibited by the laws of the State of Connecticut, or of the United States, and that such party shall agree to provide the Commission on Human Rights, and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission concerning the employment practices and procedures of such party as relate to said Section; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Stamford make application to the State for financial assistance under part (b) of Section 8-216 of the General Statutes, revision of 1958, as amended, in order to undertake a program of Payment-In-Lieu-Of-Taxes, and, to execute an Assistance Agreement therefor. It is understood that the City of Stamford will provide a Local Grant-in-Aid in accordance with the requirements of Public Acts 522, 760 or 768, 1967 Regular Session, as amended, as appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES:

- 1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Public Acts 522, 760 and 768, 1967 Regular Session, as amended, especially the requirement of a Community Development Action Plan, in Section 9(b) of Public Act 522.
- 2. That it recognizes the responsibility for the provisions of local grants-in-aid to the extent that they are necessary and required for said program.
- 3. That the filing of an application by the City of Stamford in an amount not to exceed \$355,737.00 is hereby approved, and that the Mayor is hereby

authorized and directed to execute and file such application with the Commissioner of Community Affairs, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, recisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the City of Stamford.

4. That the City of Stamford shall waive during the period of such Assistance Agreement commencing July 1, 1970 on MR-6, MR-33, MR-55 and MR-68 any payment in lieu of taxes by the Housing Authority to the municipality under provisions of Section 8-71 of the Connecticut General Statutes, or under the provisions of cooperation agreements between the municipality and such Housing Authority or State.

MR. KETCHAM said he would like to ask the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee why this matter has reached us at such a late date - in other words, on the day it is supposed to be in Hartford. He said it seems that a proposition of this magnitude must have been given prior consideration and thought by other municipal bodies.

MR. EXNICIOS said he only has an opinion on this and that these matters are normally processed by CDAP and the CDAP Director and as we all know there have been some problems in filling that position and he can given no further explanation.

MR. MORABITO said he believes this Board has a five day rule in order for this to go to the Steering Committee and be properly processed.

THE PRESIDENT said we have just suspended the rules.

MR. MORABITO said he does not particularly care for this last minute legislation.

MR. DURSO said the Mayor's letter states that this is a "windfall" to the City, and for this reason thinks we should approve this item.

MR. MORRIS said he is in favor and we can sure use this money.

MR. MORABITO said this may be a so-called "windfall" but he would like to remind the Members that any money that we receive in a State Grant is paid back at the rate of \$1.65 for every dollar we get back and will have to be made up in State taxes and we are all State taxpayers.

MR. PUETTE MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

VOTE taken on Resolution No. 735, and CARRIED with several "no" votes.

(12) \$6,000.00 - MAYOR'S OFFICE - To create position of HOUSING

COORDINATOR under Sec. 301 of Charter - (Mayor's letter of 3/1/71)

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to bring the above matter on the floor. He explained the reason for the lateness of this request is due to the fact that the Mayor was in Hartford last week talking to the HUD officials and in his opinion, Mr. Lawrence Thompson, who was the head of the Hartford office, would look more favorably upon Stamford's Amendatory for URC if such a position is filled. Mr. Exnicios' motion was seconded and CARRIED with a few "no" votes.

MR. EXNICIOS said this appropriation is under several Code numbers:

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He said this will allow the Mayor to hire a Housing Coordinator, a Secretary and to equip an office and to fund this operation for the balance of this fiscal year. HE MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded.

MR. GUROIAN said he does not agree with the Mayor and opposes this item, for the reason that there are at least two authorities in this City who can exercise the duties set forth for the position of Housing Coordinator the Housing Authority and the Housing Sites Development Agency. He said these two groups have in their collective staff in excess of 80 people. He said the Housing Authority alone has seven offices. He said it seems that the task of a Housing Coordinator could be assumed by any one of these seven offices or from the many personnel they employ. He said we have got to stop creating new jobs and new Commissions which are in fact, redundent and which collectively are draining our tax dollars on a local, state and federal level.

MR. SCOFIELD said he believes that with a CDAP Director whose job description fills this capacity, that he can "ride herd" on the Housing Authority and the non-profit sponsors and come up with full reports to the satisfaction of HUD or of HSA in Hartford and that he does not think this job is really necessary.

MR. KETCHAM noted that there is appended to the Mayor's letter a proposed Ordinance creating the position of Housing Coordinator in which reference is made to Sec. 301 of the Charter, which Section provides that the Mayor shall have any special assistants that he may deem necessary, providing the

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funds are available, and the request is being made for this money under the provisions of Sec. 619. He said the Ordinance which is being proposed is not necessary and just confuses the issue. He said there is no doubt that the complexity of City government is constantly increasing and the executive of this City has a very good case for hiring additional help. He said the Mayor could very well employ a special assistant in charge of housing to assist him in this operation and this will not create another City department or another bureaucracy.

MR. EXNICIOS said the code numbers which he just read are code numbers in the office of the Mayor and to verify what he wishes to emphasize, we are not asking for the passage of an Ordinance tonight - just an appropriation.

MR. DIXON said we must consider the fact that housing in Stamford is now one of the biggest issues we have. He urged approval of the request.

MR. CHIRIMBES said he thinks we are trying to create another monstrosity and all he can see is a job of Housing Coordinator listed at a salary of \$15,000.00. He said he sees very few people in the City government who are making that kind of a salary unless they have been here over 20 years and further, he fails to see any kind of a job specification. He said he sees no reason why the newly appointed CDAP Director cannot assume these duties. He opposed the creation of another agency in City government.

MR. BITETTO spoke in favor and suggested that the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee convey the message to the Mayor as to this Board's feelings on the matter.

MR. DeFOREST spoke in favor of the appropriation because one of the problems we have had since the beginning is with the URC situation and housing has always been the first issue.

After considerable further discussion, MR. PUETTE MOVED THE QUESTION. CARRIED.

VOTE taken on the motion to approve the \$6,000 appropriation under Item \$#12. A division was called for. The motion was LOST by a vote of 17 in favor and 20 opposed. (requires a 2/3rds vote)

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

(1) Ordinance for final adoption CONCERNING THE PARTIAL ABANDONMENT OF

VERNON PLACE - (Requested in letter from John E. Smyth, Assistant

Corporation Counsel, dated 12/22/70 - Held in Committee 1/11/71
Now awaiting opinion from Corporation Counsel - Published 2/5/71)

The above matter was held in Committee, due to lack of a Chairman being present.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

(2) Proposed Resolution authorizing the URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION to convey to the Stamford Federal Savings & Loan Assn. for the sum of \$1.00, 1,129 sq. ft. of City-owned property located on Easterly side of Atlantic Street, together with an casement over a portion of Luther Street - (Approved by Board of Finance on 2/4/71)

The above matter was also held in Committee, due to lack of a Chairman being present.

MR. LiVOLSI, presented the following report for the Legislative & Rules Committee:

On February 25, 1971 the Legislative & Rules Committee met. Items on the Agenda were not discussed due to the absence of the Committee's Chairman, Steve Ellsworth. However, an open hearing was held to discuss proposed changes to Chapter 18 of the Code of General Ordinances (former Ordinance No. 65 and Ordinance No. 128)

Representatives of the Health Department, CTE, Legal Services and William Ivler were present, along with the Building Inspector, James Sotire. Before this item is brought before the Board, an opinion will be requested of the Corporation Counsel as to whether or not the Ordinance is properly before the Board.

Also discussed at the request of the Board's President, Charles Heinzer, was the question of the hiring of an Attorney for the Board of Representatives. It was decided at the March 1st meeting that individual Caucus would vote for one of two candidates - Mr. LiVolsi and Mr. Bromley. The votes would be tallied and the winner would then receive confirmation by the entire Board.

No further items were discussed.***************

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. SCOFIELD presented his Committee Report. He said his Committee met on February 23rd, 1971 in the Municipal Office Building at 8 P.M. with the following present: Representatives Bitetto, Exnicios, Morabito, Rybnick and Scofield present. Also present were: Commissioner of Public Works Walter Maguire, Commissioner of Finance George Aretakis and City Engineer Bill Sabia. He reported on the following:

- (1) Proposed Ordinance CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES FOR LAND FILL PROJECTS (Rescinding previous Ordinance No. 150, enacted 7/18/68) (See Minutes 2/1/71 Pages 7678-79 TABLED)
- MR. SCOFIELD MOVED to REMOVE THIS FROM THE TABLE. Seconded and CARRIED.
- MR. BITETTO asked if a matter that has been tabled should not come up

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under "Old Business".

THE PRESIDENT said no.

MR. BITETTO asked for a clarification of the rules.

THE PRESIDENT said a motion to REMOVE FROM THE TABLE is in order at any time, when it happens to be a part of a Committee Report.

MR. SCOFIELD MOVED for approval for publication of the following proposed Ordinance:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES FOR LAND FILL PROJECTS

(Rescinding previous Ordinance No. 150 enacted 7/18/68)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Anyone desiring to participate in and use the facilities of any sanitary land fill operation or the multi-purpose Incinerator by dumping demolition material and other debris therein, which material and debris originated in the City of Stamford, shall apply to the Commissioner of Public Works of the City of Stamford for permission to do so; whereupon the Commissioner shall issue such permit.

Every vehicle used in depositing said materials shall be weighed and shall pay a dumping fee which shall be based upon the number of pounds of material actually dumped, which dumping fee shall be established by the Commissioner of Public Works and shall be approved by the Board of Representatives.

The laying and depositing of appropriate materials and the payment of fees therefor shall be under the supervision of the Commissioner of Public Works and he may promulgate such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary.

The material to be dumped shall, at all times, be under the supervision of the Commissioner, who shall specify the nature and content of all such material that may lawfully be dumped. He shall be responsible to oversee and regulate all dumping operations and shall exercise due care to protect adjacent waterways from debris emanating from this operation.

Ordinance No. 150 Supplemental is hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon the date of its enactment.

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MR. SCOFIELD spoke in favor of the Ordinance. He said you can impose a user's fee on those who are depositing materials in the multi-purpose Incinerator and the land fill project. He said the fee will be taken up by resolution, hopefully, next month after the Ordinance has been given final approval. He said all he is asking for tonight is publication of an Ordinance which would impose a user's fee.

MR. RUSSBACH said he supports this measure and thinks it is long overdue.

MR. TRUGLIA asked the Chairman (Mr. Scofield), if there was agreement on this Ordinance among the people he met with.

MR. SCOFIELD said he does not think he can say there was agreement, because no industry is going to come down to an open meeting and be overjoyed at being charged a fee. He said it appeared to be generally considered that it was not as bad as they had been led to believe at one time.

After considerable further discussion, MR. PUETTE MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

VOTE taken on publication of the proposed Ordinance. CARRIED by a vote of 19 in favor and 15 opposed. (Machine vote).

(2) Ordinance for final adoption CONCERNING THE PARTIAL ABANDONMENT OF

VERNON PLACE -- (See Item #1 under Legislative & Rules Committee) -
(Held in Committee)

MR. SCOFIELD said the City Engineer showed preliminary designed for a culde-sac that would have less damaging effect on the home owners on the South side of Vernon Place. He said this was held in Committee.

(3) Acceptance of old streets built prior to consolidation

MR. SCOFIELD said the Committee gave a list of streets to Mr. Russell for review with the City Engineer and the Planning & Zoning Committee. He said one or two roads should be accepted immediately and asked the Commissioner of Public Works to have ordinances prepared for the next meeting.

SEWER COMMITTEE:

MR. BITETTO said the Sewer Committee met on Wednesday, February 24, 1971 at 8 P.M. in the Mayor's Conference Room with the Sewer Commission. He said present from his Committee were: Mr. Scofield, Mr. Ravallese, Mr. Caporizzo, Mr. Russbach.

Concerning Bids for WEST HILL HIGH SCHOOL (3rd High School)

Mr. Bitetto said the bids were revealed for the above school which came

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to \$27,497.00 and this bid came in two parts - one for the pumping station and one for the force main with the cast iron pipe. He said the other bid was in the amount of \$299,650.00, bringing it to a total of \$327,147.00.

In connection with the above, he said they discussed an EASEMENT which proved to be very controversial because the easement has not been acquired from the Diocese of Bridgeport. He said it appears that a mistake was made by either the lawyer or the City Engineer that they talked to St. Leo's Church rather than to the Diocese of Bridgeport. He said the City is presently trying to arrange for either the acquisition or the purchase of the property.

MR. BITETTO read the following letter from the Building Engineer:

Dear Mr. Bitetto:

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When my School Building Committee first reviewed the plans for the Third High School, we noticed there were only 478 parking spaces.

The proposed school will house 2,500 pupils, plus 300 teachers, in addition to above. There is a gymnasium and an auditorium, both of which can seat 2,500 people, and the Board of Education assured methat both facilities would be used simultaneously. Therefore, it became obvious that the parking facilities for only 478 cars was totally inadequate.

It was suggested to my Committee that the City may be able to purchase approximately three (3) acres of adjacent land owned by the Catholic Diocese. We highly recommend that suggested purchase. If we purchase the Diocese property, and arrange our existing parking scheme to include the additional acreage, we will be able to provide 1,250 parking spaces.

Everyone in Stamford knows the sad conditions in the area of the Stamford High School, as a result of inadequate parking.

Very truly yours,

(signed) James J. Sotire
Building Official and Zoning
Enforcement Officer

⁽²⁾ Letter dated January 28, 1971 from the STAMFORD SEWER COMMISSION requesting CONDEMNATION OF EASEMENTS through and under properties of G. THOMAS MELCHIONNE and ANN MARIE MECHIONNE, ROSE BLEFARI and FRANK BLEFARI, NICHOLAS D. VANECH, ALEXANDER N. VANECH and NICHOLAS VANECH and PHILOMENA MARIA VANECH, which easements are necessary for the completion of the SANITARY and STORM SEWER project known as SECTION 15-3 (Above named people having refused to grant Easements, making condemnation action necessary)

MR. BITETTO said the Sewer Commission is asking us to pass a resolution to effect the condemnation for the above easements, as follows:

WHEREAS, certain easements through and under private property must be obtained for the successful completion of the sanitary sewer project known as Section 15-3; and

WHEREAS, certain property owners have refused voluntarily to grant the acquired easements to the Sewer Commission, although the Sewer Commission has negotiated in good faith to obtain said Easements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, as follows:

That authority be granted the City of Stamford on behalf of the Sewer Commission to condemn Easements through and under properties of G. THOMAS MELCHIONNE and ANN MARIE MELCHIONNE, 24 Kensington Road; ROSE BLEFARI and FRANK BLEFARI, 72 Turner Road; NICHOLAS D. VANECH, 60 Vanech Drive; ALEXANDER N. VANECH, 54 Vanech Drive; and NICHOLAS VANECH and PHILOMENA MARIE VANECH, 56 Vanech Drive; which Easements are more specifically described in Schedules A, B, C, D and E annexed hereto, for the purpose of completing the Sanitary and Storm Sewer System known as Sanitary Sewer Project 15-3.

THE PRESIDENT asked the Speaker if he is referring this Resolution to the Steering Committee, as it does not appear on the Agenda and was not referred to his Committee by the Steering Committee.

MR. BITETTO said he is asking for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to consider the above.

THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on the above motion. LOST.

MR. BITETTO asked for a division.

THE PRESIDENT called for a machine vote on the motion to suspend the rules. He reminded the speaker that this requires a two-thirds vote. LOST by a vote of 20 in favor and 11 opposed.

MR. BITETTO said all he can say is that this is very vital to the City.

THE PRESIDENT asked the Speaker if he had anything further to report. He replied that is all he had to report on.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE:

MR. ROOS presented the Committee Report. He said they met with the Urban Redevelopment Commission and Mr. Murphy, Mr. Costello and Mr. Roos were present. He said some discussion was had in regard to 190 families they are moving back and forth in a checkerboard pattern, at great expense. He said the URC is being forced to spend a quarter of a million dollars annually just moving these people around in order to maintain sub-standard buildings. He said they have been unable to place only a few people because of emergencies, such as fire, etc. and now we are doing away with the mobile housing, which makes it even worse.

He said this is a real big item and on it depends the Amendatory of something like Twenty-Six Million Dollars and we have got to do something to provide low cost housing. He said if you add the present Twelve Million Dollars cost to the City for URC we could be in a very deep trouble. He said many of us did not approve URC in the beginning, but now the "Fat is in the Fire" and we have to try to make it a success, and now with the lack of low cost housing, they can hardly move. He said the way we have been handling this low cost housing, we would have to provide more than a 1000 units to just take care of the 200 people involved in URC. He said he thinks we should concentrate on trying to meet the problem of obtaining low cost housing.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE CIVIL SERVICE & PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT PROCEDURES

MRS. PONT-BRIANT, Chairman, presented a Committee Report. She said a meeting was held on Thursday, February 25, 1971 in the Meeting Room of the Board of Representatives and present were: Mrs. Pont-Briant, Edward Scofield, John Boccuzzi, Robert Costello, Gerald Rybnick, Gerald Kolinsky from the Office of the Corporation Counsel, and Anthony Truglia, Minority Leader.

She said the Questionnaire and the multiple comments are expected to be turned into the Committee very soon, with recommendations to be implemented. At that time the Committee will then interpret and present their findings to the entire Board at the April Board Meeting.

She said they have also sent out follow-up letters to hasten the answers to previous inquiries which have not yet been received. She said they are meeting weekly during the month of March, with the intent of closing up this Committee within the next two months.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BOARD OPERATIONS:

MR. KETCHAM, Chairman, said he would like to remind the Members that tonight the Board started the meeting late and we have one 20 minute "five minute" recess, two suspensions of rules and we have had one of the lightest Agendas we have had so far this year. He MOVED for adjournment, which was LOST.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution concerning the West Main Street Community Center and their Fund Campaign to raise \$1,000,000

MR. TRUGLIA presented a resolution on the above matter. He said perhaps this is asking the Board to do something they have never done before - namely, go on record as being in favor of a campaign to raise funds for a community center.

MR. RUSSELL said this is unfortunate, because there are many worthy causes in the City who will hold and have held in the past, campaign drives to raise funds for their various worthy endeavors and this Board has never become involved in any of them, including the United Fund and the YMCA drive for funds, to mention a few. He said this resolution is having the Board ask the residents of Stamford to contribute to this drive for funds. He said, certainly the Members of this Board, as individuals, certainly can support this effort, which is a very worthy cause, but for this entire Board to take part in a campaign to raise money for any organization in the City would be showing partiality and if we start this, we will be setting a precedent and we will be getting into any and all Drives for funds by various agencies in the City.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT MOVED to delete the last paragraph of the Resolution. Seconded and CARRIED.

The Resolution was REFERRED TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE.

(2) Resolution concerning HELCO proposed rate increase

MR. RUSSELL said there is another proposed rate increase by a utility company, namely, The Hartford Electric Light Company, and unfortunately the only notice we received was an article in the newspaper and there is not sufficient time to go on record as opposing this rate increase unless we act tonight. HE MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to bring this on the floor. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded and CARRIED:

RESOLUTION NO. 736

CONCERNING REQUEST OF THE HARTFORD ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD FOR A RATE INCREASE

WHEREAS, the Hartford Electric Light Company, a private corporation, operating under regulations of the Public Utilities Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Hartford Electric Light Company is now asking for a substantial rate increase for its services; now

THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, that it is their opinion and judgment that this increase request is excessive, and with a need to restrain the present general inflationary trend during the period of a very tight economy, they request that the Public Utilities Commission strongly weigh the merits of the rate increase request.

CONCERNING STATE ACT NO. 6092 INREFERENCE TO BOAT LANDING AT WEST BEACH IN STAMFORD

MR. SCOFIELD MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to bring another resolution on the floor in regard to the above subject. LOST by a vote of 12 in favor and 22 opposed.

THE PRESIDENT said he would now entertain a motion for ADJOURNMENT. LOST.

OLD BUSINESS:

CONCERNING THE HIRING OF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

MR. TRUGLIA presented the name of FRANK LivolsI, JR. as the individual to fill this position for the Board of Representatives. Seconded.

MR. KETCHAM said at a previous meeting of this Board - and his Committee was involved (Special Committee to Study Board Operations) - and it was the understanding, and the Minutes will bear him out, that this particular matter is within the province of the President, Majority Leader and the Minority Leader, and the Board reserves the right of approval. He pointed out that this matter is not before us and would require suspension of the rules to bring it on the floor for a vote.

THE PRESIDENT thanked the Speaker and said he would have so ruled.

MR. TRUGLIA MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES to take up this question.

LOST by a machine vote of 21 in favor and 15 opposed. (Requires a two-

thirds vote).

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, duly seconded and CARRTED, the meeting was adjourned at 12 midnight.

Velma Farrell, Administrative Assistant (Recording Secretary)

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APPROVED:

NOTE: The above meeting was broadcast over Radio Station WSTC until 11 P.M.

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Charles J. Heinzer, IPI, President 11th Board of Representatives