

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD MAY 29, 197312TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVESSTAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A Special Meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Tuesday, May 29, 1973, pursuant to a "CALL" from Mayor Julius M. Wilensky, in the meeting room, 2nd floor, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Conn.

The President, George V. Connors, called the meeting to order at 8:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG: George Connors led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. At the calling of the roll there were 30 present and 10 absent, shortly after the roll call 4 members arrived there being 34 present and 6 absent. The absent members were:

Anthony D. Truglia (D), 5th District
 Michael Tresser (R), 11th District
 John Colasso (D), 14th District
 William Caporizzo (R), 15th District
 Robert A. Crosby (R), 16th District
 Richard J. Schade (R), 18th District

"CALL" OF MEETING:

May 22, 1973

TO: All members of the 12th Board of Representatives

FROM: Mayor Julius M. Wilensky

SUBJECT: "CALL" of a Special Meeting for the purpose of approving funds for a HAUL-AWAY PROGRAM

I, Julius M. Wilensky, Mayor of the City of Stamford, pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of said Board of Representatives for:

TUESDAY, MAY 29, 1973 at 8:30 P.M.

At the Municipal Office Building, second floor
 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut

Julius M. Wilensky
 Mayor

MAYOR WILENSKY thanked all the members for being present at tonight's meeting. He said before the Board tonight are two requests. One for a Capital item, \$95,000.00 which includes a Transfer Station, compacting equipment, site preparation, utilities, water service, hydrant, drainage and landscaping.

He said construction of the station alone is \$45,000.00. The construction of the fence, a high stockade fence, you can't see through it, and it does provide some protection from wind, is \$26,000.00. Landscaping along

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Hanover Street, \$10,000. Fire hydrants, \$3,000; additional drainage, \$2,000; electric connections, \$2,000; gravel for the access roads, \$2,000; miscellaneous items that we will know we will need, \$5,000, making a total of \$95,000.00. He said the reason why we need the Transfer Station is so that we can make a more efficient loading and unloading and also to reduce the cost, we get back this money in less than a year, based on our projected amount to be hauled away. He said he knows some items are shockingly high and the members might be tempted to cut them, he said please don't.

He said he wants to make this as nice looking as possible, and as least a nuisance as we can, and that's what the \$26,000 fence is for and the landscaping on Hanover Street, \$10,000 is for. The fence will be high enough so you cannot see anything on the ground, and the landscaping will set off the fence.....the cheapest and best way to go.

He said we have requested money enough for two years based on Commissioner Cooper's estimate of 250 tons a day until we get the multi-purpose incinerator going and then 200 tons a day for the rest of the year. We are not contracting for that much, we contract for a minimum of 100 tons a day. The Board of Finance in its wisdom gave us only theirs, that was taken only a few minutes ago, \$156,550 and that is what is before you now. He said \$148,750 to fund the first year of a two-year contractual obligation with the low bidder....signed for two years and are only appropriating what they think is enough to fund one year. He said they are giving us \$7,800 to rent the loader for the estimated period that will need to construct a Transfer Station.

MRS. SHERMAN asked the Mayor where she would find the figure of the cost of bringing rubbish to the Transfer Station?

MAYOR WILENSKY said we already have this in our budget now.

He continued to say this represents \$5.95 per ton for a minimum of 100 tons daily for 250 working days which is the minimum sum necessary for the first year in order to enter into a two-year contract....he said this at least lets him sign the contract to get it going.

MR. DIXON asked the Mayor if he will sign a two year contract, but this money will pay for one year.

THE MAYOR said he doesn't think it will, the Board of Finance does.

MR. IENZ asked the Mayor how did they come up with that figure - approximately how many tons a day would that be?

THE MAYOR said 100 tons a day for 250 working days, until we get the Transfer Station, then 200 tons. He said he asked for \$342,687.00.

MR. EXNICIOS said working with the figure that the Board of Finance has given us would appear, from Mr. Cooper's estimate, that we have enough money to last us six months. He said does the City fully get involved in something and then have the right to commit the citizens, taxpayers, for a two year contract?

THE MAYOR said that when he checked that out with Mr. Bromley and Mr. Aretakis, they told him he should request the money exactly the way he did. He said the best he could get from the Board of Finance is what

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they gave him, and they said, in writing, this is to fund the first year of a two-year contractual obligation.

MR. EXNICIOS said he is not questioning that - but only the legality.

THE MAYOR said he thinks it would cover it.

MR. EXNICIOS asked if we require a bond of any kind?

MR. BENEVELLI said it is fully bonded.

MR. EXNICIOS said regarding M.S.T. he asked if someone could tell him a little about this corporation - about how much equipment they might have, and how long have they been in business? He asked what qualifies them to accept this contract or qualifies them for us to give them the contract?

MR. BENEVELLI said M.S.T. is a newly organized corporation, however, the officers of this corporation are members of the Seaboard Trucking Co., and have been in business in Stamford for over 20 years. They have a tremendous amount of equipment and also have access to other equipment if needed for this haul-away program. He said they have done a tremendous amount of hauling in Stamford for many large firms, they have done hauling for the City of Stamford on contracts. They have no difficulty in getting the bond, they must submit to him a letter from the owner of the site in which they are going to dump this material, also a document signed by a City official, granting the owner permission to have this waste material dumped on that site.

MR. EXNICIOS asked what size trucks do they plan on hauling away in?

MR. BENEVELLI said they are figuring around 200 tons per day, and about 20 to 22 tons per vehicle; which is about 10 to 11 loads per day.

MR. EXNICIOS asked what is going to happen to the traffic around Hanover and Magee Streets?

THE MAYOR said traffic is already there. He said you won't have anymore trucks then you have now. The additional trucks will be just as Mr. Benevelli said, 10 to 11 trucks a day, and that is not a large volume. He said Shippan is full of trucks now; the industrial area along side the city incinerator is responsible for a great deal of the traffic.

THE MAYOR said he would like to name the officers of M.S.T., Secretary and Treasurer, Emil Scipioni, born in Stamford; Lawrence Marcico, Joe Tamburri, President and Vice President, and two others he doesn't know. He said that we are not dealing with outsiders or fly-by-nighters, we are dealing with a firm composed of reliable people who have had wide experience in the trucking field. Seaboard is a well-known name in Stamford.

MR. FRIEDMAN said we have before us tonight a request for an appropriation of \$156,550. He asked how this will effect the disposition of the refuse that people will be putting out for the last six weeks in anticipation of spring clean-up?

THE MAYOR said the first thing that has to happen is you've got to give us a way of disposing of it; you cannot talk in terms of a spring clean-up until we have a place to put it. If you pass this money, he said he can shake it

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down and sign the contract - then we will talk spring clean-up. He said he can't do a thing toward spring clean-up or solving our solid waste disposal problem, unless you give him a way to go. If you pass this tonight, he said he can guarantee prompt action on a contract, and on getting this thing going. He said then and only then, can we do something about a spring clean-up, and he hopes it will be spring.

He said if it is passed tonight, his guess will be that it will take two weeks before we are ready to announce-----spring clean-up.

MR. FRIEDMAN said relative to the site, has there been any guarantee that this site will assimilate two years of refuse?

THE MAYOR said he has been told five years....we are only contracting for two years. He said it will be specified that we've got a place to dump for two years, and will be bonded to performance of that.

MRS. LAITMAN said going back to what Mr. Exnicios asked, can we legally obligate another board?

THE MAYOR said the Corporation Counsel told him and so did Commissioner of Finance, that this was the way to do it - the piece of paper that is before you, which asks for an amount sufficient for two years, and says that we want to sign a two year contract and we only need the money for the first year to be appropriated at this time. He said you do commit the next board, there is no other way to get the cheaper price. The difference between \$5.95 a ton and \$7.10 for a 1 year contract - he said he wants to sign a two-year contract because it is more economical for the City and a less burden on the taxpayers.

MRS. LAITMAN asked Mr. Cooper if he anticipates any overtime expenses involving this matter?

MR. COOPER said he is not anticipating overtime - the operation will be from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. in the afternoon.

MRS. LAITMAN asked if any thought has been given to re-negotiating if the State is not ready with their plan after the two years?

THE MAYOR said we have a 1-year extension, if possible at the same price. Renewable for a third year, beyond that he said he doesn't want to go because he does believe the State will be ready sometime by the third year.

MRS. FORMAN said the compacting equipment is included in the \$45,000, she asked the Mayor if he could break down a little more as to what else is included and just how much the compacting equipment does come to.

THE MAYOR said he is not sure of the price of the compacting equipment - but others include a ramp, hopper, a compactor to have the material dropped down into the unit below. He said it is as close to automatic as you want to get.

MRS. FORMAN asked if there are any buildings involved?

MR. COOPER said there is no building involved. There will be a ramp structure, and support structure for the hopper, and then the compactor underneath. He said that is the extent of the structure plus a gate-keeper

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shack, which will be one that we are using on the other landfills right now.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT asked when the M.S.T. was formed (what date)?

MR. BENEVELLI said he doesn't know exactly, but it was only recently.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said if they don't meet your bonding requirements and other requirements you met, is the contract void?

MR. BENEVELLI said we don't have a contract - we don't sign until we have all the documents.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said if we award these bonds, when do you think it would start, is it about six weeks?

THE MAYOR said 3 days after the contract is signed. He said he will try hard to get a contract this week if the Board passes this tonight.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said if there are any funds available in the Sanitary Landfill account in the Capital Budget, are they committed or can we use any of those rather than give you the \$95,000?

MR. COOPER said he doesn't think we can do that.....there's not that much.

THE MAYOR said we have not cleaned up satisfactorily in Shippan, and have not cleaned up at all on Fairfield Avenue, whatever money Mr. Cooper has, must go toward this.

MR. HEINZER said the contract calls for 250 days of each year, about 100 tons a day, which is 50,000 tons, is the contract for 50,000 tons or is it on a daily basis? He said what he is driving at is, if we give them 200 tons a day for the first year, will we have satisfied the contract with them?

MR. BENEVELLI said no, we will not have(speaker did not use mike)

MR. RUSSELL asked if this haul-away will remove some of our Public Works trucking personnel and overtime activities? He said in other words will it be reduced, and if so, how will this saving, if any, be seen?

THE MAYOR said the men that will be at the dump site, which we now have had right along, they will be used to help loading trucks. He said we are not installing complete automatic equipment, there is a very limited amount of manpower that is down there anyway, and they will be used on the same basis at this Transfer Station.

MR. RUSSELL said this so-called spring clean-up recreates a lot of problems and certainly the fall clean-up, he said there should be some kind of publicity by the city in a "warning ad". He said it's getting to be shameful the way the amount of things are getting dumped at the curbs. He said he is not talking about leaves, but of washing machines, old furniture, and other things of this nature. He said that in the past, the City announced when to put out these items, but apparently people have taken it upon themselves by being arrogant or just don't care what their neighborhood looks like.

He said that he suggests that the City put some bold warning ads in the local news media, and over the radio, announcing that following such practices are in violation of City Ordinances. He said in a few bad cases, summons should

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be given out just to let the public know that we mean business.

MR. ROOS asked if we have considered purchasing compactors for individual homes? He said we spent a lot of money on hauling, and a compactor brings this trash down to one-fifteenth the size. In quantity, it might be quite surprising to see the cost of purchasing these compactors. He asked if this has ever been given any consideration?

MR. COOPER'S answer was not recorded because his mike was not turned on.

MR. MORRIS said for the last 20 minutes or so we have not been discussing the contract - he moved the question. LOST.

The question and answer period continued for some time after which Mr. John Boccuzzi moved for approval of \$156,550 for the haul-away program for the first year of the contract. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (1) \$156,550 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Operating Account - Code 624.1216 Haul-Away Program for 1 year to remove inert incinerator residue and demolition rubble, and other miscellaneous inert rubbish from Stamford (as follows) Mayor's letter of 5/25/73)

\$148,750 - To fund the first year of a two-yr. contractual obligation with the low bidder.

7,800 - Loader
\$156,550

Note: This represents \$5.95 per ton for a minimum of 100 tons daily for 250 working days which is the minimum sum necessary for the first year in order to enter into a two-year contract.

MR. HEINZER moved for approval of the following resolution. Mrs. Pont-Briant seconded the motion, and CARRIED:

- (2) Resolution amending 1972-73 Capital Projects Budget by adding the sum of \$95,000.00 thereto for Project known as "PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. - TRANSFER STATION" and appropriation therefor (Mayor's letter of 5/25/73)

RESOLUTION NO. 898

AMENDING 1972-73 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING THE SUM OF \$95,000 THERETO FOR PROJECT KNOWN AS "PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - TRANSFER STATION" AND APPROPRIATION THEREFOR

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford to amend the 1972-73 Capital Projects Budget by adding thereto a Project to be known as "PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - TRANSFER STATION" and appropriation of \$95,000 therefor, in accordance with the provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Diane Maciejczyk
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(Recording Secretary, pro tempore)

APPROVED:

George V. Connors
George V. Connors, President
12th Board of Representatives

NOTE: This meeting was not broadcast
over Radio Station WSTC.