

Minutes of Special Meeting of June 26, 1973

THE PRESIDENT requested the Mayor to explain the reason he called this special meeting before the Board goes into the regular order of business.

\$148,750.00 Appropriation for PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Code 624.
1216 - Haul-away Program for second year -- To remove
inert Incinerator Residue and Demolition Rubble and
Other Miscellaneous Inert Waste Material from the City
of Stamford

MAYOR JULIUS M. WILENSKY addressed the members for a short period of time. He said both this Board and the Board of Finance approved the funds for the first year of a two year contract, which this Board approved at their Special Meeting held May 29, 1973 by approving an appropriation of \$156,550.00. He said even though both Boards approved the appropriation to take care of the First year of this two year contract, this action failed to satisfy the provisions of Section 619.1 of the Charter, in the opinion of the Corporation Counsel. He said he later ran into the same opinion from the trucking company's attorney and, even more important, from the bond company's attorney who recommended against the signing of the contract unless the entire appropriation covering the two year period was approved. He said without that protection, the City has no guarantee of performance and it would leave the City open without that Performance Bond. He said the Capital funds were approved by this Board when they passed Resolution No. 898 on May 29, 1973 --- the \$95,000 for a TRANSFER STATION.

He said last night the Board of Finance approved the minimum amount needed -- at \$5.95 a ton-- which comes to \$148,750.00. He said this will finance a full second year of the contract. He said he had requested more than what the Board of Finance approved, but all this Board can vote on is the appropriation that was approved by them.

There followed a question and answer period, with the members asking about certain pertinent factors in the contemplated program.

MR. RAVALLESE asked if there will be another special meeting called and the Mayor said there may be another request for an additional appropriation, because the Board of Finance reduced the appropriation request, knowing full well that we may have to come back later for more. The Mayor said they had estimated it at 200 tons a day, but right now it is averaging better than 500 tons a day, but they know it will level off.

MR. RUSSELL asked how debris, other than from Urban Renewal, is going to tie in with this haulaway and how are we going to handle the fees -- such as contractors tearing down buildings. The Mayor referred this question to Mr. Cooper, the Commissioner of Public Works.

MR. COOPER said we are running on the same system we used on the land fills - we sell dumping permits to the demolition contractors for 70¢ a cubic yard which is approximately \$8.00 a ton. He said he thinks it will be expedient for us to change our fee system to make it comparable to the one that Greenwich uses, which is \$6.00 per hundred weight, with the first 200 lbs. forgiven.

MR. HEINZER said this is \$1.40 not \$8.00.

MR. COOPER said the fee is 70¢ per cubic yard and one cubic yard is approximately 1/2 ton. He said it is not enough and does not compare favorably with Greenwich,

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with the result that unless we do something about it, it will serve to encourage people from outside to bring material here instead of there.

MR. PERILLO said at the May 29th meeting there was talk about a compactor.

THE MAYOR said at first they had expected to go to a compactor, and they are now dickering with the State to get the specifications settled and what they are calling for is a RAMP that will allow the trucks to go up and dump the material, which they will undoubtedly require for ash, and let us load from the ground with material other than ash. He said you have got to build a station because you don't want the ash on the ground and what they want us to do is to dump behind the Incinerator like we are now doing, and cool it there and don't bring any hot ash over to the loading site and then bring it over directly in trucks that will dump it into the hopper and it will never touch the ground, which is what they insist on. He said in order to construct all of this, we have to move across the street for the time being for a month or two until we can build the ramp. He said the fencing is on order and as soon as we can settle the specifications with the State, the ramp will be on order.

MR. GURDIAN asked about landfill sites and said at the last meeting he had asked if the Mayor had probed all possible sites and the answer he got was "no" which he considered to be shocking to him and to Mr. Knapp. He said a potential landfill site in the 20th District - some 115 acres - was put out of the picture because of a commitment given by the administration, and as a result of that commitment, a site south of the Parkway was sought, and the fact is that 96,000 people live south of the Parkway, as opposed to 13,000 north of the parkway. He said we are now faced with the expenditure of thousands of dollars on an expensive haulway program, when we could have used the landfill site north of the Parkway.

THE MAYOR said it is true that we do have land fill potential here and he is very pleased with the way other land fill sites have developed and created some 14 acres of water front park in Dyke Park by using land fill and eliminated the bridge and filled in the cut and may be able to sell the land and even break even on that one and perhaps eliminate the bridge on Fairfield and we filled in south of Ryle School and made additional parking and play area, and have excellent land fills on the mainland in Cove Park and have 9 acres additional park. He said the land fills have been successful and he suggested a long range one that would have created a recreational island on the west side of the harbor and was knocked "galley west" by opposition from Southfield and Shippan. He said he suggested then the Diocese and engineering studies were done, but he made no commitment, and the only commitment that he made was that they were going to close the Southfield town dump which was a monstrous thing and they have kept it closed. He said it reopen it would be to ruin it because it is high enough now. He said the Diocese property was abandoned because of State requirements which came in afterwards and would have made it prohibitively expensive for drainage and the fact that you would have to condemn it and there never was any willingness expressed by the Diocese to sell it to us. He said Rosa Hartman Park could be improved very much by a land fill, but the State refused to let us do it. He said another site was suggested at the end of Tremont Avenue in Darien which became very complicated. Then, he said we tried the Peabody Tract and they withdrew their offer. He said this cannot continue forever - we have to come up with a solution and now. He said it has become readily apparent that nobody wants a landfill and this is the alternative

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and at a cost of \$5.95 a ton it isn't going to be back breaking to the tax-payers and the price is guaranteed for two years with a third year option to renew.

The questions continued for some time, after which the Mayor was excused and left the meeting.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI MOVED for approval of the appropriation of \$148,750.00 for the Public Works Dept., Code 624.1216 - Haul-away program for second year. Seconded.

MR. GUROIAN asked what happened to the compactor - that he thought we were going to reduce the cubic yardage by using one. He said Mr. Cooper referred to the fact that in Greenwich they go by the ton. He said if we go by the cubic yardage and use a compactor, perhaps it will be cheaper, and would mean less trucks and less runs to be made. He asked for an answer.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said the contract for hauling away is by the ton and we are not paying for the haul away by the yard, but by the weight and after the contract is signed they can't up the price per ton whether we have a compactor or not and the City does not lose anything by not compacting.

MR. GUROIAN said at the last meeting on May 29th a great deal of stress was placed upon the use of a compactor.

MR. HEINZER said first of all he did not know that the use of a compactor was discarded.

MR. GUROIAN said the Mayor said something about dropping the load into a truck from a height, which is certainly not compacting.

MR. HEINZER said it is the FLY ASH that is now going to be put into a hopper after first being put onto the ground and we are not going to do away with the compactor because we are paying for it by the ton and if you will refer to the Mayor's letter it says that we get a much better price when we construct the compacting equipment because they will not have to use as many trucks and he is giving us the price of \$5.95 a ton only on the basis that we are building a compactor and the Mayor did not say that he was going to do away with the compactor.

The members invited Mr. Cooper to speak on this point.

MR. COOPER said when they started out they fully intended to have a compactor, but as this has developed, it appears that the compactor becomes less and less practical. In the first place, because its capacity is limited and this limits the rate at which you can haul trucks, which has a very important bearing on the rate and in the second place the question is raised as to who furnishes the containers into which the compactor feeds its material which are expensive and hydraulic vans. He said they believe it might happen that they would squeeze out the contractor if they force him to invest in these vans himself and therefore we do not now believe it is practical to use a compactor. However, he said we still have to settle with the State Environmental Department as to what they will accept as far as equipment is concerned.

MR. PERILLO said he wants to know why we are spending \$45,000 for a station.

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MR. COOPER said he believes what we will need (which is not yet settled) because the State has not yet told them what they will require, is a set of hoppers which may or may not contain valves, and a shed and we may have to supply all or part of this, but there is no doubt that they will have to build a ramp as part of it and there is little doubt but that there will be hoppers.

MR. GUROIAN said now that the compactor is being eliminated, will it cost more?

MR. COOPER said it will have no effect on the cost, because the compactor does not do anything about the tonnage - the weight of what has to be hauled, which is strictly dependent upon how much material comes in and whether it is compacted or not will not affect the cost of the hauling, because we pay by the ton. He said it does affect the rate at which you can handle the tonnage and if it becomes an expensive proposition because the rate is small, it will not be practical to have a compactor. He said that Greenwich had a compactor and have abandoned it because of the difficulty they had in getting the material out through it.

There being no further discussion, a VOTE was taken on Mr. Boccuzzi's motion for approval. Mrs. Laitman requested a ROLL CALL vote, which was agreed upon.

The motion was CARRIED by the following unanimous roll call vote:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:


BOCCUZZI, John (D)
COLASSO, John (D)
CONNORS, George (D)
COSTELLO, Robert (D)
CROSBY, Robert (R)
FORMAN, Barbara (R)
FLANAGAN, William (R)
FRIEDMAN, Bertram (R)
GAMBINO, Philip (D)
GUROIAN, Armen (D)
HEINZER, Charles (R)
KELLY, James (D)
KELLY, Stephen (D)
KNAPP, Warren (D)
LAITMAN, Marilyn (D)
LENZ, Frederick (D)
MILLER, Frederick (D)
MORABITO, Joseph (D)
MORRIS, Thomas (R)
PERILLO, Alfred (D)
PERKINS, Billie (R)
PONT-BRIANT, Lois (R)
RAVALLESE, George (D)
ROOS, John (R)
ROSE, Matthew (D)
RUSSELL, George (R)

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

RYBNICK, Gerald (D)
SCHADE, Richard (R)
SCOFIELD, Edward (R)
TRESSER, Michael (R)
TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)
VARNEY, Kim (R)
WALSH, Peter (D)

ADJOURNMENT:

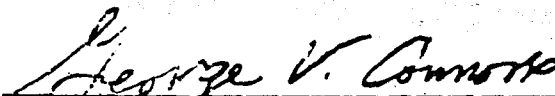
There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.



Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

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APPROVED:



George V. Connors, President
12th Board of Representatives

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over Radio Station WSTC.

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