

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 197413TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVESSTAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A regular monthly meeting of the 13th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Monday, February 4, 1974 in the Board meeting room, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Frederick E. Miller, Jr., at 8:55 P.M. after a Caucus by the respective parties.

INVOCATION was given by Rev. Stanley F. Hensley, St. John's Episcopal Church.

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

CHECK OF VOTING MACHINE:

A check of the voting machine was conducted and everything was found in good working order with the exception of the floor plug, which appeared to cause a great deal of interference.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk, Mrs. Marilyn Laitman. There were 38 present and 2 absent. The absent members were:

Jeremiah Livingston (D) 5th District
Philip Gambino (D) 6th District

PAGES: Lisa Williamson and Andrea Gaines, students at Rippowam High School

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: January 7, 1974 Regular meeting.

The Minutes of the above meeting were accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORT:STEERING COMMITTEE:

The reading of the report of the Steering Committee was waived and appears below:

REPORT OF STEERING COMMITTEE

Meeting held Monday, January 21, 1974

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, January 21, 1974 in the Democratic Caucus Room, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 8 P.M. by the President and Chairman, Mr. Frederick E. Miller, Jr. The following members were present:

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Frederick E. Miller, Jr., Chairman (D)
 Marilyn R. Laitman, Clerk (D)
 John J. Boccuzzi, Majority Leader (D)
 Theodore J. Boccuzzi (D)
 Thom Serrani (D)
 Salvan Ross, Jr. (D)
 Alfred E. Perillo (D)
 Matthew Rose (D)
 Jeremiah Livingston (D)
 John Colasso (D)
 Handy Dixon (D)
 Robert B. Exnicios, Minority Leader (R)
 Lois Pont-Briant (R)
 William H. Flanagan (R)
 Kim Varney (R)
 Daniel R. Russbach (R)

Mr. Julius J. Blois (D) was absent. Mr. Armen Guroian was present, but not a member.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

(1) Appointments:

All appointments as submitted by the Mayor in his letters of 12/29/73 and 1/21/74 were REFERRED TO THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON THE AGENDA.

(2) Additional Appropriations:

The following items were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA and referred to the FISCAL COMMITTEE. Those over \$2,000 were also referred to a secondary Committee.

- (3) \$14,000.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - To provide a complete traffic control system at the intersection of Newfield and Weed Hill Avenues (Mayor's letter of Oct. 26, 1973) - (Held in Committee 12/1/73 and 1/7/74)

(Above also referred to HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE)

- (4) \$10,000.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - To carry out School Health Activities Program - (Transferred to the Health Dept. by Board of Education) - (Mayor's letter of 12/7/73) - Partially approved on 1/7/74 with the following item HELD IN COMMITTEE:

Code 502.0101 - Salary Account - Administrative Assistant

(Above also referred to PERSONNEL COMMITTEE)

- (5) \$2,500.00 - TRANSFER from Code 998.0000 Sundries, To Mayor's Office Code 108.1001, Miscellaneous Contingencies - (Mayor's letter of 1/2/74)

(Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE)

- (6) \$6,320.00 - COMMISSION ON AGING, for the following: (Mayor's letter of 1/2/74 - To be covered by outside Grants)

Code 195.5211 - Senior Employment Bureau	-----	\$5,820.00
Code 195.0102 - Part-time Personnel - Stamford		
Manor Director	-----	500.00
		<u>\$6,320.00</u>

(Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE)

- (7) \$1,000.00 - DOG WARDEN - Code 520.0103 - Overtime - (Mayor's letter of 12/31/73)
- (8) \$6,000.00 - STAMFORD MUSEUM - Code 120.0000 - To repair Museum Observatory - (Mayor's letter of 12/31/73)

(Above also referred to PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE)

- (9) \$65,000.00 - Resolution amending 1973-74 Capital Projects Budget by adding Project to be known as "WESTHILL HIGH TENNIS COURTS" to be financed by the TRANSFER of above amount from Project known as "STILLMEADOW SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT" - (Mayor's letter of 12/18/73) - (Approved by Planning Board on 12/27/73)

(Above also referred to PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE and the EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE)

- (10) \$400.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - To be received as a State GRANT from the Connecticut State Department of Education for Project entitled: "Local Vocational Youth Organization Advisor Support" - (See letter dated 12/12/73 from Dr. Carpenter)
- (11) \$20,000.00 - CORPORATION COUNSEL - Code 110.5402, Settlement of Non-Contract Claims - (Mayor's letter of 1/4/74)

(Above also referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE)

- (12) \$352.30 - Resolution amending 1973-74 Capital Projects Budget by adding to Project known as "WASHINGTON BOULEVARD RIVERWALK & EXTENSION" the sum of \$352.30 in settlement of judgments in favor of Gaetano Barresi in amount of \$225.00 and Mary M. Duncan in amount of \$127.30 to be financed by the issuance of bonds - (Mayor's letter of 1/4/74)

(Above also referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE)

- (13) \$7,773.00 - DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE - Code 174.0101, Salaries - (REDUCED by Board of Finance from requested \$11,866) in order to continue salaries of two Clerk Typists II, who have been or are to be terminated by the BEA, at a salary of \$161.94 weekly covering a 24 week period - (Mayor's letter of 1/4/74)

(Above also referred to PERSONNEL COMMITTEE)

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- (14) Resolution Authorizing Preliminary application for STATE AID GRANT for WILLARD SCHOOL SITE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, Stamford Public Schools, 1973-1974 Capital Projects Budget - (requested in Mayor's letter of 1/10/74)

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE and the LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

The following items were REFERRED to the LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON THE AGENDA:

- (15) Request for a WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE - SPRINGDALE FIREHOUSE - (Letter dated 10/12/73 from Pimpinella Construction Co., Inc.) - Held in Committee 1/7/74.
- (16) Request for Proposed Ordinance (for publication) for PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE SALVATION ARMY, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 12-81b OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES (1967 P.A. 311) - (Request from Penfield Mead, Attorney, 41 Bank Street, in letter dated Oct. 17, 1973 - Held in Committee 1/7/74)
- (17) Request for Proposed Ordinance (for publication) for PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX G. C. CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF ST. MARY, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, INC. LOCATED ON SOUTH SIDE OF DEN ROAD - (Requested by Attorney P. Lawrence Epifanio, in letter of 9/4/73) Also see his letter of 11/16/73)
- (18) Proposed INLAND-WETLAND ORDINANCE, entitled "CONCERNING INLAND-WETLANDS AND WATER COURSES" - (Mayor's letter of 8/13/73) - (Held in Committee 9/10/73, 10/2/73; NOT ordered on Agenda for 11/13/73 --- NOTE An Open Hearing will be held on 1/24/74 at the Stillmeadow School, 8 P.M. by the Legislative & Rules Committee)
- (19) Request for WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE for Our Lady of Grace Convent on 635 Glenbrook Road, Glenbrook - To construct an addition to present building - (Letter dated 1/7/74 from Builder Anthony Pelli)
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- (20) Letter from Salvan Ross, Jr., 15th District Representative, requesting a priority list of streets and road for SALTING AND SANDING for the City be made available to the members of the Board of Representatives (Letter dated 1/21/74)

The above letter was referred to the PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON THE AGENDA.

- (21) Petition concerning BLUE NOTE CAFE and letter dated 1/14/74 from Permittee

The above matter having been given to the Chairman of the Health & Protection By Mr. Guroian, was NOT ordered on the Agenda. However, it was referred to the HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE to look into the complaint. No copy was given to Mrs. Farrell for the files.

- (22) Collective Bargaining Contract - Board of Education - Custodians and Mechanics - Local 1083 - 3 year contract, covering July 1, 1972 through June 30, 1975

The above matter was NOT ordered on the agenda, as it will have to be re-negotiated and re-submitted to the board.

- (23) Concerning lack of facilities for outdoor play space in congested area for 300 children living in the Martin Luther King and Coleman Towers area - (Letter from Family and Children's Services Urban Renewal Area, URC Advisory Committee, dated 11/2/73) - (Presented by Anthony Truglia 5th District Representative, at the 1-7-74 Board meeting)

The above matter was ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE and also referred to the PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE.

- (24) Parking Authority Report for December 31, 1973 - NOTED AND FILED
- (25) Letter dated 1/18/74 from Anthony D. Truglia, 5th District Representative and John J. Boccuzzi, Majority Leader, concerning SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM and requesting a ruling from the Corporation Counsel as to whether or not the administration of this could be removed from the jurisdiction of the Board of Education.

The President agreed to write a letter to the Corporation Counsel, requesting an opinion on this matter.

- (26) Concerning PARKING AUTHORITY CONTRACT FOR THE BEDFORD STREET GARAGE

The above matter was brought on the floor by Mr. Daniel Russbach, 17th District Representative, who said he would like a few questions answered, such as who signed the contract without the other members of the Authority being aware of it and how they arrived at the architect's fee, etc.

This was REFERRED TO THE FISCAL COMMITTEE, but NOT ordered on the agenda.

- (27) Letters of complaint addressed to Mr. Norman Davidoff, 13th District Representative, concerning dangerous conditions for school children walking to school from Macgregor Drive to Roxbury Grammar School; and from residents of Vineyard and Hunting Lane.

Above referred to HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE and EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

- (28) Concerning residency requirements of Charter on Mayor's Appointments

Mr. Flanagan said he wrote a letter to the Corporation Counsel requesting a clarification of the vote required to suspend the residency requirements for appointive offices under Section 706 of the Charter and was advised that this is covered by Section 202.2 and all that is needed is a majority vote of the members present and voting to waive the residency requirements. HE MOVED the question be referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee. Seconded by Mrs. Pont-Briant. VOTE taken as to whether this should be so referred and CARRIED by a vote of 7 in favor and 6 opposed.

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

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FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR.
Chairman, Steering Committee

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI, Chairman, said the Appointments Committee met Thursday, January 31st and the following were present: Representatives Ravallese, Costello, Tresser, Martino, Forman, DeRose, Dixon, Crosby and the Chairman. He reported on the following:

Appointment of COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE - DR. S. JOHN MONTGOMERY (R)
(Term runs concurrently with that of the Mayor)

MR. FLANAGAN rose on a point of order. He said he does not find on the agenda the question of the suspension of the residency requirements so that Dr. Montgomery can be appointed. He said he believes this is the first order of business under our rules and unless it appears on the agenda, it requires a suspension of rules.

THE PRESIDENT ruled that this is not necessary - that it is sufficient simply to have Dr. Montgomery's name on the agenda and is not possible to list all of the motions that might be considered.

MR. FLANAGAN objected.

THE PRESIDENT informed the speaker that before the Board votes on the confirmation of the appointment, they must suspend the residency requirements and the Chair rules that Mr. Boccuzzi's motion would now be in order -- to suspend Section 706 of the Charter as to residency requirements.

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI, Chairman of the Appointments Committee, said some members are assuming certain things that he has not yet had a chance to do, and if he does make the motion, then they will have a chance to make their objections.

MR. FLANAGAN said the point he is trying to make is that the item is not on the agenda.

MR. RUSSBACH said it is absolutely illegal to have a name before us for confirmation when he is not a resident of Stamford. He asked for a ruling on that basis.

THE PRESIDENT said before the Board can vote on Dr. Montgomery's confirmation, this Board will have to first suspend the requirements that he be a resident of Stamford, as provided in Section 706 of the Charter.

Suspension of Residency Requirements for Commissioner of Finance

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI MOVED that we suspend the residency requirement of Dr. Montgomery as specified under Section 706 of the Charter. Seconded.

MR. FLANAGAN requested that before this item be brought before the Board that an advisory opinion be given by the Legislative & Rules Committee. He said there are two opinions - one majority and one minority, and he would like to have them read at this time so that the members may understand the implications.

MR. SERRANI, Chairman of the Legislative & Rules Committee, reported that his Committee met on January 31st and in a 5-4 decision advises the Board that in their opinion, the only vote necessary to suspend the residency requirement of Section 706 of the Charter is a majority of the members present and voting, as advised by the Corporation Counsel. He said those members of his Committee who voted in favor were Representatives Serrani, Maynor, Davidoff, Morabito and Walsh and those opposed were Lois Pont-Briant, Mr. Flanagan, Mr. Sainburg and Mrs. Perkins. He said this is merely an advisory opinion as the final decision rests with the Chair.

MR. FLANAGAN said the four members of the Legislative & Rules Committee believe that the vote required is a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting and they base this opinion on the fact that when they (the Board) adopted the Rules of Order for the 13th Board, they voted that Robert's Rules of Order shall be our Parliamentary authority. However, he said our City Charter is our highest set of rules, but under Robert's Rules of Order it requires a two-thirds vote to suspend our rules unless otherwise provided for, and they are binding upon us and he sees no way in which we can legally suspend the residency requirement unless two-thirds of the members of this Board, present and voting, should do so.

MR. SERRANI said as Parliamentarian for this Board, he would say that the Charter overrules Robert's Rules of Order and in this case, we are governed by the Charter, which is specific and in Section 202 of the Charter, it states that no Ordinance or appropriation resolution shall be adopted except by a majority vote of the entire membership of the Board of Representatives and any OTHER resolution, unless otherwise provided for in this Charter may be adopted by a majority vote of the members present and voting. In addition to that, he said Section 204 under "powers of the Board of Representatives" says no enumeration of powers contained in this Charter shall be deemed to limit the legislative power of this Board, except as in this Charter specifically provided. He said in Section 706 of the Charter does specifically provide that we do have the power to suspend. He said 20 times in the Charter a majority vote is called for - a majority vote of the entire membership - one fifth of the members present - three-fourths of the entire membership - and 9 times it calls for a two-thirds condition and the other 40 times it is left open and in these 40 times it is a majority vote and the provision under Section 706 which gives the Board the power to suspend this requirement, is one of those 40 times mentioned and merely requires a simple majority of those members present and voting.

THE PRESIDENT said it is the opinion of the Chair that Section 706 refers to a majority of those present and voting, and if there is no objection, he wishes to proceed with the vote at this time.

MR. FLANAGAN appealed from the Ruling of the Chair. Seconded.

THE PRESIDENT explained that the Chair has ruled that the necessary vote is a majority of those present and voting and Mr. Flanagan wishes to appeal the ruling of the Chair. He said generally there can be no debate, but if either Mr. Flanagan or Mr. Serrani wish to make further statements, he will accept those comments.

MR. FLANAGAN read Section 202.4 of the Charter at this time: "The Board of Representatives shall be empowered to adopt and amend rules of order." He said Section 202.2 entitled "Quorum" which is what it is concerned with, talks about resolutions, but we are not presently concerned with a resolution, but are concerned with the suspension of a rule.

MR. SERRANI said he wished to call attention to the fact that we are not trying to amend the City Charter, but are only interpreting, and we do have the right, according to the Charter in the other 40 instances he has mentioned, we do have the right of a majority vote of those present and voting.

THE PRESIDENT called the members attention to the fact that we do have a formal, written opinion from the Corporation Counsel, and while it is not binding on the Board, he IS the Chief legal officer of the City designated by the Charter as the legal advisor to the Board of Representatives, his formal opinions are entitled to a considerable amount of respect and ought to be considered highly persuasive by the Board. He said we also have the concurrence of the Legislative and Rules Committee and the concurrence of Mr. Serrani in his capacity as Parliamentarian of the Board. He called for a vote on the appeal from the ruling of the Chair, which requires a majority of those present and voting.

THE PRESIDENT explained that a "yes" vote upholds the ruling of the Chair and a "no" vote opposes the ruling of the Chair.

A ROLL CALL VOTE was requested and approved (by a show of hands, 1/5th of those present being in favor). The RULING OF THE CHAIR was UPHeld by the following vote: (25 in favor and 12 opposed)

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE
RULING OF THE CHAIR:

BLOIS, Julius (D)
BOCCUZZI, John (D)
BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)
COLASSO, John (D)
CONNORS, George (D)
COSTELLO, Robert (D)
DAVIDOFF, Norman (D)
DeROSE, Joseph (D)
DIXON, Handy (D)
GURDIAN, Armen (D)
KELLY, James (D)
LAIMAN, Marilyn (D)
LOUGHRAN, Michael (D)
LOWDEN, Lynn (D)
MARTINO, Vincent (D)
MAYNOR, Frederick (D)
MILLER, Frederick (D)
MORABITO, Joseph (D)
PERILLO, Alfred (D)
RAVALLESE, George (D)
ROSE, Matthew (D)
RYBNICK, Gerald (D)
SANDOR, John (D)
SERRANI, Thom (D)
TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)
WALSH, Peter (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION TO
THE RULING OF THE CHAIR:

CROSBY, Robert (R)
EXNICIOS, Robert (R)
FLANAGAN, William (R)
FORMAN, Barbara (R)
HOFFMAN, Leonard (R)
PERKINS, Billie (R)
PONT-BRIANT, Lois (R)
ROSS, Salvan (D)
RUSSBACH, Daniel (R)
SAINBURG, Richard (R)
TRESSER, Michael (R)
VARNEY, Kim (R)

VOTE Taken on Mr. Boccuzzi's motion to suspend the residency requirements of Dr. Montgomery, as specified in Sec. 706 of the Charter. **CARRIED.**

MR. BOCCUZZI read the qualifications of Dr. Montgomery as Commissioner of Finance and **MOVED** for approval of his appointment. **VOTE: 23 yes and 15 no.**

THE PRESIDENT declared Dr. Montgomery's appointment **APPROVED.**

The following appointments were voted upon, using the voting machine as specified in the Rules of Order. The vote is recorded below:

GOLF AUTHORITY:Term Expires:

JOHN KOTOS (D)
Hoyt Street
(Reappointment)

VOTE: 34 Yes
4 no

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DR. MICHAEL DuBISSETTE (D)
115 West Main Street
(Reappointment)

VOTE: 32 yes
6 no

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ZONING BOARD:

PETER P. FERRARIS (D)
34 Hamilton Avenue
(Reappointment)

VOTE: 20 yes
18 no

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ZONING BOARD ALTERNATE:

ALVIN WELLINGTON (D)
109 Willow Street
(Replacing John Ketcham's
term as an Alternate)

VOTE: 20 Yes
18 no

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PLANNING BOARD:

MICHAEL DAGOSTINO (D)
55 Hardesty Road
(Replacing Canio Santoro,
whose term expired)

VOTE: 17 yes
22 no

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A RECESS was called at this time (9:45 P.M.) for the reason that the above vote does not agree with the number of members present, there being 38 members present and the vote adds up to 39.

THE RECESS was declared over at 10:20 P.M. and a second vote was taken on the above appointment. **DENIED** by a vote of 15 yes and 23 no.

PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATE:

PHYLLIS SINRICH (D)
12 Fernwood Drive
(Replacing Edwin Redfern,
deceased)

VOTE: DENIED
12 yes
26 no

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

PATRICK GROSSO (D) **DENIED** **Term Expires:**
 Band of River Lane **VOTE: 18 yes** **Dec. 1, 1977**
 20 no
 (Replacing Michael Dagostino,
 whose term expired in 1972)

HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COMMISSION:

STEPHEN CARRIERO (D) **DENIED**
 16 Dean Street **VOTE: 20 yes** **Dec. 1, 1978**
 18 no
 (Replacing Donald Brennan,
 whose term expired)

BOARD OF RECREATION:

DAVID O'KEEFE (D) **DENIED**
 34 Courtland Hill St. **VOTE: 13 yes** **Dec. 1, 1978**
 25 no
 (Replacing Thomas Pia,
 whose term expired)

DOUGLAS TUCKER (D) **DENIED**
 151 Dunn Avenue **VOTE: 19 yes** **Dec. 1, 1977**
 19 no **Tie vote**
 (To complete a term that
 expired in 1972 and was never
 filled)

PERSONNEL COMMISSION:

EDWARD MATHEWS (D) **DENIED**
 Webbs Hill Road **VOTE: 16 yes** **Dec. 1, 1976**
 22 no
 (Replacing Richard Comerford, Jr.,
 whose term expired)

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MRS. LAITMAN, Chairman, presented her Committee report. She said the Fiscal Committee met on Wednesday, January 30th with the following members present: Marilyn Laitman, Robert Crosby, Handy Dixon, Norman Davidoff, Barbara Forman, Michael Loughran and Gerald Rybnick. Also present were: Frederick Miller, Daniel Russbach, James Kelly and Acting Commissioner of Finance S. John Montgomery. The following were absent: Jerry Livingston, Lois Pont-Briant and Kim Varney.

Mrs. Laitman reported on the following:

- (1) \$14,000.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - To provide a complete traffic control system at the intersection of Newfield and Weed Hill Avenue - (Mayor's letter of Oct. 26, 1973) - (Held in Committee 12/1/73 and 1/7/74)

MRS. LAITMAN said this cannot be considered without the approval of the Planning Board, according to an opinion from the Corporation Counsel.

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- (2) \$3,500.00 - REDUCED from \$10,000.00 - For HEALTH DEPARTMENT - To carry out School Health Activities Program - (Transferred to the Health Department by the Board of Education) - (Mayor's letter of 12/7/73) - Partially approved on 1/7/74 with the following item held in Committee:

Code 502.0101 -- Salary Account -- Administrative Assistant

MRS. LAITMAN said this represents a salary of \$8,751 at the first step. She said this had been held in Committee pending further information and Dr. Gofstein met with the Committee and presented back-up information. She said this employee will be responsible for the 30 additional employees transferred to the Health Dept. from the Board of Education, as none of the administrative personnel who had this responsibility were transferred. She said at present there is no Account Clerk in the Health Dept. SHE MOVED for approval of the above request and said the Committee approved it by a vote of 6 in favor and one abstention. Seconded.

THE PRESIDENT called upon the Chairman of the Personnel Committee, Mr. Russbach, to report.

MR. RUSSBACH said the Personnel Committee, by a vote of 5 to 0 REJECTED this item. He said they object to creating a new position in the middle of a fiscal year, which creates many dangerous precedents. He said hearings are presently being conducted by various departments on the 1974-1975 Operating Budget, which contains new personnel. He said it is strongly recommended that this be held until such time as it can be submitted properly and included in the 1974-1975 Budget. He said if we don't do this we will constantly have chaos, with positions being created in the middle of the fiscal year, after the Budgets have been adopted. He said we must ask the department head to exercise prudence and restraint in creating new jobs and do it properly at the time the budget is adopted.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI asked if the Personnel Committee asked Dr. Gofstein to attend their committee meeting.

MR. RUSSBACH said the Personnel Committee met in joint session with the Fiscal Committee and he was not personally present at the time, but 3 of the members were there and interviewed Dr. Gofstein on this item.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he thinks the Chairman of the Committee should be present when his Committee is considering a matter assigned to them. He said Dr. Gofstein DID previously submit new personnel to the Board of Health and they were turned down. He said this was transferred to the Health Department by the Board of Education AFTER the budget had been adopted by this Board and therefore he could not possibly have had the opportunity to put in this new personnel at Budget time. He said this person is needed by the Health Department to administer the program and lay out schedules, etc., and to deny this now for the reason that it is not Budget time would only hurt the Health program and hamper the efficiency of the department as far as taking care of the health needs of the children in our school system.

After some further debate, a machine vote was taken on the motion. MOVED by a vote of 23 in favor and 13 opposed - lacked a two-thirds vote.

(3) \$2,500.00 - TRANSFER from Code 998.0000 SUNDRIES, to Mayor's Office (2)
Code 108.1001, Miscellaneous Contingencies - (Mayor's
Letter of 1/2/74)

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded.

MR. TRUGLIA asked just how much is left in this account.

MRS. LAITMAN said approximately \$25.00.

VOICE taken on the motion as made by Mrs. Laitman. CARRIED.

(4) \$6,320.00 - COMMISSION ON AGING, for the following: (Mayor's letter
of 1/2/74) (To be covered by outside Grants)
Code 195.5211 - Senior Employment Bureau - \$5,820.00
Code 195.0102 - Part-time personnel - Stamford Manor
Director - 500.00
\$6,320.00

MRS. LAITMAN explained this will be entirely covered by outside Grants and will create a central employment bureau where the elderly can obtain part or full time employment. She said the request for the second item - Stamford Manor Director, in order to achieve a needed program of activities and services at Stamford Manor. SHE MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded and CARRIED.

(5) \$1,000.00 - DOG WARDEN - Code 520.0103 - Overtime - (Mayor's letter
of 12/31/73)

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for approval of the above request. She said because of enforcement of the dog leashing law, the workload has increased considerably and up to December 1st there were 1,050 complaints received and over 600 dogs have been picked up and \$3,000 has been collected in fines. Seconded and CARRIED.

(6) \$6,000.00 - STAMFORD MUSEUM - Code 120.0000 - To repair Museum
Observatory - (Mayor's letter of 12/31/73)

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for approval of the above request. She explained there has been concrete deterioration and interior freezing resulting in cracking which could not be ignored for another winter. She said they went ahead and repaired the observatory as they felt they could not delay longer. She said the Committee would ask them not to do this in the future. Seconded.

MR. BLOIS, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee said his committee concurs. CARRIED.

(7) \$65,000.00 - Resolution amending 1973-1974 Capital Projects Budget
by adding Project to be known as "WESTHILL HIGH TENNIS COURTS"
to be financed by the TRANSFER of above amount from Project
known as "STILLMEADOW SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT"
(Mayor's letter of 12/18/73) - (Approved by Planning Board
on 12/27/73)

MRS. LAITMAN said when the Fiscal Committee approved this item they recommended that these courts be open for community use without a fee. She said they would be fenced. SHE MOVED for approval of the above resolution. MR. BLOIS said the Parks and Recreation Committee also concurred in approval, and seconded the motion.

MR. ROSS spoke against the motion. He said it is about time we took a hard look at spending any money as far as recreation in the city is concerned. He said he feels that Capital Projects money such as this should be used in another school to help build a school.

MR. MARTINO spoke in favor of the motion. He said we have spent about six million dollars on Westhill High School and now we are going to deny this money to build the tennis courts, when every high school in town has a tennis court.

MRS. FORMAN spoke in favor of the transfer. She said other high schools have these tennis courts, which is an increasingly popular sport and there are no tennis courts in that part of the city.

MR. DAVIDOFF urged approval of the motion.

MR. GURDIAN said he intends to vote against this item because the climate of the times indicates we should try to economize and do without the extra frills.

MR. MORABITO spoke against the motion.

After considerable further debate, MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

A machine vote was taken. The President declared the motion LOST by a vote of 21 in favor and 15 opposed. (a 2/3rd vote needed)

(8) \$400.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - To be received as a State GRANT from the Connecticut State Department of Education for Project entitled: "Local Vocational Youth Organization Advisor Support" - (See letter dated 12/12/73 from Dr. Carpenter)

MRS. LAITMAN explained this is a State Grant from the State Department of Education, initiated by the individual school and MOVED for its approval. Seconded and CARRIED with one "no" vote.

(9) \$20,000.00 - CORPORATION COUNSEL - Code 110.5401, Settlement of Non-Contract Claims - (Mayor's letter of 1/4/74)

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for approval of the above request. She explained that the City has an open end liability on these claims which are beyond their control and have to be paid. Seconded by Mr. Serrani, who said the Legislative & Rules Committee concurs. CARRIED.

(10) \$352.30 - Resolution No. 928 - Amending 1973-74 Capital Projects Budget by adding to Project known as "WASHINGTON BOULEVARD RIVERWALK & EXTENSION" the sum of \$352.30 in settlement of judgments in favor of Gastano Barresi in amount of \$225.00 and Mary M. Duncan in amount of \$127.30 to be financed by the issuance of bonds - (Mayor's letter of 1/4/74)

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MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for approval of the following resolution. She explained this amount covers court costs and sheriff's fees, based on settlement of cases involved in the Washington Avenue extension project. She said creation of an escrow account for court awarded judgments is being studied.

Seconded by Mr. Serrani who said the Legislative & Rules Committee does concur. The following resolution was CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 928

AMENDING 1973-1974 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING \$352.30
TO PROJECT KNOWN AS "HIGHWAYS - WASHINGTON AVENUE EXTENSION"
AND APPROPRIATION THEREFOR

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, in accordance with provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, to approve an amendment to the 1973-1974 Capital Projects Budget, Public Works Department, for the addition of funds in the amount of \$352.30 for Project to be known as "HIGHWAYS - WASHINGTON AVENUE EXTENSION" and appropriation of aforesaid sum therefor, in order to settle the following claims:

Gaetano Barresi	\$225.00
Mary Duncan	127.00

(11) \$7,773.00 - DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE - Code 174.0101, Salaries -
(REDUCED by Board of Finance from requested \$11,866) in order to continue salaries of two Clerk Typist II for the balance of the 1973-1974 fiscal year - (Mayor's letter of 1/4/74)

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for approval of the above request, which she said has been requested by Mr. Barker for the past three and one-half years and the present staff makes it impossible for him to carry out his duties as legislated by the Charter. She said there is at least a three and a half months backlog of work and there are no EEA people in this department. She said the positions will be given Civil Service tests. Seconded.

MR. RUSSBACH objected, saying the Personnel Committee objects to new positions being created in the middle of the fiscal year and further more, there are numerous objections among Civil Service personnel to starting these people out at top salary when it normally takes five years for a new employee to reach this salary of \$161.94 which is the top step for Grade S-7, Clerk Typist II positions, with a starting salary of approximately \$141.00 a week. He said this is unfair to other people who have worked in the system and it took them five years to achieve this top step. He said this is the reason why the

Personnel Committee rejected this item.

MRS. LAITMAN said she would like to ask the speaker if he met with Mr. Barker.

MR. RUSSBACH said no he did not.

MRS. LAITMAN said she would like to make a statement - that she believes it behooves each Committee Chairman to meet with the department heads in order to get full information on these requests and that is what we were elected to do and just to reject a request without first giving the department head the courtesy to sit down and explain his case is most unfair. She said at least one member of Mr. Russbach's Committee is also a member of the Fiscal Committee and did vote for this item, so she can't understand why he says it was a "unanimous vote".

MRS. PONT-BRIANT spoke in favor of the appropriation and said Mr. Barker has been trying to get this personnel for over three years and the EEA personnel have not been in that department since June 30, 1973, so this is not the switching of new personnel into new jobs. She pointed out that during this time we have given this department a full time Labor Negotiator, and a Benefits Supervisor and the insurance claims which had formerly been handled elsewhere have been transferred to this department about two years ago, so it becomes an upper echelon with only two secretaries that are in the outer office, so there is a work load there. She said the employees who are doing the complaining did O.K. their union contract, which did put an experience ratio in of a step grade increase for every person with two years experience, so that affected all new personnel which took tests for city jobs about four years ago. She said there are personnel problems, and they are doing an evaluation system now which was requested by our Board and she said she would hope this would be followed through within a greater degree within the City.

MR. CONNORS said as a member of the Personnel Committee, he wants to speak in favor of this. He said this has been going on for over three years and now because there were two EEA girls there, who are not longer there, and if they needed these girls at that time, they certainly must still need them because when you take help away, you have got to replace them.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he understands, according to Mrs. Laitman, that one member of the Personnel Committee is also on the Fiscal Committee and they voted in favor of this appropriation. He said he just heard Mr. Connors say that he is a member of Personnel and is speaking in favor of this appropriation, but Mr. Russbach says his Committee voted against this and he can't figure that out, because when he said it was a unanimous vote, he should tell how many people were present and what the vote was because he misrepresents the facts when he said "unanimous" because most people take it for granted that the entire Committee voted to turn this appropriation down.

MR. RUSSBACH said it seems that things are getting a little twisted here, because since he became Chairman of the Personnel Committee, we have had three meetings, one on the Custodians' contract and we have had two joint meetings and since there have been items referred to the Fiscal Committee, that instead of holding separate meetings of the two Committees, they met jointly. He said he called the last meeting and explained the reason why he would be unable to attend, because he was preparing something regarding the Parking Authority, but to insinuate that the Personnel Committee did not meet

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on these items was not true. He said Mr. Connors made the statement that we were taking people away that we already had and this is not true because in the past two years we have installed the Labor Negotiator position and the Benefits Manager position and have up-graded a couple more in this department, so there have been new people in this department in the past several years. He said Mr. Connors was not at the meeting and he counted five votes - there were 5 people there, and he also talked to Mr. Connors on the item, and he has no objection to him changing his vote or opinion, which he can do if he so wishes, but at no time did Mr. Connors as a member of the Committee inform him that he had changed his vote, but he wishes he would tell him in advance, rather than having this happen on the floor. He said he did discuss this with all members of the Committee.

THE PRESIDENT said he would like to observe that we really should not be taking up our time with this quibbling over who was and who was not at a meeting, and this has gone far enough.

MR. CONNORS said he wants to know when was this meeting held that he was not at. He said he attended the meeting on the negotiations and if they held another meeting he wasn't notified. He said he did attend a meeting with the Personnel Commission, but does not remember being asked to attend any other meeting of the Personnel Committee and he is sure he was not notified of that meeting.

MR. RUSSBACH said he must apologize - now he remembers - he tried to telephone him and was unable to reach him, because he was not home.

The debate continued for some time when a VOTE was taken on the motion to move. MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

VOTE taken on the motion to approve item #11. CARRIED with several "no" votes.

- (12) Resolution No. 929 Authorizing Preliminary Application for STATE AID GRANT For WILLARD SCHOOL SITE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, Stamford Public Schools, 1973-1974 Capital Projects Budget - (requested in Mayor's letter of Dec 7/10/74)

MRS. LAITMAN said there are no funds involved in this request and when completed, this playground will service not only the school, but the surrounding community. SHE MOVED for adoption of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Serrani, who said the Legislative & Rules Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 929
AUTHORIZATION OF PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FOR STATE AID GRANT FOR
WILLARD SCHOOL SITE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, STAMFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET 1973-1974.

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, pursuant to and within the limitations of Public Act No. 493, entitled "An Act Concerning Application for School Building Grants"

(1969 Session of General Assembly) that the Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to apply for State Aid on behalf of the Board of Education, for Willard School Site Development Project, Stamford Public Schools Capital Project, in the name of the City of Stamford for said project.

(13) \$2,000.00 - COMMISSION ON AGING - Code 195.0101, Salaries - For a Program Coordinator - (Reduced from \$3,717.00 by Board of Finance and approved on 12/20/73)

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to bring the above item on the floor, which was inadvertently left off our agenda. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. CONNORS asked to be excused at this time, leaving 37 members now present.

MRS. LAITMAN explained that this person will service the South End Community Center and in addition to working with the elderly at the Center, she conducts outreach work in the community and will also help implement the new city-wide nutrition program and the Social Security Supplement Security Income Program. She said since this person is the only staff for the program, it will be eliminated if this position is not funded.

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for approval of the request. Seconded.

(14) \$2,200.00 - COMMISSION ON AGING - Code 195.0102 - Part-time (Stamford Manor Director)

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES to bring the above item on the floor. Seconded and CARRIED.

MRS. LAITMAN explained that part of this salary will be paid by the Senior Services Grant - we did fund \$500 earlier in the agenda - and part will be paid by the Title VII Nutrition Program. She said this will expand the mini program by the Commission on Aging at Stamford Manor, and by next month over 300 elderly people will be living there and can greatly benefit from this highly successful program.

THE PRESIDENT suggested that since we have two separate programs that we will have to take two separate votes.

MR. ROSE said he has received several calls from Senior citizens supporting this program and he urged its approval.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said the original request asked for \$5,820 and was this reduced by the Board of Finance and if so, are they going to come in for that money at a later date and the \$500 that we approved previously this evening - is that for the same thing?

MRS. LAITMAN said that would be in addition. She said this will remain a part time position and the Senior Services will pay a salary of \$5,200 per year.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said she wants to know what the full salary will be.

MRS. LAITMAN said the salary on a full time basis would be \$6,200 but we will not have to pay for that.

THE PRESIDENT called for two separate votes on the two items before us.

MR. RUSSBACH objected to legislation on the floor of the Board and thinks it should be referred to the Steering Committee for proper referral, so that people can perform their jobs properly. HE MOVED both these items back to Committee. CARRIED.

(15) \$100,000.00 - Request for Teachers' Salaries (Under Collective Bargaining Contract for 1973-1975 (2 years) - Note: Deferred by the 12th Board Fiscal Committee on Oct. 2, 1973) See pages 228-229 & 249-50 of Minutes)

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES to bring the above matter on the floor. Seconded and CARRIED.

*Correction
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MRS. LAITMAN explained that this money was held in Committee by the Fiscal Committee of the 12th Board, pending verification for the need. She said this is to meet the need under the total obligation of the approved contract, which has been obtained. A division was requested, as suspension of the rules requires a 2/3rd vote. Machine vote taken and LOST by a vote of 21 in favor and 16 opposed. (Needs a 2/3rd vote to carry).

MRS. LAITMAN said other items were received but were inadvertently left off the tentative agenda, for the reason that they arrived after the Steering Committee met.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. SERRANI, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said his Committee met on Thursday, January 31, 1974 in the Democratic Caucus Room of the Board of Representatives and present were the following: Representatives Serrani, Mrs. Pont-Briant, Maynor, Davidoff, Flanagan, Morabito, Walsh, Perkins and Sainburg and no one was absent.

He reported on the following items:

- (1) Request for a WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE - SPRINGDALE FIREHOUSE (Requested in letter dated 10/12/73 from Pimpinella Construction Co., Inc.) - (Held in Committee 1/7/74)

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

- (2) Request for publication of proposed Ordinance for PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE SALVATION ARMY, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 12-31b OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES, (1967 P.A. 311) (Request from Penfield Mead, Attorney, 1 Bank Street, in letter dated Oct. 17, 1973) - (Held in Committee 1/7/74)

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MR. TRUGLIA asked to be excused at this time and left the meeting. (36 now present)

MR. SERRANI MOVED to waive publication of this proposed Ordinance. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. SERRANI MOVED for final adoption of the following Ordinance. Seconded and CARRIED:

ORDINANCE NO. 282 SUPPLEMENTAL

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE SALVATION ARMY, INC. UNDER PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC ACT NO. 311 (1967 Session)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Pursuant to Public Act No. 311 of the January Session of the General Assembly 1967 the Commissioner of Finance be and is hereby authorized and directed to reimburse The Salvation Army, Inc. an eleemosynary institution, in the amount of \$807.72 paid by said Salvation Army Inc. for real estate taxes on the List of September 1, 1971 on property purchased by it for purposes of residence of caretaker, parking for citadel and its general charitable uses, from Dr. Joseph P. Connolly at 695 Washington Blvd. in the City of Stamford, Connecticut, and further to exempt said The Salvation Army, Inc. from the payment of taxes assessed in the name of said Dr. Joseph P. Connolly on the List of September 1, 1972 due and payable July 1, 1973.

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

- (3) Request for Proposed Ordinance for PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX G. C. CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF ST. MARY, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, INC., LOCATED ON SOUTH SIDE OF DEN ROAD - (Requested by Attorney Lawrence Epifanio, in letter of 9/4/73 - Also, see his letter of 11/16/73)

MR. SERRANI MOVED to waive publication of this Ordinance. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. SERRANI MOVED for final adoption of the following Ordinance. Seconded and CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 283 SUPPLEMENTAL

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX G. C. CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF ST. MARY OF STAMFORD, CONN., INC. LOCATED ON SOUTH SIDE OF DEN ROAD

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Pursuant to Section 12-81b of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut entitled, "Establishment by Ordinance of effective date for exemption of property acquired by certain institutions" the Assessor of the City of Stamford and the Tax Collector of the City of Stamford are

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hereby authorized to exempt taxes on the List of September 1, 1972, assessed on real property situated on the south side of Den Road - Item No. 45 of the Grand List of September 1, 1972 - 8045 Den Road List No. R720019834 - acquired by the Russian Orthodox G. C. Church of the Assumption of St. Mary of Stamford, Conn., Inc. on September 15, 1971, to be used for religious purposes.

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

- (4) Proposed INLAND-WETLAND Ordinance, entitled "CONCERNING INLAND-WETLANDS AND WATER COURSES" - (Mayor's letter of 8/13/73) - (Held in Committee 9/10/73, 10/2/73 and NOT ordered on the agenda for 11/13/73) - NOTE: Open Hearing held on 1/24/74 at the Stillmeadow School by the Committee.

MR. SERRANI said this item will be held in Committee for further research on the testimony given by the local residents and organizations at the recent open hearing. He said he has called a special meeting of his Committee for February 14th which will be totally devoted to the proposed Ordinance and the testimony given to the Committee on January 31st. He said he has been informed that Mr. David Thunderman, Assistant Commissioner of the State Department of Environmental Protection who is concerned with legal and governmental affairs, will be willing to speak at this meeting so that the Committee may acquire the knowledge and come up with a final document for this Board.

- (5) Request for WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE for Our Lady of Grace Convent on 635 Glenbrook Road, Glenbrook - To construct an addition to present building - (Letter dated 1/7/74 from builder Anthony Pelli)

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. PERILLO, Co-Chairman, reported on the following:

Letter from Salvan Ross, Jr., 15th District Representative, requesting a priority list of streets and roads for SALTING AND SANDING for the City be made available to the members of the Board of Representatives (Letter dated 1/21/74).

MR. PERILLO said it seems that Mr. O'Brien has not been able to get together this information. However, he did leave a list of the streets that have to be salted and sanded for school purposes, but not of the main highways which was requested. He said he has been assured by Mr. O'Brien that the salting and sanding would be done on this priority: first, the main highways, secondly the hospital route, then the school route, then the bus route. He said the City is divided into different sections. He said because of the short notice to Mr. O'Brien and with the seather keeping him on the go, he did not have the time to make up the requested list.

MRS. FORMAN said she would like to request the Public Works Committee if they could get us a list of the different streets in Stamford and who is responsible for sanding and clearing them, because she knows that there are some streets that are done by private contractor and some by the City and consistently some streets are done better and faster than other streets. She said she would like to know who is responsible specifically for doing which streets.

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HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

MR. ROSE, Chairman, said he has a sort of progress report. He said his Committee met on Tuesday, January 29th with the following present: Representatives Crosby, Gambino, Tresser, Mrs. Forman, Guroian, Walsh and himself. He said persons from the 7th District and Mr. Weber also met with them.

He said Mrs. Forman gave them a report from HELCO concerning the recent emergency, which was very enlightening, explaining what has to be done during an emergency.

He said the Committee also has correspondence concerning traffic problems on on Wire Mill Road, and West Hill Road and sidewalks around Roxbury School. He said the Committee is working on the parking problem on Ludlow Street, stop signs and abandoned cars. He said he has a recommendation from his Committee on the Blue Note Cafe operation which is on the members' desks, which they continue to hold in Committee for a more definite response.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

MR. BLOIS, Chairman, gave a very comprehensive report regarding the TERRY CONNERS ICE RINK, and presented the statistics during the months of November and December.

He said in the month of November, for resident children, they had 10,702 and for resident adults they had 2,221; for non resident children, they had 112, and non resident adults 146. Then in the month of December they had 6,000 resident (6,984) children and 1,837 for resident adults, non-resident children, 83; non resident adults 155.

He said this gives the totals for the 2 months; Resident children 17,686; resident adults 3,858; non resident children, 195 and non resident adults 301, giving a grand total of 22,040 during the first 2 months of operation.

He said for the skate rentals they had for November 79, month of December 475, giving a total of 554.

He said re spectator events, paid admissions (high school hockey) they had 3,156 students for the month of November and 185 children, for the month of December, they had 975 adults and 167 adults for the others that attended.

He said cash receipts for the month of November was \$2,650, skate rentals \$59.25, lessons, \$2,997, spectator admissions (none for November), public skating \$12,667.25. For December, they had for ice rental \$1,993.75, skate rentals \$356.25; lessons \$2,231.50; spectator's admissions \$5,711; public skating \$9,052; giving a grand total of \$37,718.50.

He said the expenses for the two months were \$44,182 and the receipts were \$42,191. He said they have some collectible outstanding debts.

He said the expected gross for the months of January and February are much lower than they anticipated. He said they expect to take in \$40,000 for the month of January and \$40,000 for the month of February.

He said the hours of operation are: Sunday 18 1/4 hrs., which is 6 1/2 hours of public skating, 6 hrs. of youth hockey, 2 hrs. of private group rentals and 3 3/4 hrs. of ice maintenance. He said on Mondays, they operate 17 3/4 hrs., with 3 hrs. of public skating, 2 1/2 hrs. of public instruction, 4 1/2 hrs. of high school hockey and 3 1/2 hrs. of patch and free style and ice maintenance 4 1/2 hrs. on Tuesdays, they operate 18 hrs.; public skating 5 3/4 hrs., public instruction 2 hrs., youth hockey 1 hrs., patch and free style 3 1/2 hrs., private group rentals 2 3/4 hrs., ice maintenance 3 hrs. He continued for some time, giving a complete breakdown for the week. He also reported on Hubbard Heights and Sterling Farms.

Re: Snowmobiling in Leon Park

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI asked the Chairman to look into some complaints he has received on the above matter, which he agreed to do.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSBACH, Chairman, said he has had quite a few calls from people in Civil Service concerning the proposed changes in the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. He said when the Civil Service Commission held hearings on these Civil Service employees were not allowed to voice their views concerning proposed changes. He said he is not sure if everyone has copies of the old Civil Service regulations, he would like to get some input from the Board as to what their constituents might think — if the people in Civil Service are not allowed to speak, and if we can't have the voice of the people heard — and possibly put this before the Personnel Commission for their consideration.

MRS. LAITMAN said she would like to remind Mr. Russbach that not only were the Civil Service personnel not allowed to speak, but neither were the members of this Board allowed to speak.

MR. RUSSBACH said this is one of the reasons why we want to get some input into this thing before changes of this magnitude are made, and possibly hold public hearings after we do get this.

PUBLIC HOUSING AND GENERAL RELOCATION:

MR. DIXON, Chairman, said his Committee has not had a meeting, but they have been holding in Committee this matter pertaining to MARTIN LUTHER KING and GOLEMAN TOWERS which is also in the URC Committee:

Concerning lack of facilities for outdoor play space in congested area for 300 children living in the Martin Luther King and Coleman Towers Projects — (Letter from Family and Childrens' Services Urban Renewal Area, URC Advisory Committee, dated 11/2/73) — (Presented by Anthony D. Truglia at the 1/7/74 Board meeting)

MR. DIXON said he does not know what Mr. Flanagan plans to report on this tonight, but the Housing Committee will meet, probably early in February and will at that time be better prepared to make a report.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE:

MR. FLANAGAN said he tried to get hold of Mr. Dixon yesterday to confer on this, but was unable to do so. He said the question of a playground for the Martin Luther King and Coleman Towers was brought up about a year ago and there was a request for the Grants Administrator of the City to look into the possibility of State or Federal funds to purchase approximately one and one half acres of land on the corner of Spruce and West Main Street, which is a very complicated piece of property and would probably be quite expensive for the City. He said he will get together with Mr. Dixon and go into this more thoroughly. He said there is a file on this in the Mayor's Office, awaiting some action by the Mayor.

He said he would also like to announce that the URC Committee will be holding a meeting here on Wednesday of this week - February 6th - to discuss the status of the zoning changes and the disposition contract for the hotel, store and all the other ramifications of the Urban Redevelopment Project with the Redeveloper and with the Commission.

MR. GURDIAN said this is rather ironic when he remembers listening to WSTC and Mr. Daly who was on the air at the time, pleading that the old Fire Station not be knocked down so that they could provide recreational areas for those tenants.

THE PRESIDENT informed the speaker that these housing projects are not near the Fire Station.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:HOUSE COMMITTEE:

MR. RYENICK, Chairman, said he hopes by this time that everyone has received their new cards for the parking lot, which were mailed out by Mrs. Farrell.

DRUG ABUSE COMMITTEE (Appointed by previous 12th Board)

THE PRESIDENT said he will take this opportunity to note that several members of the Board have asked him if we may revive the Drug Abuse Committee which we had had on the Board (12th Board) as a Special Committee. He suggested that this be discussed by the Steering Committee.

PETITIONS:

MR. MARTINO said he wished to take this opportunity to welcome the new member of the Board of Representatives - Dr. Lynn M. Lowden (Ph.D) 1st District Representative. He said now we can all feel more secure with a Doctor in the house.

Petition concerning relief from septic tank effluent, running over into streets where children play in area of Hubbard Heights, Hubbard Avenue, Bridge Street, Woodmere Road and others

MR. MARTINO said this is his second petition he has received during his brief stay on this Board and he hopes that this petition will not fall into the well of oblivion, because the taxpayers in the 10th District deserve consideration

in getting relief from this obnoxious situation. He said he is keeping this copy for himself, as he expects a letter which will explain the situation in detail, perhaps next week.

MR. COLASSO, Chairman of the Sewer Committee, said he has received this petition also. He said there is a \$1,600,000.00 in the proposed Capital Projects Budget for that particular area and he would recommend to Mr. Martino and Mr. Maynor that at the Planning Board hearing on the Capital Projects Budget, to turn out in full force and speak in favor of the project.

MR. LOWDEN said he wishes to thank Mr. Martino for his very kind welcome to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Concerning a voluntary form of gasoline rationing for the City of Stamford

MR. SERRANI said he has discussed with several people the problem in the City of people having to wait in long lines in order to get gasoline. He introduced the following "Sense of the Board" resolution and said he has given a copy to everyone on the Board and it is on their desks. He read the resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives favors a voluntary system of gasoline rationing for the City of Stamford, based on the following:

1. Gasoline shall be rationed on the basis of the last digit of each individual license plate of each individual vehicle.
2. License plates which end in even numbers will be given gasoline on Mondays and Thursdays.
3. License plates which end in odd numbers will be given gasoline on Tuesdays and Fridays.
4. License plates ending in alphabetical letters will be given gasoline on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
5. Gasoline should only be pumped to those vehicles which have half a tank or less registered on their fuel gauge.
6. This voluntary plan of gasoline rationing, in the opinion of the Board of Representatives, shall take effect on Monday, February 11, 1974, or until such time that the gasoline shortage is alleviated, or until such time that other measures can be taken.

MR. SERRANI said the purpose of this resolution is to experiment, to try something; everyone is in the same boat and have to wait in long lines to get gasoline, but the City is being jeopardized because of the emergency services; businesses are being jeopardized because of parking, long lines of cars are in front of private driveways, in front of business establishments. For Example, he said, on Hope Street, many of the establishments up there are having a hard enough time to find parking places because of the traffic and

different businesses in a congested area and now they can't even get in and out of the parking places that do exist because of the lines of cars blocking their way.

He said he would like the Health & Protection Committee and the Legislative and Rules Committee of this Board to hold a special meeting before the next Board meeting and discuss with independent station owners and representatives of the gasoline companies, any further recommendations that could be acted upon by the next Board meeting. He said he is merely offering this as a voluntary resolution and if something could be done on this in time for the next Board meeting, we might have some more measures to take unless this proves effective.

THE PRESIDENT asked the speaker if he is requesting that the Board adopt this resolution.

MR. SERRANI said "as a sense of the Board resolution".

THE PRESIDENT said he does not wish to get into the merits of the proposal, but it would seem that we do have to be very careful and would not want to give the public the impression that we had enacted legislation.

MR. SERRANI said this is not the intent of the resolution.

THE PRESIDENT said he would hope that when he moves for adoption of the resolution that he would make it very clear that it has no binding effect on anyone and is absolutely voluntary.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said he has nothing against the resolution, but when it was discussed in Caucus he brought up the fact that gasoline stations close at an early hour and when you only have certain days in which to get gasoline and for a person that has to get to work by 7 o'clock in the morning and don't get home until 4:30 in the evening, at those times gasoline stations are usually closed, and regardless of what the last numbers are, you are not going to get any gas. He said he thinks we will have to have some assurance that there will be gasoling stations available at a later hour, so that those who do have the right last digit can get gas, because you can't get gas at a closed station, no matter what number you have or what day it is.

MR. DAVIDOFF said he thinks what Mr. Serrani has to offer shows good thought. He said we should be concerned with the fact that our area has been short changed as far as gasoline is concerned, because other parts of the country is getting plenty of fuel oil and plenty of gasoline and the fact is that our particular area is NOT getting enough gas compared to what other areas are getting and this is what is our real concern. He said he believes there are supplies here and we should investigate where those supplies are.

MR. EXNICIOS said he hopes we would not adopt this resolution tonight and send it to the Steering Committee for study, because very quickly he can see some problems that might occur, even though it may have been discussed at great length. He said we are supposed to be asking the gasoline stations to restrict this to holders of Connecticut license plates only, and what about visitors from New York, New Jersey, and what have you that comes along the Turnpike and stations right off of that. He said are we trying to say that this is for Stamford people only, and what about nearby towns such as Darien,

New Canaan and Norwalk? Will they be down here to fill our lines on Tuesdays and Thursdays? He said he personally cannot live on one tank of gas on Monday and not be able to get another one until Thursday, because say you get 20 gallons and drive 200 miles, at ten miles to the gallon, that's less than 60 miles a day and if you drive to New York it is 80 miles and you just can't make it. He said he thinks there should be a little more thought given to this before we even pass the Sense of the Board resolution.

MR. GURDIAN said he wishes to discuss paragraph #5. He said he thought of a hypothetical case and Mr. Exnicios has just about said what he had in mind. He said let's suppose that a car has a half tank of gas on Thursday morning and this car happens to be a late model "gas guzzler" and the last digit is an even number; therefore, because he has a half tank of gas on Thursday, he is denied a fill up. This driver because of the mileage he has to travel, finds himself out of gas early Saturday morning. He said is he to understand that this car cannot have its gas tank filled until the following Monday morning. He said he can think of a lot of other instances when this would not work. Another thing, he said this idea of the attendant looking into a person's car and seeing whether or not it registers a half a tank — if you stand at the window of a car and look at the gauge, at that angle you cannot get a true reading. Therefore, he said, are we to understand that the attendant has to get into the car and assume the position of the driver in order to get the true reading. He said this in itself would really pose some problems, because if you have a car full of people in the front, they are not going to get out of the car so the attendant can determine whether or not the needle is exactly on the half full level. Another thing he said he objected to was the word "rationing" and perhaps the word "dispense" was used instead, perhaps it would be more palatable. He said he does not think we should rush into this without more thought being given to all the ramifications.

MR. MORABITO said he believes that the Mayor has executive powers in a crisis such as this where he can move on his own. He said in Bridgeport the Mayor has announced a plan which will go into effect in the next couple of days. He said all our Mayor has to do is get in touch with Bridgeport and find out what they are doing and how they are doing it and by the time this Board implements anything down here, weeks will have gone by.

MRS. LAITMAN said she agrees with Mr. Morabito. She suggested it might be a good idea for the Health & Protection Committee and the Legislative & Rules Committee might have a meeting with the gasoline dealer's association and Mayor Lenz and work something out, because she fears it cannot wait until the next meeting of the Steering Committee.

MRS. FORMAN said the idea certainly has merit, but does think this might be putting the cart before the horse and the first step should be a meeting with the gasoline dealers, because we don't know at this time how they would be able to adjust their hours.

MR. COSTELLO said there are a number of days when the gas stations are closed, and since his last digit is a 5, if he could not find a gas station open on a Friday, he would have to wait until Tuesday.

MR. RYBNICK asked how you would resolve the problems of owners who have letters for registration plates — which would be odd and which would be even?

MR. HOFFMAN said while he agrees with much that has been said by previous speakers, he believes that his is much more than just a city problem or a State problem. He said he has visited Cleveland where there is a tremendous amount of gas. He said he made several phone calls out to the mid west as recent as this evening, and they have no gas problem. He said he therefore is of the opinion that while we should try to do something here in this City, but it is a problem that has to be dealt with on a State-wide basis or better yet, on a nation-wide basis in order to resolve these problems.

MR. MARTINO said he would like to see us ask our Senator in Washington who has the gas power in his hands and should be able to give us an answer.

THE PRESIDENT said before we proceed any further, we have communicated with various officials outside the City and as long as we are on the subject, perhaps he had better read this one brief letter. He read the pertinent part of it, as follows:

".....Whether or not the energy crisis is real or the results of a conspiracy, the fact of the matter is the Connecticut citizens are encountering a severe impact on their daily lives. As if this were not difficult enough, it is quite apparent that Connecticut is being short-changed in comparison with the other States. For this reason I am petitioning the Federal Energy Office to order a redistribution of gasoline particularly to our independent dealers.

Knowing of your interest in this important matter, I am enclosing a copy of my announcement, together with our petition to Federal Energy Chief William Simon.

If I can be of further service to you, please do not hesitate to contact me. With best wishes,"

Sincerely,

(S) Thomas Meskill, Governor

THE PRESIDENT said he also has a copy of a communication from Congressman McKinney, which outlines the history of this problem, and the Governor's letter does not address itself to the issue which Mrs. Pont-Briant raised - is the crisis legitimate or has it been engineered by government or business, or whatever. He said at this point he will give the floor to Mr. Serrani.

MR. SERRANI said in answer to Mr. Morabito, he did try to contact Bridgeport today on their system, but was unable to reach City Hall because the line was busy.

He said in answer to Mr. Hoffman, he does most definitely agree that it is a State problem, but the State is not taking any action and we have to implement something to push them into action, which was the intent of this resolution.

He said in answer to Mr. Boccuzzi, the problem of not getting gasoline after 4 P.M. is one of the reasons why he wanted it to be referred to the Legislative and Rules and Health & Protection Committees and discuss it with the gasoline station owners before taking any action on it. He said in regards to not being

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Section 211.14 of the Petroleum Allocation of Price Regulations and he's requesting that they study and reassess the allocation that they have given Connecticut, because they are not taking into consideration the gas consumed by these 466 stations. She said the flag system has just started, and maybe people will get used to them and maybe they will work, but she said her gasoling station had gas ONLY ONE DAY and if you don't get there that day, you are hung up for a week or ten days.

NEXT MEETING OF STEERING COMMITTEE:

MR. RYBNICK reminded the members that the date usually set for the Steering Committee meeting falls on Washington's Birthday.

THE PRESIDENT said he would think that the best time for the Steering Committee meeting would be the 25th of February. It was decided to meet that date.

THE PRESIDENT said he will have to sum up what has transpired here in regard to the GASOLINE SHORTAGE. He said we have first a motion for the adoption of Mr. Serrani's resolution as a "Sense of the Board" resolution; then Mr. Exniclos and Mrs. Varney suggested that involved some problems and the best thing to do would be to ask that the Legislative & Rules Committee would immediately look into the possibility of enacting legislation and then we had the suggestion that the Health & Protection Committee get involved with this and then we had a motion by Mrs. Pont-Briant that the Board send a communication to Mr. Simon along the lines suggested by Governor Meskill and Congressman McKinney. He said he will assume that we have a motion on the floor which incorporates all of those suggestions. He called for a VOTE on this. CARRIED.

BINDERS FOR CHARTERS:

MR. BLOIS said as a new member of this Board, he and the other new members are not fully equipped. He said they do not have binders for their Charters and what can we do about it.

THE PRESIDENT said he would look into the matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

MR. SERRANI said he wants to go on record as saying that this Board met in Special Session between now and our next meeting to consider the congestion problem on the streets of the City of Stamford during the gasoling shortage.

THE PRESIDENT said it has never been customary to have motions to hold Special Board meetings.

MR. SERRANI said it is merely a suggestion.

THE PRESIDENT said he will take the suggestion into consideration, and if an emergency does arise we could have a Special meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 A.M.



Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant and
(Recording Secretary)

APPROVED:


Frederick E. Miller, Jr., President
13th Board of Representatives

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