

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 197614th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVESSTAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A Special Meeting of the 14th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Monday, February 9, 1976, pursuant to a "CALL" issued by President Frederick E. Miller, Jr., under the provisions of Section 202 of the Stamford Charter. (The regular monthly meeting scheduled for Monday, February 2, 1976 was cancelled due to inclement weather.)

The meeting was held in the meeting room of the Board of Representatives, second floor, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 P.M. by the President, Frederick E. Miller, Jr., after a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee, and a Caucus by the respective parties.

INVOCATION: Rev. Joseph Fitch, Union Memorial Church, Glenbrook, Connecticut.

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mrs. Sandra Goldstein proposed a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Harvey Peltz. She said Mr. Peltz was a leader in the Stamford community; he served as Chairman of the Board of United Jewish Federation of Stamford; he was campaign chairman of United Jewish Appeal; he was also chosen as Man-of-the-Year by Temple Beth El, and he is man who will be sorely missed by the Stamford community.

Mrs. Linda Clark proposed a moment of silence for Daniel Nardoza, who was known and loved by everyone here. He was "The Mailman" and served many, many years with the City of Stamford.

President Miller said that Mr. Nardoza worked with the mail delivery system here at City Hall and worked with the Board of Representatives Office, and was of great assistance.

President Miller said he would also like to include in this moment of silence Mary Louise Alexander. Miss Alexander was the retired Director of the Ferguson Library, and recently passed away.

A Moment of Silence was observed for these three people.

CHECK OF THE VOTING MACHINE: A check of the voting machine was conducted and appeared to be in good working order.

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ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken by the Clerk, Linda D. Clark. There were 38 members present, and 2 absent. The absent members were:

Mr. William H. Flanagan (R-19)  
Dr. Lynn M. Lowden (D-1)

The President declared a QUORUM.

MR. SIGNORE: "A Point of Personal Privilege, Mr. Chairman. This is a Special Meeting called by you, because you cancelled the regular meeting. I know you did that in good faith. We regret that this evening MR. ROTONDO'S name could not be brought forth because this is a Special Meeting, and we know that we need some kind of procedure developed for future cancellation of regular meetings, and we would like a better way to do business."

PAGES: Miss Deanna Dixon, a student at Murphy School, and the daughter of City Rep. Handy Dixon.

Miss Lorna Gaillard, a student at Rogers School.

MR. MILLER: "The CHAIR would note that this is technically a Special Meeting being called pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter to consider all items on the Agenda which the members received in the mail. We will now proceed to the Acceptance of Minutes.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MR. JOSEPH DeROSE: "Due to the fact that this 14th Board of Representatives was faced with a change in our clerical staff, I am going to ask this evening for the acceptance of minutes of three prior meetings."

MOTIONS were made, SECONDED, and CARRIED on acceptance of the minutes for the following meetings:

December 1, 1975 Organization Meeting  
December 1, 1975 Regular Monthly Meeting (adjourned to 12/8/75)  
December 8, 1975 Adjourned Regular Meeting

MR. MORGAN: "Can I inquire about the minutes of January 5th?"

MR. MILLER: "They haven't yet been prepared for approval by the Board members."

MR. MORGAN: "It's February 9th."

MR. MILLER: "That's right, Mr. Morgan."

MR. MORGAN: "As a new member of the Board, I wonder, what's our policy going to be about receiving the Minutes. Will they be prepared at no later than a specific period of time after a regular meeting, or what . . ."

MR. MILLER: "The President will not call for a vote on the acceptance of minutes until each member has a copy of those minutes a reasonable period of time before a Board meeting."

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STEERING COMMITTEE:

MR. DeROSE MOVED to waive the reading of the Steering Committee Report of its meeting held on January 19, 1976, which appears below: SECONDED and CARRIED.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

MEETING HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1976

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, January 19, 1976, in the Democratic Caucus Room, Second Floor, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and President of the Board, FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR., at 8:20 P.M. All members were present.

The following matters on the tentative agenda were acted upon:

(1) MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

The one appointment on the tentative agenda submitted by the Mayor, that of VINCENT J. ROTONDO, for Public Works Commissioner, was ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. This is a second submission.

(2) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ITEMS

There were thirteen items of a fiscal nature on the tentative agenda which were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under FISCAL COMMITTEE with those over \$2,000 being referred to a secondary committee.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- (3) Proposed ORDINANCE CONCERNING "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION" - Amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Section 2-4, Town & City Clerk, Custodian of Records; regarding filing of minutes of all meetings within 72 hours.

Above ordered NOT on the agenda; Held in LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE for further study.

- (4) Proposed ORDINANCE requested by DRUG LIBERATION PROGRAM, INC. for TAX EXEMPTION and/or ABATEMENT.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA.

- (5) Proposed RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT TO ENACT SPECIAL LEGISLATION to validate certain Civil Service employees of the City of Stamford presently in positions attained without competitive examinations, as per attached suggested Special Act.

Above ordered NOT on the Agenda and referred to PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, and also to LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE.

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LEGISLATIVE MATTERS (continued)

- (6) Proposed RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT TO ENACT SPECIAL LEGISLATION regarding tax rates, etc.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; and also referred to FISCAL COMMITTEE.

- (7) REQUEST FROM STAMFORD TOWING ASSOCIATION, INC., TO RESOLVE CONFLICT with respect to towing and storage fees and motor vehicle regulations.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; and also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

- (8) REQUEST FROM SOUTHFIELD POINT ASSOCIATION, STAMFORD, to form a Special Tax District pursuant to Title 7, Chapter 105, Section 7-24, of the State Statutes.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; and also referred to PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE.

- (9) Proposed RESOLUTION - INITIATION OF ACTION BY BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR APPOINTMENT OF A 10th CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA.

- (10) Proposed RESOLUTION - CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF A 10th CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA.

- (11) CONTINUING INQUIRY INTO CIRCUMSTANCES CONCERNING CERTAIN APPOINTMENTS WITHIN THE CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM - Re Barry J. Boodman.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; referred to the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

- (12) LETTER FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES LYNN N. LOWDEN and BARBARA McINERNEY 1/13/76 requesting survey of eight appointments to Classified Service done by previous administration be directed to Personnel Committee for study and resolution.

Above ordered NOT on the Agenda; referred to the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

- (13) APPEAL FROM ZONING BOARD'S DENIAL OF APPLICATION 75-007 BY APPLICANTS DOMINICK CAVALIERE, FRANK CAVALIERE AND ANTHONY PORTANOVA, d/b/a C&P EXCAVATING CONTRACTORS.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA, and referred to PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE.

- (14) MATTER PERTAINING TO GENERAL WATERBURY LANE, LAND/VEST DEVELOPMENT, etc.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA, and referred to PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE.

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- (15) CONTINUING INVESTIGATION REGARDING TOILSOME BROOK and illegal dumping on Genovese Property.

Above ordered NOT on the Agenda; and referred to the PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

- (16) LETTER FROM WEST HILL ROAD RESIDENT RE ROAMING PACKS OF WILD DOGS, ETC.

Above ordered NOT on the Agenda; and referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

- (17) WASHINGTON BOULEVARD FIRE STATION STATUS.

Above ordered NOT on the Agenda; and referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

- (18) COMPLAINTS ABOUT HUDDLE TAVERN ON IROQUOIS ROAD.

Above ordered NOT on the Agenda; and referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

- (19) PETITION FROM PERRY COURT RESIDENTS RE STREET LIGHTS.

Above ordered NOT on the Agenda; and referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

- (20) LETTER FROM CITY REPRESENTATIVES SANTI AND SIGNORE regarding hazardous conditions on Lakeside Drive and Zora Lane.

Above ordered NOT on the Agenda; and referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

- (21) SPRINGDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR ANNUAL FIREMEN'S PARADE PERMIT for June 8, 1976; also permit to string banner across Hope Street.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA and referred to PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE.

- (22) CONTINUING INQUIRY INTO STONE WALL CONSTRUCTED ON EDEN ROAD - 1/14/76 letter from City Rep. Barbara McInerney.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA and referred to PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE.

- (23) INQUIRY INTO STONE WALL ON VERY MERRY ROAD - Letter of 1/14/76 requested by City Representative Barbara McInerney.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA and referred to PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE.

- (24) SEWER COMMISSION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH SOUNDVIEW FARMS.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA and referred to the SEWER COMMITTEE.

- (25) INVESTIGATION REQUESTED REGARDING RELOCATION OF FAMILIES in Urban Renewal Area.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA and referred to PUBLIC HOUSING AND GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE.

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- (26) SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY CITY REPRESENTATIVES MICHAEL MORGAN AND DAVID BLUM regarding establishment of an Office of Economic Development.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA under "RESOLUTIONS".

- (27) REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA under "NEW BUSINESS".

- (28) REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE COMMITTEE.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA under "NEW BUSINESS".

There being no further business to come before the STEERING COMMITTEE, on MOTION, DULY SECONDED, AND CARRIED, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 10:55 p.m.

Frederick E. Miller, Jr.  
 Chairman, Steering Committee

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. MILLER: "Appointments Committee? I don't believe there is any report but Mr. Boccuzzi?"

MR. BOCCUZZI: "No, there isn't, Mr. President, because as indicated on the Agenda, because we have a Special Meeting, we will carry the name of MR. VINCENT J. ROTONDO on to our next monthly meeting."

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Mr. Michael Morgan

MR. MORGAN: "The Fiscal Committee met on January 28, 1976. Those present were Sandra Goldstein, Linda Clark, Christine Nizolek, Audrey Cosentini, Jean Raymond, George Hays, Ralph Loomis, and Michael Morgan."

- (1) \$45,329.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - CODE 305.3002 - School System Food Program; to be partially subsidized by State/Federal/City funding as well as revenues generated from food sales.

MR. MORGAN: "This request is to cover the operating deficit of the school lunch program for a period from March 8th through June, 1976. This appropriation will be offset by a \$30,000 expected contribution to the General Fund of unexpended funds from the School Milk Program at the end of this fiscal year. I should like to point out, Mr. Chairman, that because this is a Special Meeting of the Board, the timing of the Board of Education's request has changed somewhat as it originally came out on the Agenda. The \$48,728.00 item has been reduced, but because of the time lag in purchasing of equipment and getting this program under way, it's pushed back a week and there is a corresponding reduction of \$3,399.00 in the cost of maintaining the program, and that is why we need a lesser amount. And this Committee has agreed to present the lesser amount tonight. The item was considered by the Board of Finance on January 19th and was approved

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MR. MORGAN (continking): "and the Fiscal Committee voted 8-0 in favor, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THIS AMOUNT WHICH IS REQUESTED IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED to cover operating deficits in the Hot Lunch Program during this fiscal year, and I so MOVE." MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. WIESLEY: "Thank you, Mr. President. The Health, Education and Welfare Committee met jointly with Fiscal, and four of our five members were there; Mildred Ritchie, Linda Clark, Barbara McInerney, and Vere Wiesley. We voted 3 in favor and one voting no."

MR. DeROSE: "For the record, I would like the record to note that I intend to abstain on voting and all discussion on the first three items on our Agenda this evening."

MR. MILLER: "The Minutes will indicate that Mr. DeROSE is abstaining from discussion and voting on Items 1, 2 and 3 under Fiscal Committee this evening. The floor is now open for discussion on Item No. 1. If there is no discussion, we will . . . Mrs. McInerney?"

MRS. McINERNEY: "Thank you, Mr. President. I have something I would like to read into the record. I'd like to state from the beginning in my statement on the Hot Lunch Program that I have taken the time to examine the "proposed program" for the institution of a Hot Lunch Program for Stamford, and researched all aspects of the program which I felt needed clarification. I have not become involved in making any "emotional" or "unethical" statements or allowing my emotions to rule my reasoning power. I think one thing is clear above all others, and should be, the operation of any Hot Lunch Program in any city is, simply put, "A Business Venture" between three parties: the State Board of Education, Child Nutrition Service, the City of Stamford with the sponsor being the Board of Education, and the Canteen Corporation.

"I am grateful to the Board of Education for being tolerant and answering my questions to the best of their ability; but I must be frank in acknowledging that I still have serious reservations on the program, and if I might state, not with the concept of a hot lunch. As a Representative of all the people, I have come to look at the program as logically as possible, keeping in mind that I am not only feeding children, but I am, in fact, voting on a program which could be on-going and could have serious ramifications for the City of Stamford.

"As I see the program of feeding children a hot lunch, it is one beyond reproach by all the people of Stamford; but the fact that there is a program in our community doesn't necessarily mean that by providing more government will take it away or in fact make it truly better in the future. After looking at the over-all proposal before us, I wonder if "This" program is the one the children of Stamford deserve and have waited four long years to have, or one that will be acceptable. If we vote in favor of Canteen's proposal just because we don't have a lunch program; and after the initial novelty wears off and the children of our community won't eat it; then all of a sudden we begin to see the realities of continuing the operations of the program.

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MRS. McINERNEY (continuing): "Whether we'd like to face it or not, the proposal before us has a built-in operating budgeted deficit after Federal reimbursements and figured with 40% student participation to the tune of \$694.00 a day from March to June. This is based on figures which are in the Bid Specifications from Canteen Corporation and the School Board (based on expenses of \$5,777.00 a day against anticipated revenue or income of \$5,083.00 a day.)

"Next fall when the program expands to include the 3 high schools, the projected daily loss is running between \$592.00 per day to \$623.00 daily, depending on which proposal we use; and we included a percentage of the school population which has in the past supported Hot Lunches.

"I am also concerned in paying a percentage of a savings on the projected loss to Canteen Corporation. Some people have claimed it is a good business practice to provide an incentive to the Management Company; but it doesn't make sense to me. That if we lower our budgeted loss and are still operating with a loss, why should we pay Canteen 40% of our savings on a loss, or, in effect, offer them a commission for maintaining a loss! Isn't the Management Fee payment for efficient and expert handling of the Program enough?

"I'm concerned about who is going to be watching out for Stamford's best interests in the total operation of the program. Who is going to handle the applications for the Free and Reduced lunches? I personally can't believe that one of our present administrators has the extra time to assume the processing of all applications, the mechanics and paper work involved in setting up the entire program for the City. I would assume that this work would have to involve an office for Administrator and Staff of a Hot Lunch Program. I do know that if we give away any lunches without properly-filed applications with dates and signatures of the parents, and a letter of notice to all parents; and one of the applicants is found out to be ineligible, that the City would be responsible for payment of all free or reduced lunches received by that child, and figured at the number of days he or she was ineligible. Who will keep track of these records and distribute either the money or meal tickets to the children who are eligible? And, more importantly, who then will monitor the Cafeteria or provide lunch supervision for the children in all of our 17 elementary and 4 middle schools? Believe it or not, I'm sure we will have to hire an Office Staff to regulate and check policies on all aspects of the hot lunch program, as well as considering the possibility of staff workers to supervise the children, too. According to Union Contract, the Teacher is not required to do this type of work.

"I took the liberty of writing to schools which were listed as references for Canteen Corporation, and I'd like to read the only one which I received, to you. It is from D. C. Everest Area Schools, Joint School District #1, Schofield, Wisconsin, which covers the Villages of Rothschild and Hatley, City of Schofield, Towns of Easton, Kronenwetter, Norris, Reid, Ringle, Wausau and Weston.

'Canteen's lunch program for our Senior High School, the only school they served, was very limited. They provided a variety of hot and cold vended sandwiches, vended canned soups, stews, baked beans, chili-con-carne, and various vended cold drinks and snacks. They also provided a variety of "TV" type dinners which were an adequate lunch but were not well received by the high school students.

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MRS. McINERNEY (continuing):

'After five years, the Board of Education, at my and the high school students' prodding and demands for a change, authorized the offering of a regular Type A lunch program plus a daily alternate choice menu at the beginning of this school year.

'We have one preparation kitchen and the food is transported to the other seven schools in our district.

'In all fairness to Canteen, they provided just what the Board of Education wanted for the 5 years, they served in the high school. Time plus students' and parents' insistence on a change put an end to the particular type of lunch program Canteen offered. The only kind the Board had wanted for 5 years. Canteen had furnished their own employees, were very cooperative and helpful, and very easy to work with.

'Hope this information will be of some help to you. (Signed by J. M. Talbot Business Services Supervisor.'

"Would we be faced with our children refusing to eat meals which are being cooked and shipped hot and being held at 165°F. for a period ranging from 1-1/2 to 2 hours? Remember, this is the first system-wide Type A School Hot Lunch Program that Canteen has ever operated. To compare the success and their experience in serving adult meals is like comparing oranges to apples, one has to realize that adults do have different eating habits than youngsters.

"Another problem that bothers me is the position expressed by Local 1083, the Custodians, stating that no matter who or which organization is operating the food service program in Stamford, Local 1083 is the bargaining agent for the employees hired to do the work in carrying out the food service program. Especially in light of the opinion expressed by Canteen Corporation stating that Canteen has met with representatives of Local 1083 and are aware of their position and continuing to state that in the event the employees hired by Canteen wish to be organized, Canteen will meet with representatives of any Union they select. When asked what their position was, a representative expressed an opinion to me, that once the contract is signed for a Hot Lunch Program, Local 1083 will seek an opinion from the State Labor Board on appointing them the Bargaining Agent for workers, a position they were given before by the same board; and would, therefore, be restoring them to their original position as Bargaining Agents. When further questioned, I was assured that Local 1083 was not worried, that usually the Court upheld any decision made by the State Labor Board. Therefore, if Canteen and their workers chose not to be organized under Local 1083, we may have a real labor dispute over jurisdiction of the workers and could be faced with a labor strike. And not only would our hot lunch program suffer, but our schools as well. I am disappointed that this Union-Canteen agreement wasn't ironed out in a written agreement prior to our voting on the contract.

"Now to get to the real problem, in my opinion, the question of the equipment which is to be reimbursed by Federal Funds to the amount of 75% of total value, or \$56,000.00. I asked what the City's responsibility would be if the program ended in June, and I'd like to read some of the answers. Today, I talked to Mrs. Tolman on the telephone and asked to have a written letter from her office reading:

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MRS. McINERNEY (continuing):

"That the City of Stamford would be relieved of all responsibility of this equipment if the program fails in June, or in the next five years.

"And that the State Board of Education will find an approx. receiving agency that will take this equipment and pay for its removal and installation into their own facilities.

"Thus, relieving us, the City of Stamford of all financial obligations for the balance of the 5-year tract of life on equipment.

"I was told that she would call me back to explain this question and her understanding in detail.....

"Now, I'd like to read a letter which is part of the Public Record of the City of Bridgeport, Board of Education minutes and pertains to an inquiry by that City which considered discontinuing their Hot Lunch Program: (From April 30, 1975 letter from Cummings & Lockwood, Attorneys, Bridgeport, Mr. E. Terry Durant and addressed to Gerald Barbaresi, Acting Superintendent of Bridgeport Schools.)

(6) The Board (or City) would have to consider the possibility of paying to the State of Connecticut the undepreciated amount of the cafeteria equipment estimated by Mr. Thomas Carroll to be . . . . . \$322,200.

(7) In the alternative, the Board would have to consider the cost of removing existing equipment and shipping it to other Connecticut municipalities, as well as the cost of dismantling such equipment and closing down the physical facilities. Although the shipping costs are not yet subject to determination, the costs of dismantling and close-down are estimated by Mr. Carroll to be. . . . . \$ 18,000.

(8) The Board (or City) would have to consider its contract liabilities for equipment ordered but not yet reimbursed by the State, and which would not be reimbursed by the State if the lunch program is eliminated.<sup>3</sup> These liabilities are estimated by Mr. Thomas Carroll to be . . . . . \$287,300.

(Footnote<sup>3</sup> There may be additional liability in the estimated amount of \$322,400 attributable to non-food expenditure authorizations received by the City, but where the equipment purchase orders have not yet been approved.)

(14) The Board (or City) will have to consider the total of immediately discernable cash loss of items 6 through 13 above which is estimated to be. . . . . \$1,329,200.

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'Briefly, Connecticut State Board of Education Regulations, Section 10-215b-21(b) (E) states:

"In the event that such equipment is no longer so used for either the breakfast or lunch program (the Board of Education) shall agree to the disposition of same in accordance with Federal Guidelines for the Disposition of Equipment Purchased with Federal Funds for Non-Food Assistance."

'Incorporated within the Federal Guidelines referred to above is FNS (Food Nutrition Service) (SL) INSTRUCTION 792-2 which states in effect that when a "non-profit private school" discontinues its breakfast and lunch programs, the equipment may be transferred to another private or public school, or the equipment shall revert to the Federal Government or the residual value of the equipment shall revert to the Federal Government. (See also 42 U.S.C. Section 1774(a).)

'When a local board of education makes application to the State for non-food program assistance funds, the local board of education simultaneously agrees to be bound by "Form NFA-2" attached to the application. NFA-2 in effect requires that the public school agree to be bound by the same regulations which apply to the non-profit private schools in FNS (SL) INSTRUCTION 792-2.

'Accordingly, if the Board of Education should discontinue its lunch program, the State has the option of (a) forcing the Board (or City) to pay for the residual (undepreciated) value of equipment, (b) reclaiming the actual equipment itself, or (c) transferring the equipment from the Bridgeport School System to another school system within the State.<sup>4</sup>

'(Footnote<sup>4</sup> In a telephone conversation on April 29, 1975 with Ms. Ann Tollman, Director of Food Programs of the State Board of Education, it was learned that there is a tremendous demand for cafeteria equipment by other local boards of education. Ms. Tollman volunteered that if the Bridgeport Board of Education discontinued its school lunch program, the equipment would probably be removed from the Bridgeport schools and transferred to other boards of education throughout the State. She also volunteered that the cost of the transportation of the equipment would have to be borne by the City of Bridgeport. However, since this information was only a "probability" and not a "guarantee" the Board in its consideration should consider the maximum liability it faces, to wit: payment of the residual value of the equipment to the State.)

'CONCLUSION - The Board of Education may discontinue its lunch program and it may lay off the employees connected therewith provided (1) the Board bargains in good faith with the Union regarding its decision to terminate the program and the effect of such termination on the employees; (2) it adheres to the Civil Service Rules; and (3) is willing to bear the expense of unemployment compensation, terminal vacation pay, teacher supervision of the lunch hour and most importantly, payment to the State an amount equal to the residual value of the cafeteria equipment.'

Mrs. McInerney, continuing: "Taking all of the previous mentioned information into consideration, I cannot now support this hot lunch program. I realize that the cost of any hot lunch program must bear a deficit, but I feel it is a convenience that the City of Stamford cannot presently afford to undertake in these hard economic times. That's all, and thank you very much, Mr. President."

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FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DIXON: "I will not ask Mrs. McInerney any questions, but I am wondering if, in all this research, she found one reason why we should have a hot lunch program. She doesn't have to answer that. Mr. President, I have before me a list bearing the names of 125 people from my district asking me to urge you and the other members of this Board to pass the school lunch program. Also, I am very much aware that tomorrow's obituaries may very well begin on the first page of tomorrow's papers announcing the torture and death of the school luncheon program at the hands of this 14th Board of Representatives. But what we will not read is the death of hope generated by well-meaning parents and children in this day of high prices and high unemployment which has brought to bear real problems and much hardship and suffering. Personally, I am not as far removed from the problems of hardship as some of us may be. Perhaps it is because of my Southern background and country style of childhood living that comes back to haunt me, and with all of my sympathy and sense of understanding for those less fortunate in the year 1976.

"Many of us who came up through the lean years of the Thirties and Forties could tell us a story of particular experience of hardship. But most of us are forbidden by time and good fortune to allow our most sordid memories to surface. In this year 1976 we can read about hunger and starvation in poverty-stricken countries of Africa and South America, but we fail to realize that the same conditions exist here in America; and more particularly here in Stamford, where we do have in fact children sitting in our classrooms with problems of hunger. Yet it is expected of them to excel as any normal children would do. How can we, the City Fathers, the Legislators, the administrators and good citizens of Stamford allow our children to be subjected to these conditions in 1976, when, because of our riches, we can afford to adopt a \$73,649,718.67 operating budget, out of which we pay for services that few other cities can afford.

"We create new positions not necessarily needed; we give unwarranted promotions; and award fat contracts. And this Board has, and will continue to, appropriate hundreds of thousands of dollars each year which will go down the drain and be unaccounted for, and yet we cannot, or will not, provide our children with a school lunch program! I commend and congratulate the Board of Education for its efforts and foresight in preparing a viable and much-needed program, and my gratitude goes out to those organizations and individuals all over this city who have contributed support to it.

"Well, its fate is up to us. We can give it life, or we can give it death. But it is my sincere hope that we, in the best interests of Stamford, and of the children, will make this a reality. If we do this, not only will we be aiding the poor and under-privileged as well as adding to the convenience of the more fortunate ones, but we will be increasing the flow of our tax dollars back into our city. If we fail to approve the program and restore confidence in the wisdom and integrity of our Board of Education, we will have rendered a disservice to that Board and to the people of Stamford. We will have shut closed the door which once shed a little light of hope on many of our poor and under-privileged, and we

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will have allowed our Federal tax dollars to continue to flow into other major cities through this land in support of their school lunch programs. Mr. President, if it is of any consolation to the opposition of the school lunch program, and if it is in any way in the best interests of the people, I will hereafter vote against any and all unnecessary deficit spending in all of the departments of the City government. I will vote against unnecessary promotions, juicy contracts, and even vuture stone walls, but God forbid me, ever, to vote against any child having food, so, again, Mr. President, I would urge you and all the other members of this Board, as I have been urged, to support the school lunch program. Thank you."

MR. HOFFMAN: "Thank you, Mr. President. First of all, I would like to compliment Mrs. McInerney on her tremendous amount of effort that went into the research that she did, and it is unfortunate that it comes at such a late time, and I know that the Board members didn't have an opportunity to really sit down and review this; and I think that this is one of the things that Board members object to is that this program is being rushed at us and we are being forced to support it. There is laughing in the background, but this is the first time that I have ever had people call me and threaten me on the phone that I had to support this program. The other thing I would like to do is to compliment Mr. Dixon because he did make an eloquent speech and certainly voiced some good reasons as to why we should vote for it, and I don't think anyone here really opposes it. I think they are not opposed to the concept per se, but I do feel that many of the Board members are opposed to it being that it is such a loss thing, that the losses are more than the taxpayers can afford to bear at this particular point in time. And I think the mere fact that the State and Federal governments are wasting this money in other communities, I think that this is the time for us to stand up and be counted, and say "Hey, let's put a stop to some of this waste!" Let's go back to the Board of Education and tell them to see whether they can come up with a program that is fiscally sound. If people want this for their children, then let them pay for it. Let's put it in the parochial schools -- let's make sure there isn't any waste of food such as the teachers have told me and volunteer mothers have called and told me about and they oppose this particular program for that reason.

"I think above all, so many of the people who have called me and voiced their opposition in regards to this program, have done so because they are appalled with the deficit spending which continues; and I think, as Mr. Dixon said, this is something that all Board members should have done all the time. When we were elected to this particular position, we should always oppose juicy contracts; we should oppose all the deficit spending. I think that anyone who favors this is not looking out for the taxpayer. I oppose this program on that basis. I would like to see something for the children, a hot lunch for the children; I don't really oppose that, but I think that what we ought to do is eliminate that deficit which we are planning to go into here in this particular program.

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"I think the various points that Mrs. McInerney brought up are very salient ones. What indeed will this program cost us if we must back out of it. I don't think that anyone was listening toward the end because, unfortunately, there was so much there that we began, that people began to talk and snicker amongst themselves; but now I believe that this could be a real boondoggle if we raced into it. I think there should be nothing wrong with this if we would go back to the Board of Education and say come back to us in September and have all your ducks lined up in a row, and let's make sure we get this deficit down to a bare minimum. And I think then, perhaps, the City of Stamford, the people of Stamford, would say o.k., we'll accept that kind of a program. But something where it's a very definite deficit, I think that this is wrong to present to the people of Stamford at this time."

MR. BLOIS: "Speaking on behalf of the people of the 14th District who have been interested enough to call me, or communicate with me in one way or another, by letter or telephone, I will speak on their behalf tonight. I have had either by personal contact, telephone, by communication by letter, that the people of the 14th District who communicated with me, which was a total of 208, a total of 200 are NOT in favor of this program, leaving a total of eight who wish to see this program put through. Therefore, speaking for the people who had enough interest in this to contact me one way or another, my vote tonight will have to be against this program.

"I also received some communications from other people, and I would like to take just a couple of minutes to read a letter:

'Dear Sir: Each lunch purchased by a child from the wealthiest family in Stamford will be subsidized by all citizens to the extent of 16¢ per meal. Stamford's subsidy for children with an unemployed head of the household will be 1½¢ per meal. In our opinion, the allocation of Stamford's taxes in this way is wrong and should be opposed. According to Mr. Reed at the Board of Education, the estimated cost of each lunch is approximately 78¢. Children from welfare families will pay nothing for their meals, but the Federal Government will contribute 66-¾¢, the difference of 11½¢ per meal will be paid by the taxpayer. Children of families where the head of the household is unemployed will pay 20¢. The Government will pay 56-¾¢, leaving a deficit of 1½¢ per meal. While other children will pay only 50¢; 55% in middle schools. The Government will contribute 12½¢. This difference, 15-¾¢, is the largest difference between total income received and the cost of the meal. It is for the child from families who can better afford to pay for it. Our opposition to the hot lunch program is not based on our reluctance to subsidize the needy, but rather our objections are to the subsidization of those not in need. When asked of a representative of the Board of Education why the more affluent children were not charged a higher price, we were told that any other price would result in a decline in the participation and cause an even higher deficit.

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"In essence, apparently luncheons will be sold at a loss and the difference made up in volume.

'If the lunch program proposed by the Board of Education is as good as promised, surely it would be supported even if the cost were as high as 65¢, and those citizens who do not benefit, will not be asked to subsidize it.' This letter was written by G. and J. Kearns.

"And I would like to just give you some additional facts on the school food service program.

"Question: What will be the cost, the total cost, to the Stamford taxpayers?

"Answer: The cost will be the capital equipment, operating expenditures, and deficit expected for the program March to June, 1976:

Cafeteria Equipment, 25% of \$74,750.00	\$ 18,687.50
Anticipated Deficit guaranteed management fee	7,272.00
Anticipated program deficit	48,728.00
<u>September, 1976 through June, 1977 anticipated deficit</u>	<u>112,093.00</u>
Total cost for the 14 school months - - - - -	<u>\$186,780.50</u>

"Question: What fees will be paid to the management company?

"Answer: If Canteen Corporation is the successful bidder, their fees will be:

March - June, 1976 administrative costs	\$ 14,544.00
management fee	7,272.00
	<u>\$ 21,816.00</u>

September, 1976 - June, 1977 administrative costs	\$ 43,880.00
management fees	43,880.00
	<u>\$ 87,760.00</u>

"Question: How much of the actual cost of the lunches are paid by the various categories of participants?

"Answer: According to the Board of Education, the lunch will cost approximately 80¢ each.

Free Lunch: Subsidy 66-3/4¢	Reduced Lunch: Subsidy 56-3/4¢
Payment -0-	Payment 20¢
<u>Income 66-3/4¢</u>	<u>Income 76-3/4¢</u>
<u>Deficit 13-1/4¢</u>	<u>Deficit 3-1/4¢</u>

Paid Lunch: Subsidy 12-1/4¢
Income 50¢
<u>Income 62-1/4¢</u>
<u>Deficit 17-3/4¢</u>

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"Question: How many children in each category are expected to participate in the hot lunch program?"

"Answer: According to Mr. Grafton, the expected participants are:

	<u>% of Total Participants</u>
Free Lunch	15%
Reduced Lunch	2%
Paid Lunch	83%

"Question: Can the deficit be reduced by increasing the cost to those in paid lunch category?"

"Answer: According to Canteen Corporation bid, the deficit would be reduced by about \$7,500 for this year. Pro rating it a bit better and by over \$16,000 for next year.

"Question: If the price of the lunch were increased by 5¢, would the number of participants decline?"

"Answer: Presumably the number of free lunches and reduced lunches would not be affected, and the number of the participants would be the same. The Canteen Corporation bid indicates that there would not be a decline this year. For the next year, the decline would be about 170 each day. However, since there is a corresponding increase in the ala carte sales, it is apparent that Canteen Corporation expects that these children will still participate but will buy ala carte items and not the hot lunch.

"Question: If the largest deficit is incurred to provide hot lunches, and the children will still have an opportunity to either buy the hot lunch or the ala carte items, why is the price set so low?"

"Answer: No answer.

"Question: Is the price of 50¢ reasonable today?"

"Answer: When the hot lunch program was discontinued four years ago, the price of the lunch was 45¢. The Federal Government subsidizes the lunch at 56-3/4¢ and 66-3/4¢, the lunch will cost 80¢, so even at 60¢, it sounds like a bargain. (This was presented to me by Mr. Gerard Kearns, 56 Buckingham Drive.)

"I would also like to present a petition by many people to vote against the hot lunch program."

MR. MORGAN: Thank you, Mr. President. (some dialogue lost here, at end of tape side #2.) I can't begin to comment on every question raised by Mrs. McInerney, but I think there are several comments that are in order at this point. First, this is an experimental program that we are considering here tonight, for a period of just 63 days at a net cost to the City of \$8,728.00; and there will be an offset to this request by a contribution to the General Fund of \$30,000 at the end of the fiscal year constituting school milk program funds.

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MR. MORGAN (continuing): "I think we ought to look at budget review. By agreeing to this 63-day experimental program, we will by no means be committing the City to a hot lunch program for the academic year 76-77. If the program is a failure after we have looked it over for the next couple of months, when we consider the budget in May and June, this item can be deleted, and I think this is one of the questions that Mrs. McInerney raised, a valid one. But the only way we can get answers to some of the questions is to try the program instead of going round and round, raising questions, making comments - - the real test of whether this is a worthwhile and effective program is an experiment such as the Board of Education has proposed.

"A final item. EQUIPMENT. The net cost to the City of the equipment is \$18,687.50. That's because the Federal Government will provide a 75% contribution toward the purchase of the equipment; and I think that's a small amount indeed. I think that it should be pointed out, too, that a lot of the opposition to the program I have sensed, from the members on the Board and also from people who live in my district, and who live throughout Stamford, centers on the problems of the previous program, and I think all of us will agree that the program that was discontinued in 1971 was a disaster on several fronts. There were enormous operating deficits; there were union problems; the quality of the food has been questioned; and I think that the Board of Education has learned from the difficulties they had with the previous program, corrected them in the proposal they have before us tonight.

"In respect to employees, which is something Mrs. McInerney has raised and is vitally concerned about, the employees under this program, as I understand it, will not be employees of the City or of the Board of Education, they will be employees of the Canteen Corporation. They will be employees in the private sector, and any disputes between employee and employer would only involve the City in a secondary sense. The City would not be paying their salaries.

"The quality of the food is one of those questions which we just can't deal with. The only real way to ascertain whether the Canteen Corporation can provide better quality food than A.R.A. is to try the 63-day experiment as the Board of Education has recommended.

"The last problem, as Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, that I am most concerned about, is the question of operating deficits, and operating deficits in 1971 were enormous. And all of us have realized that it is a serious problem that should be avoided in the future. The Fiscal Committee and the Board of Finance have both been very clear in attaching strings to our approvals of this request. And that it is to make it quite clear to the Board of Education that the request for operating deficit is contingent upon the fact that this amount, \$45,329.00, is the total amount that the Committee will approve and if they incur a larger operating deficit, the Board of Education will either have to terminate it or they will have to find the funds within their own resources and not call upon the City.

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MR. MORGAN (continuing): "This is my last point - one which we have not touched upon. Stamford is a city of limited resources. There are many worthwhile programs, but because we have only so many dollars, we can't have every one that we would perhaps like, and when you are in that kind of a situation, which is what we find ourselves in now, you have to make a decision about priorities, and it's my opinion, my personal opinion, that this is a program that deserves a high priority; and given the fact that we do have limited resources, I would prefer to cut some other program and institute this program.

"Existing programs aren't necessarily grandfathered in, just because they currently exist within City Government; there is no guarantee they will continue to exist, and consequently, a new program is not necessarily prohibited from being adopted because it is a new program and something else will have to make way for it.

"It is my feeling that this is something that the Board should adopt and I voted for it in Committee and I will vote for it when we take a vote now, because I would like to see this experiment conducted; and if it turns out to be not as successful and the Board of Education comes back to us and asks for a request in May for the next fiscal year, if this is not a successful program, I will not vote for it at that time, but I am willing to give the Board the benefit of the doubt and experiment for the next 63 days. Thank you."

MR. BLUM: "Thank you, Mr. President. I have never received so much material on any one issue until we came to this hot lunch program. I received numerous letters in opposition, and I received numerous calls opposing, and I also received numerous for this hot lunch program. I, myself, went through those lean years that Mr. Dixon talks about, and I heard this on the twelve o'clock program "You're On The Line" with one of my school mates.

"Back in 1934, I believe, we started the school lunch program, and those were bad times and we come to good times and believe me, we're having bad times again, only in a different sense. Instead of a depression, they're calling it a recession because we've got inflation and a recession at the same time.

"There are many people in this town who are unemployed. I believe the latest figure, two weeks ago, was 7.3% of the work force unemployed at this time. Certainly these unemployed are entitled, I think, to have their children fed, because they gave their working time in the good times. I also received a letter from the Courtland Terrace Assn. in opposition. I also received numerous calls from the Strawberry Hill Tenants Assn. saying they were in favor of this program, favoring this program. And they, too, are taxpayers because they pay their taxes through rents. But we have a fear, and believe me I feel that fear about the homeowner and his taxes. This is all over the country, this fear of taxes, but maybe through the Federal Government you will get some more revenue sharing that will decrease, maybe, our tax load. There has to be a good look into our tax situation.

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MR. BLUM (continuing): "There has to be some solution. I favor this school lunch program for the jobs, for the jobs that can come out of this. For the people who are unemployed and for those people who are on the poverty level, who may go to work to help support their families. Thank you."

MR. SHERER: "Thank you, Mr. President. As you may well know, I voted in opposition to this allocation at our last meeting. One question by others as to why I so voted. I explained I felt that the public would listen further doesn't matter and should be supplied facts. However, in the last few weeks, I found that for whatever their reasons, the voters in my district are still very much against this type of program. Of course I heard from both points of view. However, I must say that the opposite far outweighs the supporters of the hot lunch program in my district. I know their feelings because many have spoken to me on this very issue.

"When I campaigned this last Fall, I stressed to the voters of my district my ideas of responsiveness and accountability in elective office. By their vote, they told me that they share this belief. It has been far too long that representatives have been ignoring their constituents on the many serious issues facing Stamford today. They are tired of being ignored. It is time that the voter has more in the say of how Stamford is run, more than one vote every other November! It is time to return responsive government to the people of Stamford. The voters are to be served. It is for these reasons that once again I must vote against allocating these funds for a hot lunch program. Thank you."

MRS. RITCHIE: "Mr. President, Board members, and listening audience, I, too, represent the 10th District along with Don Sherer. The 10th District is comprised of a cross-section of privately-owned homes, condominiums, rental apartments, and a couple of senior citizen residencies. It is made up of people of all races and creeds whose income is mostly in the middle income bracket. This includes some poor people and some very comfortable people.

"I would like to inform you that I conducted a poll covering each street in the district, and the people are against the program. Of the 223 persons I have spoken to, which is approximately 10% of the voters in the district, 195, or 88%, voted against it. 17 were yes, and 11 were undecided.

"The board members of our local neighborhood elementary school, Hart School, voted against the program. They voiced dissatisfaction at the waste of food, the pilferage that went on with the stock of the food items, and the money stolen from the children, their lunch money. They feel the feeding of a child is the responsibility of the family. There hasn't been a child malnourished in Stamford in the past four years due to the schools being without a school lunch program.

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MRS. RITCHIE (continuing): " Our City has good social agencies that take over when notified of a child in distress due to irresponsible parents for one reason or another. I am told that if a child forgets his lunch, there is peanut butter available in all the schools. No one likes to see a child suffer of hunger and I am sure we would all take from our tables to feed any one hungry family, but it is not, and I repeat, it is not our responsibility to monitor each home. The old cliché if the poor are not fed, they don't learn. Well, believe you me, there are plenty of rich kids that don't learn also!

"The past program showed poor participation on the part of the students, and labor problems to the tune of \$350,000.00 for work not done. Why don't we leave well enough alone, and use the milk surplus money to give everyone free milk next year, or put the money to some other good use, maybe to solve the discipline problems.

"If food is wanted in the schools, we could place machines in all the schools and make the food available to all at the same price. The people resent the word "free". As we all know, anything acquired free is not appreciated. And our country was built by pioneers who struggled for what they wanted. And through the centuries, the masses from all over the world who landed on our shores did the same, and this made us a stronger people and henceforth we have a strong nation. We are told that this program is subsidized by Federal funds and it won't cost us a cent. Well, it so happens that Federal funds are our tax money also. Maybe if we can stop this Federal funding and spending, and get the money back in the wage-earner's pocket to spend as he sees fit, the economy of the country can go forward.

"Right now the taxpayer feels he is being squeezed from all sides and stretched beyond endurance to pay his bills. We must not ask the local taxpayer to contribute to something that is not absolutely necessary. Something that can be taken care of by other programs, handled by our very capable agencies, and loving, responsible parents.

"School lunch programs have a history of losing money even if they try to disguise the fact. The operation is always in deficit due to rising food and labor costs. And right now the taxpayer and the City of Stamford cannot afford to meet any more deficits. In the past two weeks, various groups have put pressure on the representatives to vote for the program, but if we are truly representatives of the people, we cannot turn a deaf ear to the lone man's voice calling enough. I hope the Board of Education can graciously accept a "No". Thank you."

MRS. HAWE: "Thank you. After much serious thought on the question, I have reached certain conclusions. We all know the pros and cons on the issue; there are valid points on each side, and not to belabor the point, but I would like to mention one thing about the hot lunch program that bothers me. One of the main arguments, and probably the most important argument for the hot lunch program, is the claim that they will feed children who would otherwise go hungry. If there are children who come to school with no lunch, and this is a situation which cannot be tolerated, then some provision should be made for these children either through the school or some other agency. But I do not think the best

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MRS. HAWE (continuing): " answer is this kind of a program in which Federal, State, and City taxes are used to subsidize to some extent, every lunch that is served. It is not up to the government to assist every child in the purchase of his lunch. In addition, I am not fully satisfied that a careful check would be made to see if food, and how much food is wasted. At this time especially with the possible deficit in our City budget, fiscal responsibility is so important and it is not the time to take on a program of questionable benefit and one that I am not convinced is a necessity. Thank you."

MR. HAYS: "Thank you, Mr. President. I think that we are not looking at just this year in the resolution before us and are not voting on what is going to happen next year. If the program is successful, and if the program is not successful, we may have a chance to look at the program next year either way. I don't think there is a person in this room who has, constituent-wise, a crystal ball who can say what programs people do want or don't want. And I feel strongly that the only test is for a trial period at a small cost. Mike Morgan, who chairs our Fiscal Committee, has stated that the net cost of the operation is going to be approximately \$8,000.00. It may be only \$5,000.00 with the reduced request now to \$45,000 and change.

"I think this is a small cost to try a program. I know of no sophisticated, or half-way sophisticated/<sup>market</sup>research program that could give you as tangible results in a comparable period that would cost anywhere as cheaply as that would cost. Those that object to the waste, should know there are stipulations built into this program agreed to between the Board of Finance, the Fiscal Committee, the Board of Education that they will terminate the program if the ~~loss~~ exceeds the stipulated figure. I submit to you that if waste builds up to the point that some fear, that there will be a diminishment in participation of the program that will mean it must stop because it will be reaching its deficit area. For those who say there won't be much participation in general, the same would happen, it would stop. For those that fear mismanagement, the same would happen because the deficit would limit it. I believe that this is a small cost, I repeat, to try the program and find out who is right. And I believe the only opponents to this program who sincerely want the best for his City, would be glad to have himself proven right, if he were, through a trial program. Thank you."

MR. ROSE: "Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to go on record as being in favor; I am supporting my constituents that voted me in office. I want to go on record as saying that I am looking out for their interests and also go on record as saying that I am a homeowner also. I also pay taxes. My constituents pay taxes. And I just want to go on record as saying the City of Stamford has been run in a way that we have lost a lot of money through different things that have not been important as a lunch program. I would say that I think we're trying to beat a dead horse. And the dead horse being the previous lunch program, that failed. I think it is very clear what we're after. We're after a trial program. And I said before, in the last meeting, there's no way you can tell until you've tried. You can make all kinds of excuses, you can say all kinds of things will happen, and you can believe these things, but until you

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MR. ROSE (continuing): " actually put this program in effect, you will never know how these things will turn out. Now I'm sure that the school board in their wisdom has given us a program that is workable. They have put a lot of work into it. I think they have studied it, they have taken it apart, but until we are able to put it into reality, we will never know whether it will work or not. I am representing the 3rd District, and as you know, the Third District has a lot of people, most of whom have been out of jobs and have homes that need to be subsidized as families, and these people have been contacting their representatives, of which I am one, to speak for them. They want this lunch program. They have been having meetings with me. They have talked with me on the phone, saying that this will be good for their children. Mr. President, I hope that this Board will not just look at one issue, but will look at something that we can do for all the children of Stamford because when one neighborhood is affected, eventually the whole city would be affected. Thank you, Mr. President."

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: "Mr. Chairman, thank you. I have received scores and scores of calls, written communications, and petition communications from my district, both opposed to the program and for the program, and because of this, I am very concerned that the members of my district know exactly how I am voting and why I am voting that way."

"I'd like to begin by saying that I consider myself a very fiscal conservative member of this Board. I care very strongly about how our City and Federal tax dollars are spent, and that is why I chose to sit on the Fiscal Committee. When the hot lunch program was first presented, then the concept of a hot lunch program was presented, my natural inclination was against one. I did not want to see another large deficit, or a small deficit, or what have you, in the City. I was turned off by the previous program five years ago. I was tired of mismanagement, of waste, etc. I would like to say that reams and reams of material that I got in relation to the program, that I read, and read carefully in relation to the hot lunch program, convinced me that my initial reaction was wrong, not wrong in relation to our previous lunch program, but wrong in relation to the way in which I came to this program. The Board of Education has a very well-conceived program now. In every question that was presented to them, they answered and they answered well, and they went out of their ways to supply this information to every single member of the Board. And I will tell you they answered every one of my questions."

"We have, in this City, watched every one of the surrounding communities received Federal tax dollars . . . Greenwich, New Canaan, Fairfield, Bridgeport, you name it! They're getting tax dollars for this program. But that wouldn't cause me to vote for a lunch program, because if it's an ill-conceived program, I don't want it. However, when we have a good program, a program that has gone through five years in its conception, and when I know that even if we don't vote for it, we're not going to be getting any savings in our tax dollars, because our tax rate assumes, our Federal tax rate assumes that every city is going to take advantage of this program, so none of that money, if we vote against it, is going to

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MRS. GOLDSTEIN (continuing): "come back to Stamford. It's just going to go out to all these other cities. I want that money in Stamford, feeding those kids that, however few, or however many, who need that program. I feel very, very strongly about that. There's another thing I feel very strongly about. There are a lot of hard-working people in this city, people who don't earn very much in our current conception of what is a lot of money. These people have been working hard all these years. They earn, let us say, a very little income or amount of dollars. These very people would be eligible, for a reduced lunch program. After all these years, and after all the dollars that they've shelled out while people of five, ten, and fifteen times wealthier than they are, with fat tax shelters, don't pay half as much as they did, these people will finally get a chance to take advantage of a program. And this is for every income level, whether rich, poor, or moderate, who are currently unemployed, and we know we have plenty of them here in Stamford, these people, these children, too, will now be eligible for the reduced price lunch. For the amount of money that it would cost our City now, I think it is worth the experiment, and that's what I want my district to know. I'm voting for it because I believe the advantages in this particular case far outweigh the disadvantages. Thank you, Mr. President."  
(End of Tape #3)

MR. BAXTER: "Thank you, Mr. President. As you may recall, at the last regular meeting, I indicated, for myself, that I hoped that a survey, a utilization survey, would be conducted in order to assure the participation that we were anticipating; and for reasons that appeared very good to the Board of Education, such a survey was not undertaken, and I understand their reasons. I perhaps disagree that we could well afford the relatively small cost compared to the money that we would otherwise spend, have mailed surveys, a utilization questionnaire to all the parents of all of our students. Nonetheless a survey wasn't done, and to my dismay, that didn't make my decision easier. I had thought when the survey wasn't done, and that's the decision I had reached, that therefore my vote tonight would be an easy "No", that there would be no more thinking, I had thought it out and after that if it wasn't done, therefore the answer would be "No". However, a number of people who had called me, brought up some of the arguments which were mentioned here tonight, which I found quite persuasive, that is to say you're not going to have a survey, that's not going to happen, but the next best thing to it is the trial, the test.

"Mr. Morgan mentioned that the test would be relatively inexpensive and a number of other speakers have talked about how that test would be a valid way of finding out, whether, how the program would work. And I have to admit that this caused me to start rethinking - - - caused the distress of an unsolved problem. It is always nice to have your mind made up. It's comfortable and you don't have to -- and you can move on to other things. However, well, just let me

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MR. BAXTER (continuing): "elaborate a little bit more, it is quite clear from our vote last month that those in favor of the lunch program currently possess more than 50% of the Board who are in favor of it. And some of my constituents were uncertain why this vote now needs a two-thirds vote. And I had to inform them that this wasn't under the regular appropriations at budget time which only requires 50%, it was a special additional appropriation which requires two-thirds vote; and so it is quite clear that I have no idea how the vote is going to come out, how many people might have changed their minds, but it is quite clear that there are more than 50% of the Representatives here tonight who are willing to vote for that program. so the reason these comments have caused me concern is because it appeared to me the question was which is better, if we have questions about whether this program is going to work or not, fiscally, or whether we were going to be limited, which is better, a two-month, or three-month test, or ten-month test. Simple mathematics here is that a two-month test is better, the idea being that we can bail out, if it isn't good. That was almost persuasive to me, and the reason it was not persuasive to me is because we will be voting on the budget before the results of this so-called test are in.

"The people who are for it, will vote for it without - - the 50% that support it - - that budget will be made up in March or April, and we will vote on it sometime in late April or May for September year, and the choice appears to me to be whether we have a 13-month program or a 10-month program. If the people who are for it, remain for it, that school lunch program is here as of September 1st, come what may, and so I think one year is enough, not 13 months, and I am therefore going to vote against it.

MR. LOBOZZA: "Mr. Chairman, we can discuss this all night long. I don't think it's going to change anybody's mind as to how they vote on it. I would like to MOVE THE QUESTION."

(There was an unidentified SECOND.)

MR. MILLER: "We have to vote on Moving the Question, Ladies and Gentlemen . . ."

MR. LIVINGSTON called out "Point of Personal Privilege, Mr. President!"

MR. MILLER: "Mr. Livingston, what is your Point of Personal Privilege?"

MR. LIVINGSTON: "My Point of Personal Privilege is that my hand was up. I'm sure that my name is on the list (Mr. Miller said it was). I expect to be called on."

MR. MILLER: "If this Motion is voted down, you will be called on, Mr. Livingston. All those in favor of Mr. Loboza's Motion, say AYE, all those opposed, NO. The CHAIR is in doubt. We'll take a division, using the machine. A YES vote is to Move the Question; a NO vote would be opposed. Mrs. Howe?"

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MRS. HAWE: "Could you clear the Board? Because I think my light was on for green and I wanted .... "

MR. MILLER: "All right, I'm sorry, I'll clear the Board. A YES vote is a vote to move the previous question, in other words, to cut off debate on this issue. A NO vote would be opposed to cutting off debate. The MOTION is CARRIED by a vote of 20 YES, 17 NO.

"We will now proceed to a vote."

MR. HOFFMAN: "Mr. Miller, Mr. DeROSE has left the floor because of the fact that he is a school teacher. I did call the Corporation Counsel's office and I did receive some information that was in regards to a letter sent to Mr. Armen Guorian and Mr. Sal Ross on the last Board of Representatives in which the Board of Ethics rendered an opinion and this opinion says that however the Board found that employees who had created an appearance of conflict of interest, the result of which was to put them in a situation of indirect conflict with their interest as employees of the Board of Education on the one hand and as members of the Board of Representatives on the other. And here is the heart of the matter, the Board of Ethics specifically recommended that all public officials should not only avoid actual conflict-of-interest situations, but should also avoid the appearance of such conflict by abstaining from all participation in such situations. Therefore, Mr. President, I would ask that you remind any of the schoolteachers that are here of this particular ruling of the Board of Ethics, and Mr. Joel Freedman's, who was Corporation Counsel at that time, of his opinion."

MR. MILLER: "All I will say, Mr. Hoffman, is that it is the responsibility of each member of this Board to make his or her own decision on whether or not to vote on a particular item. I will leave it at that. I think that's all I have to say. We will now proceed to a vote. Mr. Livingston? We have a request for a Roll Call Vote."

MR. LIVINGSTON: "Mr. President, I would ask this Board to Reconsider the previous vote on Moving the Question and allow a representative from a district who has not spoken on an item, to speak, and I think I should remind this Board that we do have an obligation to each other that we should all have the right to be heard. I ask that you reconsider that vote."

MR. MILLER: "Is there a Second to Mr. Livingston's Motion? MOVED and SECONDED. The vote would permit us to Reconsider the vote already taken on Moving the Question. All those in favor ...."

MR. MORGAN: "Point of Information, Mr. President. Could the Clerk tell us how many names are on the list to speak?"

MR. MILLER: "I can tell you. I have down Mr. Livingston to speak for the first time, and I have indications that both Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Dixon wanted to speak for a second time, so the only person I had on the list at the time the Motion to cut off debate was made was Mr. Livingston."

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MR. MORGAN: "Then we are voting on giving Mr. Livingston the right to speak?"

MR. MILLER: "No, we would be voting on giving anybody the right to speak, and I understand that Mrs. Cosentini and Mrs. Raymond would also like to speak. The Motion is to Reconsider. All those in favor of Mr. Livingston's Motion to Reconsider the vote we took on Moving the Question should indicate by saying AYE; all those opposed NO. The CHAIR rules that the Motion is CARRIED. And we will vote on Moving the Question again. All those in favor say AYE; all those opposed NO. The MOTION is CARRIED. We will move the question and proceed to the vote. I'm sorry, Mr. Livingston. Mrs. Clark?"

MRS. CLARK: "Yes, Mr. President, I'd like to move for a Roll Call."

MR. LIVINGSTON: "The Motion was carried, and the Motion was .... (several people were speaking at one time and it was unintelligible.)"

MR. MILLER: "I'm sorry, Mr. Livingston. But if the motion is to move the question, a yes vote is to move the question, and that's what happened.. ."

MR. LIVINGSTON: "Mr. President, I asked for a roll call vote, and I have that right."

MR. MILLER: "You didn't ask for a roll call vote on moving the question. We had a request for a roll call vote on the question of .... Mr. Boccuzzi?"

MR. BOCCUZZI: "Mr. President, in the interests of fairness, I think there was some question or confusion on the part of some members in taking the vote, and I would suggest that we possibly take a re-vote on it if we possibly can."

MR. MILLER: "I'm sorry, Mr. Boccuzzi, we took a vote and took a vote to re-consider. We then took a vote again, the motion was carried. I'm sorry. It would appear that according to our procedures we are now ready to take a vote on the main motion."

MR. DIXON: "I'm not altogether clear on this and I wish, I want to be very clear on what we voted for, and how the motion went."

MR. MILLER: "We voted to move the previous question for a second time which has the effect of stopping this debate and moving this body on to vote on the main motion which is item #1 in Fiscal."

MR. DIXON: "Well, did we vote to reconsider that?"

MR. MILLER: "And we did reconsider it, and the motion was voted on."

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MRS. COSENTINI: "Mr. Chairman, I would like to say that you did present a reconsideration of that motion, and technically you should not have because it was raised by someone voting against it. And I think you did that because you were trying to be very fair. Now I am one of the frustrated speakers and I will accept your ruling." (There was considerable noise at this point and most of this speech was inaudible)

MR. MILLER: "Thank you, Mrs. Cosentini. Now I think there is a motion to go ahead and have a roll call vote. Is someone asking for a roll call vote? We have a request for a roll call vote. The CHAIR sees a sufficient number. It takes one-fifth of the members present desiring a roll call vote to get us a roll call. The roll will be taken that way. We are now voting on Item #1 under Fiscal, which is on the reduced amount of \$45,329.00, Board of Education, Code 305.3002 School System Food Program. A YES vote is a vote for this item. A NO vote is in opposition to the item. It is necessary to have two-thirds of the members present in order for this item to carry. We now have 37 members on the floor of the Board. Dr. Lowden and Mr. Flanagan were absent to begin with, and Mr. DeRose chose to leave before. Since we have 37 members present, on the floor, the vote required for passage of this item will be 25. Are there any other questions? I don't think so. The Clerk will proceed to call the roll."

The following ROLL CALL VOTE was taken on the motion to approve Item #1 under Fiscal for \$45,329.00 for Board of Education, Code 305.3002, School System Food Program, and the MOTION was LOST, with 20 YES, and 17 NO votes (and one member, Mr. DeRose, had left the floor). A two-thirds vote was necessary to carry this motion:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

David Blum (D)  
 Theodore Boccuzzi (D)  
 Leo Carlucci (D)  
 Linda Clark (D)  
 Audrey Cosentini (R)  
 Robert Costello (D)  
 Thomas D'Agostino (D)  
 Handy Dixon (D)  
 John Wayne Fox (D)  
 L. Morris Glucksman (D)  
 Sandra Goldstein (D)  
 George Hays (R)  
 Jeremiah Livingston (D)  
 Ralph Loomis (R)  
 Frederick E. Miller, Jr. (D)  
 Michael Morgan (D)  
 Christine Nizolek (D)  
 Jean Raymond (R)  
 Matthew Rose (D)  
 Vere Wiesley (R)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

George Baxter (D)  
 Julius Blois (D)  
 George Connors (D)  
 Marie Hawe (R)  
 Leonard Hoffman (R)  
 James Loboza (R)  
 Barbara McInerney (R)  
 Adam Osuch (R)  
 Alfred Perillo (D)  
 George Ravallese (R)  
 Mildred Ritchie (R)  
 Gerald Rybnick (D)  
 John Sandor (D)  
 Jeanne-Lois Santy (R)  
 Donald Sherer (R)  
 S. A. Signore (R)  
 Peter Walsh (D)

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MR. MORGAN: "Thank you, Mr. President, the second item on our Agenda is \$74,750.00 which is a companion request for the first item. I wonder if it would be appropriate to withdraw this, or for the record, Mr. President, should we vote on this item and dispense with it in that manner?"

MR. MILLER: "It depends on what you want to do, Mr. Morgan. I assumed the two committees came out in favor of this item, but I don't think anyone would fault you and Mr. Wiesley if you just left it in committee."

MR. MORGAN: "I withdraw it then."

MR. MILLER: "We'll just leave it and move on."

- (2) \$74,750.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Code 305.3002 - School System Food Program - Additional appropriation to purchase food service equipment for three central kitchens and lease vehicles to transport to all schools involved.

MR. MILLER: "Did you have something Mr. DeRose?"

MR. DeROSE: "Yes, Mr. President. I would just like to set the record straight. As of late, Mr. Hoffman has appointed himself as a spokesman for Representative DeRose. Mr. Hoffman gave reasons for me leaving the floor which once again was totally erroneous. I, and I alone will account to my constituency. I will give the reasons why if I see fit as to why I leave the floor, and I just want the record to indicate that what Mr. Hoffman said certainly is not the case in terms of my leaving the floor."

MR. MORGAN: "Thank you, Mr. President, the next item is a request from the Board of Education for \$117,050.00 to cover professional salaries for the contract with the administrative staff for fiscal year 1975-1976. This contract covers 93 employees and was approved by the 13th Board of Representatives. We are asked here not to approve the contract, but only to fund the additional amount necessary. It was approved by the Board of Finance on January 8, 1976, and the Fiscal Committee on January 28, 1976 voted 8-0 in favor of this request and I so MOVE.

- (3) \$117,050.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - (Letter 1/7/76 from Benjamin Reed, Asst. Supt./Business - to cover professional salary aspects of agreement (Dept. of Administration for members of the Administrative Staff) for fiscal 1975-1976. (Also letter of Mr. Reed 10/22/75) (This item approved by Bd. of Reps at 11/10/75 meeting in amount of \$127,050.00; however, Board of Finance deferred this item and amount at their 11/20/75 meeting) Board of Finance approved \$117,050.00 at their 1/8/76 meeting. Mr. Reed re-submitted with corrected amount.

MR. MILLER (pounding the gavel): "I would just ask that we clear the room as soon as possible. We do have a long agenda ahead of us, and we do have to have silence and quiet here, and we have to have 21 people on the floor of the Board to continue with our business. So you have made a motion, Mr. Morgan?"

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MR. MORGAN: "I have moved for acceptance of the request by the Board of Education."

MR. MILLER: "Thank you, I am going to call on the chairmen of the two other committees involved before I get to anybody else."

MR. WIESLEY: "Thank you, Mr. President. The Education Committee voted 4 in favor for acceptance."

MR. MILLER: "Thank you, MOVED and SECONDED. Is there a report by the Personnel Committee? (No answer.) I'll go along to some of the other people who wish to speak. The matter has been MOVED and SECONDED. Mr. Boccuzzi?"

MR. BOCCUZZI: "Yes, as I did at the November meeting, in 1975, I would like the record to indicate clearly that I have abstained from voting on this salary item."

MR. MILLER: "The record will indicate that Mr. Theodore Boccuzzi is abstaining from discussion and voting on this item, #3, under Fiscal."

MR. CARLUCCI: "Mr. President, I would also like the record to show that I have abstained from voting on item #3."

MR. MILLER: "The record will indicate that Mr. Leo Carlucci is abstaining from discussion and voting on item #3. And we will have a report from the Personnel Committee on item #3 under Fiscal. Mrs. Goldstein?"

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: "The Personnel Committee concurs with the Fiscal Committee."

MR. MORGAN: "Just for the record, I would like to note that MR. JOSEPH DeROSE is no longer present."

MR. MILLER: "No, he did come back, and for this vote, I assume Mr. DeRose is going to remain away from the floor as he did indicate sometime ago that he was abstaining from discussion and voting on items 1, 2, and 3 under Fiscal. He not only has abstained, but he has withdrawn from the floor, so we now have on the record 37 members - not present - I don't see 37 people present- but."

"We'll proceed to a vote on this item of \$117,050.00 for the Board of Education. The MOTION is CARRIED. We'll go on to the next item.

- (4) \$27,131.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Request for appropriation to be reimbursed by 100% prepaid Federal Grant under Title IV Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1974 for fiscal 1976. \$25,484.00 is for public schools and \$1,647.00 for non-public schools. The public school portion is to be used \$18,000 for strengthening film libraries; and \$7,484.00 for

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establishing Career Education guidance programs for Middle Schools, involving staff development activities and parents. Non-public schools will add materials to library programs. (Letter 1/14/76 Benjamin R. Reed) (Board of Finance will hear in February)

MR. MORGAN: "The Fiscal Committee would like to HOLD IN COMMITTEE pending further study."

MR. WIESLEY: "Also held in committee."

- (5) \$10,244.06 - REGISTRAR OF VOTERS - Code 102.5104 - ELECTION EXPENSE - Additional appropriation needed to cover cost of Municipal Election, Recount, and Adjourned Election. (Mayor Clapes' letter 12/29/75; Board of Finance approved 1/8/76)

MR. MORGAN: "The Fiscal Committee voted 8-0 in favor of this request and I would so MOVE."

MR. WIESLEY: "Education Committee votes 4-0 in favor."

MR. MILLER: "MOVED and SECONDED. MOTION is CARRIED."

- (6) \$950.00 - COMMISSION ON AGING - Additional Appropriation covering the following: (Mayor Clapes' letter 1/2/76; approved by Board of Finance 1/8/76)

Code 195.5201 Telephone - - - - -	\$450.00
Code 195.5207 Program Services- - -	<u>500.00</u>
	\$950.00

MR. MORGAN: "The Fiscal Committee voted 8-0 in favor of this request on January 28th, and I would so MOVE."

MR. MILLER: "Is there a second to that motion? Moved and Seconded. The CHAIR would note that Mr. DeRose has returned. We now have 38 members present. The question is on \$950 for the Commission on Aging. The motion is CARRIED."

- (7) \$9,698.00 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - Additional Appropriations covering the following; (Mayor Clapes' letter 12/31/75; approved by Board of Finance on 1/8/76)

Code 540.1201 Maintenance of Equipment- - - - -	\$6,698.90
Code 540.1701 Auto Operation & Maintenance- - - - -	<u>3,000.00</u>
	\$9,698.00

MR. MORGAN: "Fiscal Committee voted 8-0 in favor of this request on January 28th, and I would so MOVE."

MR. ROSE: "Yes, Health and Protection met on January 28th. Present was D'Agostino, Clark, Rose, and we had Fire Chief Vitti, Esposito and Morgan, and those present voted in favor of this appropriation."

MOTION was CARRIED.

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- (8) \$ 500.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Code 510.0943 - DENTAL CLINIC -  
 To make available contribution from the Stamford Dental Society, Inc., Stamford, in the sum of \$500.00 toward the establishment of a dental clinic at the Health Department. Check received and deposited in the City's General Fund. (This is a "wash" transaction) (Mayor's letter 12/29/75; Board of Finance approved 1/8/76)

MR. MORGAN: "The Fiscal Committee voted to hold this in committee pending further study

- (9) \$4,000.00 - FINANCE DEPARTMENT - Code 114.0102 PART-TIME HELP -  
 To fund Deputy Tax Collector Program through March 31, 1976. (Mayor Clapes' letter 12/31/75; Finance Commissioner Hadley's letter 12/30/75 indicating program cost \$18,477.14 brought in delinquent taxes of \$200,567.88 or net of \$182,090.74 for period January, 1975 through 11/30/75) Board of Finance approved 1/8/76.

MR. MORGAN: "The Fiscal Committee voted 8-0 in favor of this request on January 28th, and I so MOVE."

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: "Mr. Chairman, the Personnel Committee concurs with Fiscal, and would also like to add that they would love to see more programs like this, like this particular one that saves the taxpayers thousands of dollars. Thank you."

MR. WIESLEY: "The Education Committee votes in favor of that also."

The MOTION was SECONDED and CARRIED.

- (10) \$150,000.00 - INSURANCE - GENERAL - Code 132.0000 - WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION - Employees' Medical and Hospital Insurance - (Mayor's letter 12/4/75) City is self-insured on Workmen's Compensation - these funds to pay judgments awarded; pending judgments; and regular monthly payments. (This item originally for \$200,000.00 of which \$50,000.00 approved by Finance Board and this Board.) Balance of \$150,000.00 approved by Board of Finance 1/8/76)

MR. MORGAN: "The Fiscal Committee voted 8-0 on January 28th in favor of this item and I so MOVE."

MRS. GOLSTEIN: "The Personnel Committee concurs, yes, with reservation, and we hope to have this reservation cleared up within the next few months; and that is whether it is cheaper to be self-insured, or to insure with a carrier. Mrs. Kilgrow has told us that it is cheaper to be self-insured, but we will have a carrier come down and speak to our Committee and find out the opposite side of the story, so to speak. Thank you."

MR. MORGAN: "I think it is imperative that we have this report of the Personnel Committee on this matter before budget time, so the Fiscal Committee would have an opportunity to review it in depth at that time before making any decision about next fiscal year."

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MR. BLUM: "As a member of the Personnel Committee, I looked into the fact that, about this self-insured (end of tape #4 - some dialogue lost here.)

MOTION was SECONDED and CARRIED.

- (11) \$ 900.00 - RECREATION DEPARTMENT - Code 726.0401 - ETHEL KWESKIN THEATRE - Printing and Advertising - for newspaper advertising, tickets, programs, flyers. (Mayor's letter 11/6/75.) (This request was originally for \$2,000.00, of which \$500.00 was approved by Finance Board and \$1,500.00 deferred; Bd. of Reps passed \$500.00 on 1/5/76) (On 1/8/76 Finance Board approved \$900.00, and deferred \$600.00)

MR. MORGAN: "This item was approved by Fiscal on January 28th with a vote of 8-0 in favor and I so MOVE."

MR. BLOIS: "Parks and Recreation Committee concurs."

MOVED and SECONDED. The Motion was CARRIED.

- (12) \$5,000.00 - RECREATION DEPARTMENT - Code 720.0107 - Summer Youth Recreation support program provided through Community Services Admin. (OEO) and CETA. This is a bookkeeping procedure since check for \$5,000.00 was deposited in the City's General Fund on 12/11/75, to reimburse Recreation Dept. for like amount disbursed last summer. (Approved by Board of Finance 1/8/76)

MR. MORGAN: "On January 28th, Fiscal voted 8-0 in favor of the request, and I would so MOVE."

MR. BLOIS: "The Parks and Recreation Committee concurs."

SECONDED. The Motion CARRIED.

- (13) \$295,092.00 - PROPOSED RESOLUTION AMENDING 1975-1976 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING THE AMOUNT OF \$295,092. TO A PROJECT ENTITLED "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - NEW CONSTRUCTION, SECONDARY SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT". This sum to be financed by the issuance of bonds. (Board of Finance in approving this request, reduced the amount from \$535,000.00 to \$295,092.00, on 1/8/76)

MR. MORGAN: "Mr. President, this item was originally brought to the attention of the Fiscal Committee in December for \$535,000.00. It was held at that time pending further study, and it was re-submitted during this month for this lesser amount (\$295,092.00). I should point out, however, that the lesser amount is deceptive in the sense that the actual cost to the City remains \$535,000.00 approximately, in addition to the \$295,092.00 which constitutes change orders. There is \$117,000.00 which was held in contingency fund, which would normally be returned to the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year. In this case, it was applied to change orders in connection with this work; money that would normally be spent on spare parts and tools had been deferred to the following fiscal year; so despite the lesser amount, the cost to the City

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MR. MORGAN (continuing): "remains roughly the same, about \$500,000. The Board of Finance approved this on January 8th, and the Fiscal Committee approved on January 28th, 8-0 and I would so MOVE."

MR. PERILLO: "The Public Works Committee met on this. Present were Blum, Osuch, Ravallese, Nizolek, Blois, Loboza, Raymond, Perillo, Ritchie. We concur with Fiscal."

MR. D'AGOSTINO: "Sewer Committee concurs."

MR. BLUM: "I wish to say that I did not concur with the Public Works Committee on this particular item. I did not. I abstained. In fact I'd like to change and vote against it, if possible." (laughter) This \$295,000 sort of bothers me in the sense that how many more change-overs, change work orders, is the Public Works Department going to have for this Sewage Treatment Plant. From \$535,000 has come to \$295,000, somehow they found \$117,000 some place else, and again I see in the Capital Projects Budget this \$535,000 again coming. I don't know what they're figuring, but I think that we should have somebody really looking into these change-overs. Some of these change orders I can't believe. They're trying to tell us, for years, I think people know this, those that live in this town, about the tracks that went into Telesco, thru Telesco's there, and they didn't know that tracks exist from the New Haven Railroad, so all of a sudden, a change order comes for tracks. Now I don't know what this cost them, for the tracks, but they should have gone to the railroad and asked them if . . . I'm sure it exists in the Town Hall someplace that they put tracks down that many, many years ago. I sort of don't agree with this program. It's a prolonged situation. The Sewage Treatment Plant should have been finished some time last year. It's not expected to be finished until August, and who knows when. When is it going to stop?"

MR. MORGAN: "Thank you, Mr. President, I'd just like to make one other comment. I'm concerned about one aspect of this request and that's the Commissioner of Public Works who has come to us with this item, and it's \$295,000 when originally the amount was \$535,000. I think that indicates a certain political savvy in changing the nature of the request and not really changing the exact amounts. But in addition to that, it seems to me the Commissioner of Public Works might be at odds with the Commissioner of Finance because recently I read in the Stamford Advocate that Commissioner Hadley said that he was disturbed by so many change orders and that the Clapes Administration does want to permit this. I wonder if the position of these two senior members of the Clapes Administration might be at odds and perhaps the Republican members might be able to clear this dilemma up for me."

MR. MILLER: "First of all, before we proceed, there is too much talk, too much noise. Will you please give your attention to the speakers? We do have an agenda before us which is rather lengthy but we should be able to conclude it this evening. I'm now going to call on Mr. Hoffman."

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MR. HOFFMAN: "Thank you, Mr. President. I wondered what Mr. Morgan was alluding to in the beginning there when he was saying that it was seemingly politically expedient maybe to do one thing or another, and this was Mr. Rotondo's idea, it's a matter of politics now? Gee whillikers, if you look back, the change orders probably occurred under Public Works Commissioner O'Brien and I personally, as a Republican, had a great deal of respect for Mr. O'Brien, so I would say, Mr. Morgan, that you owe it to this Board that you should have researched the matter a little bit more thoroughly and you don't need to go off to a Republican and say to him what does Mr. Clapes say. I think you should ask Mr. Clapes yourself, or if you have this question then, Mr. Morgan, I would say to you, sir, then that you should have gone to Mr. Rotondo. I think that he would speak to you certainly as one of the chairmen of one of the Committees."

MR. LOBOZZA: "Mr. Chairman, this project was held up in the beginning by a previous administration, I think it was the Wilensky administration, I think for almost two years. After that, it started, I think it was a Court order that forced it to start. A lot of things came into being, and there is litigation against the general contractor now, and I think this was all brought out in our Committee meetings. A lot of this money that they're asking for now for change orders, can possibly be recovered after a suit is filed which is going to happen. And the change orders come from various different areas, but they definitely were done under Mr. O'Brien."

MRS. COSENTINI: "Up until now, I had admired Mr. Morgan's objective handling of his responsibility as Fiscal Chairman, and I'm sorry to see him inject a political note into this discussion. I was present at the Fiscal Committee meeting when Mr. Rotondo appeared before us. The questions were asked. The definition of what is an acceptable change order within the charter and under contract was discussed. The particular use of funds that were in the Contingency Fund, and their appropriateness for payment here was discussed. The termination of this project and the fact that these change orders were something that Mr. Rotondo had to investigate to satisfy himself was discussed. The question before the final payment is made to the contractor, what would be negotiated in terms of not giving all the payment at the end because there was some question was discussed. I don't understand the sudden concern on Mr. Morgan's part. It was in Committee, agreed, that Mr. Rotondo had a full grasp of the difficulties that had been attendant to this project. He justified the change orders. At that time we, in committee, ourselves discussed our own desire to future meetings in which to discuss the expenditure of funds in every department, how they are expended, what happens, what the procedure is for deficit-spending, what has been happening in the past in this area. I think this is a larger question. I think

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MRS. COSENTINI (continuing): "Mr. Rotondo handled himself very well. He assured us all of us that he had come to the conclusion that this was the most expeditious and most honest and the most correct way to handle this particular procedure. He was not challenged in committee, and I therefore think that since it came out of committee recommended, we should abide by our fiscal recommendations, especially in view of the fact that Mr. Morgan made a very heated .... that Mr. Morgan himself said that when somebody votes for something in committee, when they change their vote, they should explain on the floor. Thank you."

MR. LOOMIS: "I, too, would like to underscore the fact that like Audrey and George Hays here, I was present at the meeting, and I am bewildered because if anybody who is present, and Mr. Morgan was among those, who is quite assured and pleased with the performance of Mr. Rotondo and urged all of us to vote in favor of this particular matter, and now as Audrey says again, he is seemingly turning around and violating, in fact, one of the rules that he seemed to lay down at the meeting, and that is to abide by the decisions which we collectively came to decide upon. The change orders were rather considerable as presented to us by the previous administration. Mr. Rotondo of course came in with the reduced number, and reduced amount in those change orders, and I think without going into great detail of all the matters that were raised regarding the change orders, they were answered to our satisfaction, and the vote was unanimous to approve this motion."

MR. BLOIS: "Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen, we have a big project going on down there. I don't think we should make this a political football. I think there are hidden expenses there that you and I and any other engineer can't foresee. You can't run them all down. I don't like to see any more change orders than we have to, but the figures that were given to us, they come out approximately to \$452,000, of the \$535,000 that they originally asked for. If we can save that \$80,000 or \$85,000, I say more power to us, but let's give them the benefit of the doubt, because this may total \$452,000. They asked for \$535,000 originally. This will represent 90% of the project, this balance of the \$295,000. Of course they used \$117,000 of previous funds, which will bring them up to \$412,000, and he thinks that \$40,000 beyond that would more or less clean them up. So let's give them the benefit of the doubt. We have a big project down there. We have a \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 project. Let's get it to use. We're way behind now."

MR. SIGNORE: "I agree with Mrs. Cosentini and Mr. Loomis, and I am very surprised at Mr. Morgan's statement since he is the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee and he had every opportunity to question Mr. Rotondo when he appeared at the Fiscal Committee meeting with this particular item, and it's just shocking that he would come out here on the floor and act as if it were a mystery. Thank you."

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MR. BAXTER: "Thank you. I'd like to tell you that I think I am flattered by the fact that I appear to be on Mrs. Cosentini's mind." (laughter)

MR. PERILLO: Yes, Mr. President, after all, these matters weren't laid out for these curb drillers. When the project is completed, we get 90% reimbursement by the Federal Government, so it really isn't costing us that much."

MR. MORGAN: "At long last. Thank you, Mr. President. To illuminate some of my Republican friends, and particularly Mildred Ritchie, the Republican minority leader (laughter), but, Audrey Cosentini - I must have you on my mind, Mildred - I would just like to say this, I voted for this item in Fiscal Committee, and I will vote for it on the floor of the Board, and I'm sorry if there is some confusion about how I plan to vote. The point that I'd like to raise is this: I've researched the item and I have no quarrel with the change orders. I believe the change orders are, indeed necessary in order for the project to be completed. The question I have is about the presentation of the item. Originally this was presented to us as \$545,000, and now it comes back as a \$295,000 item which is a substantial difference; which I discussed with Mr. Rotondo and he explained to me, one, it was because \$117,000 was coming out of a Contingency Fund which normally had not been planned to be used for this purpose and would have been returned to the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year; and that an undetermined portion probably in the neighborhood of \$40,000, but possibly more, would be used for spare parts and tools. I think Mr. BLOIS touched on an aspect of that a moment ago when he was talking about how much this project cost and he was citing a figure of \$452,000. I think that their making a request using this number is, in fact, misleading; although I think that the project should be completed and the change orders are necessary, I have no quarrel with that, it's the presentation I question, and my comments deal mainly with form more than substance, but nevertheless I think this is the kind of thing that must be commented on when it appears. Additionally, I do find myself confused, being a Democratic member of the Board, and I don't think I will be partisan. I try to operate the Fiscal Committee in an objective and fair way. I am confused by what appear to be conflicting point of view in the Administration, and that's just a question. It's not meant to be criticism or an indictment or anything - - it's a question. Perhaps not one that can be readily answered by the members of the Board, and if that's the case, I will direct it to the appropriate individuals. Nevertheless, the point that I am trying to make is that although I support the request and will vote for it, I don't like the way it was presented and that was the purpose of my comment. Thank you."

MR. BLUM: "I'd like to read this to the Board. This is taken from the Capital Projects Program 1976-1977: Estimated Total Cost for Completion of the Sewage Treatment Plant \$535,000; Recommended Budget for 76-77, \$535,000.00. I'd like to know where we are going to save this \$80,000?"

MR. BLOIS: "O.K. I think I'm not here to ridicule anybody. I'm not making any remarks about anyone's presentation, but I think Mr. Rotondo presented this in stages. One is for the \$295,000 and he said he would be back for more money. The original figure was \$535,000. I could see some hidden costs in there possibly for \$100,000. I will go along with the \$295,000 and the \$117,000 that they took out of another fund, plus the \$40,000 stated before, I just don't remember now; but I will for this much, for completion of 90% of the project, and I think we're running behind, and I think it's about time we got that incinerator going and the system into full flow. I don't think at this time we should quibble about \$295,000 because they're going to need it. LET'S WORRY about anything over \$452,000."

MR. HOFFMAN: "I MOVE the Question, Mr. President."

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The MOTION to MOVE THE QUESTION was SECONDED and CARRIED.

MR. MILLER: "We will take a vote now on this item #13 under Fiscal for \$295,000 next. This is a resolution amending the 1975-1976 Capital Projects Budget by adding an amount of \$295,092.00 to a project entitled Department of Public Works - New Construction, Secondary Sewage Treatment Plant. Vote UP for YES and DOWN for NO. Is there anyone who has not voted?"

The MOTION was CARRIED, there being 38 present and 2 absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 1039

PROPOSED RESOLUTION AMENDING 1975-1976 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING THE AMOUNT OF \$295,092.00 TO A PROJECT ENTITLED "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - NEW CONSTRUCTION - SECONDARY SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT."

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford in accordance with the City Charter:

1. To adopt an amendment to the 1975-1976 Capital Projects Budget by adding the amount of \$295,092.00 to a project known as "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - NEW CONSTRUCTION - SECONDARY SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT."
2. To authorize the financing of said project by the issuance of bonds.
3. That this Resolution shall take effect upon enactment.

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LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE

MR. FOX: "Thank you, Mr. President. I had some serious doubts about being reached prior to Tuesday morning. (laughter) The first item on the Agenda is a proposed ordinance requested by Drug Liberation, Inc. But let me say first, Mr. President, that the Legislative and Rules Committee met on Thursday, January 22, 1976 at which meeting seven members were present; and we also met on Tuesday, January 29, 1976, at which time seven members were also present. We discussed a number of items at those meetings, several of which are on the Agenda tonight.

"I would direct the members of the Board to a letter dated December 30, 1975 from Attorney Robert Wechsler, attached thereto is a copy of the proposed ordinance. I would also bring to the attention of the members of the Board the fact that Drug Liberation, Inc., had already been granted on the property in question, which is located at 119 Main St., Stamford, Connecticut, a tax exemption of eighty-seven and one-half percent (87½%). Because of the fact the property is now being used 100% by

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MR. FOX: "(Drug Liberation, Inc., they are now requesting a 100% tax exemption. There are two minor, one amendment to the ordinance as proposed on line 3, the word 'legal' should read 'loyal' Order of Moose. In addition in the last paragraph, the amount that would be reimbursed to Drug Liberation, Inc., would be \$132.58. The Legislative & Rules Committee were in agreement, it was a unanimous vote, to recommend this ordinance to the full Board. Based on that, first of all, I would MOVE for a WAIVER OF PUBLICATION."

MOVED and SECONDED. MOTION is CARRIED.

MR. MILLER: "The CHAIR would like to note at this time, before we vote on the ordinance itself, that Mrs. Raymond asked to be excused because she wasn't feeling well, and she has been excused so we now have 37 members present.

MR. FOX: "The Board having approved Waiver of Publication, I would now MOVE that the ordinance, as the Board has it, be approved."

- (1) PROPOSED ORDINANCE REQUESTED BY DRUG LIBERATION PROGRAM, INC., FOR TAX EXEMPTION AND/OR ABATEMENT. Property located at 119 Main Street, Stamford. (Ord. #296 passed 2/3/75 gave them 100% tax exemption on the land and 87.5% tax exemption on the buildings, as well as \$600.09 tax reimbursement.)

MOVED and SECONDED. MOTION is CARRIED for FINAL ADOPTION, UNANIMOUSLY, there being 37 present at this point.

ORDINANCE NO. 3299

TAX EXEMPTION FOR DRUG LIBERATION PROGRAM, INC., PROPERTY LOCATED AT 119 MAIN STREET, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 12-81b OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Pursuant to Section 12-81b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, the property of DRUG LIBERATION PROGRAM, INC., an eleemosynary institution, acquired from LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE OF STAMFORD, LODGE NO. 940, INCORPORATED, on May 1, 1973, located at 119 Main Street, Stamford, Connecticut, to be used for its charitable purposes, be exempted from taxation on the List of September 1, 1974, as of July 1, 1975, ~~the~~

Buildings - 100%

The Commissioner of Finance be and is hereby authorized and directed to reimburse DRUG LIBERATION PROGRAM, INC., in the amount of \$132.58 for real property taxes paid for said property on the List of September 1, 1974 prorated as of July 1, 1975.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

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- (2) PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT TO ENACT SPECIAL LEGISLATION to validate from the time of their creation to the present time, real estate and personal property taxes levied, tax districts and tax rates established, and any and all actions taken pertaining thereto. This would cover period from January, 1947, the time of consolidated of the City and Town of Stamford by virtue of Special Act No. 312 (1947) to the present time, as per attached suggested Special Act.

MR. FOX: "Here I would direct the attention of the Board members to a letter of January 6, 1976 from Corporation Counsel Robert Wise, and in particular to the copy of the proposed Special Act attached thereto. I would also draw the attention of the Board to the fact that this is not an ordinance which we are passing. This is simply a request for resolution to be sent on to the State Legislature requesting that the General Assembly pass this Special Act in conjunction with Section 2-14 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

"Here again, Mr. President, the Committee was unanimously in favor of this resolution. I would first of all MOVE for a WAIVER OF PUBLICATION . . ."

MR. MILLER: "Well, we wouldn't have to waive publication on this, would we?"

MR. FOX: "I believe we do, Mr. President. I think the requirements of Section 204.1 applies to ordinances and resolutions. Although that is entitled "Passage of Ordinances", I believe it . . ."

MR. MILLER: "Mr. Fox, I'm going to have to . . . you have a sentence there beginning 'No ordinance shall be passed at any meeting unless it shall have been introduced at a meeting at least five days prior thereto, and published in an official paper at least three days prior to such meetings, but these requirements may be dispensed with in case of emergency by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the Board of Representatives.', which we just did for the ordinance, and it would be my interpretation that waiver applies only to ordinances, although the section itself begins with a sentence which discusses both ordinances and resolutions, and that has been our uniform practice in the past, Mr. Fox."

MR. FOX: "Based upon your experience, Mr. Miller, I would be happy to accept your interpretation on that."

MR. MILLER: "Thank you. We would not ever have any occasion to publish this kind of a resolution in the press. If it was a resolution amending the capital projects budget, we would publish it in the paper. If it was an ordinance, we would publish it in the paper, unless the Board had voted to waive publication."

MR. FOX: "In light of your interpretation, Mr. President, I would simply MOVE for the passage of this resolution as proposed by Corporation Counsel."

MR. MILLER: "This item was also committed to the Fiscal Committee."

MR. MORGAN: "Fiscal Committee concurs."

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MR. MILLER: "MOVED and SECONDED. The question then is on this proposed resolution requesting the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut to enact special legislation. All those in favor say AYE, all those opposed NO, the MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, there being 37 present."

RESOLUTION NO. 1040

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford hereby requests and approves the passage by the Legislature of the State of Connecticut of the resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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Below is the proposed special act which is the subject of the above RESOLUTION NO. 1040:

PROPOSED SPECIAL ACT FOR CITY OF STAMFORD

That the present real estate and personal property tax structure of the City of Stamford, specifically including the tax rates or districts designated "A", "B", "C" and "CS", be validated and be deemed to have been established in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 62 of the Stamford Charter from the date of their creation to the present time.

That all taxes levied in accordance with said rates or districts be validated from January, 1947 to the present time.

The purpose of this Special Act is to resolve any questions relating to the documentation of proper procedural steps having been taken in the creation of said rates or districts from the time of the consolidation of the City and Town of Stamford by virtue of Special Act No. 312, 1947.

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- (3) REQUEST FROM STAMFORD TOWING ASSOCIATION, INC., TO RESOLVE CONFLICT between regulations of State of Connecticut Motor Vehicle Department and the Stamford Police Department regulations regarding towing and storage fees. (Letter of 12/10/75 from Association President Wm. H. Parker, Sr., and Secretary Thomas J. Kenney.)

MR. FOX: "We have not as yet been able to arrange for Mr. Parker, the President of that Association, or Mr. Kenney, the Secretary of that Association, to come and speak before the Committee. We hope to do that during the month of February. That matter was HELD IN COMMITTEE, Mr. President."

(End of Tape #5. Side #6 was not used.)

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(4) REQUEST FROM SOUTHFIELD POINT ASSOCIATION, STAMFORD, to form a Special Tax District pursuant to Title 7, Chapter 105, Section 7-24, of the Connecticut General Statutes. Signed Petitions submitted.

MR. FOX: (this is beginning of a new tape and part of the sentence has been lost) "...a number of technical problems. Based upon that, it is the unanimous opinion of the Committee to reject this request with the understanding that it is without prejudice to the right of Southfield Point Association to re-submit that request for a special tax district."

MR. BAXTER: "Thank you, Mr. President, the Planning and Zoning Committee at its meeting of Tuesday, January 27th, in which three members of the five-member Committee were present, agree in principle with what Mr. Fox just articulated, with the exception that the Committee was desirous forme to state that our reading of Section 7-325 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut appear to preclude such a district within the territorial limits of any city, including the City of Stamford.

"In addition, I should point out that by my letter dated January 9, 1976, to Robert Wise, the Corporation Counsel, I indicated, as Chairman of this Committee, this reading of the statute and invited Mr. Wise, if he should disagree with that conclusion, to inform us as quickly as possible so that this could be resolved. We also agreed that this rejection would be without prejudice to the petitioners, who would be free to re-petition once these problems were solved. Thank you."

MR. MILLER: "A MOTION has been made to REJECT THIS ITEM NO. 4 WITHOUT PREJUDICE; in other words, if the Board approves this motion to reject this request from Southfield Point Association, it is not to be considered a rejection which would bar the Association from coming in with a second request. MOTION SECONDED, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY."

(5) PROPOSED RESOLUTION - INITIATION OF ACTION BY BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR APPOINTMENT OF A 10th CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION - (Under provisions of the Home Rule Act as amended -Adoption of empowering resolution calling for appointment of such a Commission, whose duty it shall be to consider revisions and/or amendments to the Charter, as directed by the Appointing Authority (the Board of Representatives.)

This item was HELD IN COMMITTEE.

MR. FOX: "Thank you, Mr. President. Items 5 and 6 both deal with the initiation of Charter Revision. Due to a number of problems and questions yet to be worked out, both items 5 and 6 are being HELD IN COMMITTEE.

(6) PROPOSED RESOLUTION - CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF A 10th CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD UNDER PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 99 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT - (Initiated this date) (May be from 5 to 15 members with office holders not more than one-third to hold any other City office, and not more than a bare majority of the same political party) (Also must be appointed within 30 days after adoption of Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ under provisions of Home Rule Act.

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Re: Item (6) -

This item was HELD IN COMMITTEE.

MR. MILLER: "Thank you, Mr. Fox. The CHAIR would observe that we have three weeks left before the March meeting so the Leadership has three weeks in which to come up with lists of names. The Personnel Committee, Mrs. Goldstein?"

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: "The Personnel Committee has no report at this time."

MR. HOFFMAN: "I have a question I would like to ask Mrs. Goldstein through the CHAIR, Sir. During the last Board meeting, the Board passed a resolution whereby we asked the then, I believe he was Acting Chairman of the Personnel Commission, for a run-down and an opinion regarding the payment of large amounts of money to people who are retiring. We asked for some sort of an opinion. I don't recall, and I have looked through my papers and unfortunately I didn't bring that particular item with me this evening, but I'd appreciate it very much if you would get this resolution from Mrs. McEvoy and then pursue this matter and ask the Personnel Commission for this particular information and if this does pertain to people who are retiring and the large amounts of money that we pay, maybe you or Mr. Miller will remember better than I, I can't recall."

MR. MILLER: "I think, Mr. Hoffman, you are referring to payments which were made to cover vacation time and sick leave and I believe there were a number of individuals involved, Mr. Connell was one, Mrs. Farrell, who worked for this Board, was one, and there were a couple of others."

MR. HOFFMAN: "If I may interrupt you for a second, Mr. Miller, in our request to have the Personnel Commission formulate some sort of an opinion, they did not spell ... we did not spell out any names that they should look into, that was already passed. What we were looking to do, Mr. Miller, was to prevent something from reoccurring such as this, in the future."

MR. MILLER: "I think the problem was that it was hard to find anything in the Charter or in the Code of Ordinances or any place which justified these payments; on the other hand, it was difficult to find something in black and white which dictated that these payments were illegal."

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: "Mr. Chairman, would it not be, and I ask this with a big question mark at the end of it, proper procedure to have this go through Steering?"

MR. MILLER: "I think so; I'm not at all sure, Mr. Hoffman, that this was ever raised in the Steering Committee in the 14th Board. I know the question had been tossed around in the past, but I don't think it was ever raised in the 14th Board, and I think that perhaps if you could put something in writing and get it to the Steering Committee, we could take it up in the Steering Committee. Yes, yes, I think most of the new members are not familiar with the question. Of course you have to accept the fact that this Board on a number of occasions in effect said these payments were proper because after all they couldn't have been made without the approval of this Board. No, I don't think anybody ever really explored the law on the question; that's the problem. Anything else under Personnel?"

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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

- (1) APPEAL FROM ZONING BOARD'S DENIAL OF APPLICATION 75-007 BY APPLICANTS DOMINICK CAVALIERE, FRANK CAVALIERE AND ANTHONY PORTANOVA d/b/a C&P EXCAVATING CONTRACTORS who requested change of zone from R-MF Multiple Family Residence District to M-L Light Industrial District for property located on east side of West Avenue, north side of Grenhart Road, and west side of Diaz Street.

MR. BAXTER: "Now, our Committee held a public hearing on Wednesday, January 28, 1976 starting about 7:30 p.m. and lasting until almost 10:30 p.m. with four members being present of the five. They met again on Saturday, the 31st of January, to review the files on the petition, which I believe you all have, the petition itself and the file, as well as the information that was gleaned from the public hearing. Let me ask a question, Mr. President, is it appropriate for me to make a motion and then enter into a discussion?"

MR. MILLER: "I would make the motion right now, Mr. Baxter."

MR. BAXTER: "There are two separate questions on this. The first question is whether or not this appeal, or this petition, was done properly. That is, whether it is properly before the Board, and I believe every member of the Board has my letter dated January 13, 1976 to the Corporation Counsel setting forth the problem and asking his opinion, and also has the letter dated January 21, 1976, the Corporation Counsel's reply. It was your Committee's unanimous, that is, 4-0 vote, that we did have the jurisdiction, that the petition was properly before us.

"The second question is, of course, on the merits of the petition, and your Committee, after a great deal of work and examination, voted 4-0 in favor of the petitioner's request to change the zone. That is, 4-0 to disapprove, if you will, of the Zoning Board's action. Consequently, I MOVE that the Zoning Board's action be disapproved, and the petitioner's request to change the zone to M-L be approved."

MR. MILLER: "SECONDED by Mr. Sherer."

MRS. COSENTINI: "I would like the Record to show that since one of these petitioners is married to a person who is very close to my family, I will leave the floor and not participate in the discussion or the vote."

MR. MILLER: "The Record will indicate that Mrs. COSENTINI is NOT participating in the discussion, or the vote on this item, and is leaving the floor. There are now 36 members present."

MR. FOX: "Mr. President, may the Record show that I am abstaining from voting on this item?"

MR. MILLER: "The Record shall show that Mr. FOX is abstaining from voting on this item."

MR. LOBOZZA: "I would like to know: (1) why the Zoning Board of Appeals (actually Zoning Board) did deny this application; and (2) the feeling of the two representatives that represent that district, really, what their feelings are on this, because that's their constituents' area."

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MR. MILLER: "All right, it was the Zoning Board from which this appeal has been taken. It was the position of the Zoning Board being appealed."

MR. BAXTER: "Point of Order, please. For my own information, I agree that those questions should be answered, but I'm just curious, isn't it appropriate for the Committee Chairman to present the majority report, and then any questions such as that, if they're not answered in that report, to be then addressed from the floor?"

MR. MILLER: "All right, why don't you proceed, Mr. Baxter."

MR. BAXTER: "O.K., I will not, unless someone requests it later on, go into the question of jurisdiction because I think that the two pieces of paper that you have before you pretty well spell it out for you. The two letters.

"As to the merits, first, let me tell you that at the hearing were approximately, I would guess, 20 to 30 people, most of them spectators. There was not a single person who appeared at the hearing to speak against this petition. Although we had, of course, the record of the Zoning Board and also the correspondence to the Board, like the in-put from the Planning Board, no one was there from either of those bodies, or no one was there opposing it. Now, I'd like to outline as best I could, this was constructed by the whole Committee, the arguments we saw both for and against, and I should also tell you that everybody in the Committee had spent a good deal of time viewing the property after the hearing and that, to my understanding, both Representatives for the district approved of it, although I am sure they are certainly free to articulate that approval.

"The negatives are that we don't know what will be done with the lot. There was a great deal of discussion about how the petitioner is expected to put up very pleasant garage-type structures, and there is no doubt, I think, in anybody's mind that that's what he, in fact, intends to do, but we realized that once we changed the zone, although he correctly states his present intent, that that intent could change, or that he could sell that lot and that any use appropriate for that particular zone could occur on that lot and not just the ones that we saw the sketches of, so the one question was we didn't know what would be done with the lot.

"The second is that traffic would deteriorate, and as you see in your files, we have the Police Chief saying that will happen, or could happen. There is a fear that changing, eroding this multiple-family district would open the door to down-zoning the entire neighborhood and have depressing effects on the neighborhood; and lastly, there is a great deal of reluctance or respect towards the Zoning Board, or reluctance to lightly overturn decisions made by the body primarily involved with this type of thing.

"That being said, and also being said that we were aware of our, and you should all be aware of the Charter requirements that this be judged under the standards articulated in Section 550 of the Charter, which primarily goes towards the community as a whole rather than the petitioners as a whole. It's quite necessary for us to do that unless we wind up in a spot-zoning process which could be over-turned. Now, we found that such a changed use in that property would tend to increase employment, would tend to increase the tax base of the City. There

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MR. BAXTER (continuing): "was evidence conflicting with the Police Chief's, by a traffic expert, Mr. Hadley, that traffic congestion would be decreased in the area, although we had some questions about that evidence, that evidence came in to us. We note that there was no opposition whatever; in fact, a petition signed by 70 people who purportedly were adjacent or nearby property owners was signed in favor of this change in zone, and we were told that no one that was contacted was found to oppose it, and you will note from your records that there was no opposition at the Zoning Board's hearing either.

"We note that this property is somewhat unique from the rest of the properties in that it is adjacent to Exit 6, making it an exit ramp from Exit 6, making it noticeably, or at least we felt, noticeably different from the nearby property. We note that there are a number of similar uses around that are non-conforming, which makes it hard to discover visually that that area is in a multiple-family area. We have seen testimony that this property has been listed for six years without any successful takers to try and do anything with it that is appropriate to do in an RMF zone. Banks would not give support was the testimony, would not give money for that type of use, but that there were a number of interested activity in the light industrial type usage. We felt that it was important to avoid an undue concentration of population in that particular area with a view towards the strong possibility that elderly or apartments with lots of children would be located there if any such multiple-family use could be found for that particular area and in view of all of the benefits to the City that we feel outweigh the detriments or the dangers we UNANIMOUSLY suggest to you that you approve it. Thank you."

MR. MILLER: "That has already been SECONDED."

MR. LIVINGSTON: "Thank you, Mr. President. This particular piece of property is in my district and I have received only four phone calls that would be in favor of Mr. Cavaliere putting up a garage-type structure. Just in case there are those of us who are here that don't know what the property looks like, I'll tell them.

"It's a triangle piece of property and it's always been kept in a neat, fashionable way, but the only thing that property has been used for in the past was for the storing of wood and some construction equipment, piles of sand and stone; it was always, even with the owners using it for that purpose, it's always been kept in a very neat and in an up-kept way. It would not be practical to put any kind of a structure there that would be used as a dwelling unit, because the property itself is right off of the Thruway Exit; it would not be practical, but it would be practical for someone to put a storage-type building or perhaps light industrial kind of a thing; and most important, I think we should look at this in this way, that an addition of a building there, it's going to give revenue to the City and perhaps it's going to create a couple of jobs for someone and so, I myself am overwhelmingly in favor of this."

MR. CARLUCCI: "Thank you, Mr. President. Also being a Representative from the same district and living there, I can only concur and agree with Mr. Livingston. We have worked very closely together on this with the residents also who would be directly affected by it. They all seem to be in favor of it. We would both like to see it go through. We can only see it as a plus for the community and for the district."

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MR. DIXON: "Mr. President, the property in question is not in my district, but it abuts my district and I am quite familiar with it. In my study of the Master Plan in the way the City is presently zoned, I found that there is very little land left available for multi-family purposes and if this was situated in any other part of the City, I would be forced to vote against it, but in its present location and the fact that it could not conveniently be used for multiple-family housing, I would vote in favor of the request. Thank you."

MR. BAXTER: "Thank you. I would just like to thank Mr. Dixon for reminding me of a grievous oversight on my part. Another item that is important to know, which we found in favor of the property is that, and I really thank him for reminding me of this, is that Stamford has both a Master Plan and a Zoning Map, and it's important to know that the Master Plan shows this property as a manufacturing zone and has for some 20-Odd years; it antedates the Zoning Map and so that what the petitioners are asking is that we re-zone this property to comply with the Master Plan. This was not determinative to us, this was one of the ingredients. This, by itself, would not have been enough to switch us, but it is an important thing to know that it is in accordance with the Master Plan. Thank you."

MR. SHERER: "Mr. President, I CALL the question." SECONDED.

MR. MILLER: "All those in favor of MOVING THE QUESTION say AYE; all those opposed NO. MOTION is CARRIED. We will proceed to a vote on Item No. 1 under Planning and Zoning Committee. It is the recommendation of the Committee as put forward by the Chairman, Mr. Baxter, that this appeal be sustained.

"So a YES vote is in favor of Mr. Baxter's MOTION, in other words, to sustain the appeal and overturn the action taken by the Zoning Board. A NO vote would be a vote against sustaining the appeal, in other words, a vote to leave things as they were left by the Zoning Board. All those in favor say AYE, all those opposed No. The

"The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The appeal is sustained."

MR. BAXTER: "I would like to apologize to the Board for seeming so long-winded on that issue; it's just that since it is possible a court case could come out of it, not that I see anyone out there, but it could be appealed, it's important that the reasons for our decision be on the record."

- (2) MATTER PERTAINING TO GENERAL WATERBURY LANE, LAND/VEST DEVELOPMENT, SECTION I, (Letters of 10/16/75 from Planning & Zoning Director Jon A. Smith and from Samuel J. Bernstein, Temp. Chmn., Planning Board; Letter 10/14/75 from Atty. Frank H. D'Andrea, Jr.; Letters of 10/6/75 from Atty. Paul S. Nakian to Bd. of Reps and to Jon Smith, P&Z Director and to Planning Board; Jonas Shapiro of 9/30/75 to Atty. Nakian; Hydrological Engineer Jos. E. Risoli's letter of 9/30/75 to Atty. Nakian.

MR. BAXTER: "Now the second item for us is a matter pertaining to the acceptance, we have a petition for the acceptance of General Waterbury Lane and all of you have the correspondence concerning this. Now, as you can tell from reading this correspondence there is a great deal of dispute about this, and the drainage from the road causing great quantities of water supposedly on

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MR. BAXTER: "...abutting property owners and normally this type of thing would stay in committee except that Section 18-80 of our Ordinances creates a technical problem which could be construed, well, which says in part that if the Board of Representatives doesn't accept a street or deny it within sixty days after it is submitted to the Board and after the City Engineer accepts the street, it is then automatically accepted. Now, this petition was in October, more than sixty (60) days from now, and there's a possibility that someone could read, and if the City Engineer accepted the street tomorrow, there's a possibility that someone could read that statute to say that since sixty days have elapsed since October, we can no longer reject it, and for that reason I MOVE that we reject this acceptance."

The MOTION was SECONDED.

MR. MILLER: "The MOVE is SECONDED. I wasn't quite sure that you were finished, but you've got a very active vice-chairman."

MR. BAXTER: "I will limit my comments very briefly and say that if you vote to reject it as we requested, as we moved, the people can petition at any time in the future. I just want to be sure that that sixty-day period doesn't run. That concludes my business. Thank you."

MR. MILLER: "The CHAIR notes that Mrs. COSENTINI has returned. We now have 37 members present. There has been a motion made and seconded to reject Item #2 under Planning & Zoning. All those in favor say AYE, all those opposed NO. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY."

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MR. PERILLO: "I have nothing to report, Mr. President."

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MR. ROSE: "Yes, thank you, Mr. President. On January 28, 1976 the Health & Protection Committee met. Present were D'Agostino, Clark, and Rose. Due to the postponement of one meeting, the weather, and other meetings being held, we didn't have a quorum. We discussed the Washington Blvd. Firehouse. We had Commissioners Esposito and Montgomery, and Fire Chief Vitti present. We had a request from City Rep. Barbara McInerney concerning the Firehouse on Washington Blvd. being closed and why couldn't it be open and active again. Commissioner Montgomery gave us some figures on it and said it needed 24 men to operate this firehouse. It would have to have four shifts with 8 men a shift. He would have to take two 8-men teams from other places to operate it. The new men would cost us a salary of \$8,445 per man. They estimated that the total cost to operate this firehouse would be \$500,000; this would include some new communication equipment, and it seems that you just couldn't ask the taxpayers to give this money for this house at this time. He is going to study it and he said that if more of the stores in the Urban Renewal Area start to get going, that the City would have more tax revenue coming in and he would ask the City to finance this Firehouse. That was about the gist of it."

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MR. ROSE: "He also stated that this place was being taken care of, and they didn't have any vandalism, and that the equipment they bought is being used because one of the pieces of equipment they had was in an accident and this new equipment was being used every day. He said that they have an old piece of equipment over there for standby. He seemed to think that this firehouse will be....we asked him about volunteers also in this firehouse, could volunteers run it, and he seemed to think that they couldn't because they would have no control over the volunteers. The volunteers, not in the "A" district, but in the other districts, have their own chiefs, and they have their own men that would take charge and they would have no control over the volunteers, and it would be a question of whether it would be legal or not, in the Charter, to have volunteers in "A" District. If any others on the Committee who are present want to bring up anything else on that, that's about all that we had on that. We also had a request from Shippan about the tavern, The Huddle Tavern...."

MR. MILLER: "Mr. Rose, I think there might be some comments on the first part of your report: Mrs. McInerney?"

MRS. McINERNEY: "Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Through the CHAIR, I would like to ask the Health & Protection Committee to get a copy, an itemized copy, of what the expenditures were on that Fire Department and just what type of equipment was purchased for it, and just what is in there right now. I had talked to the Communications Office: Superintendent and he seemed to believe that there was equipment there. So I would like a breakdown of what was and was not purchased for that particular station. I would also like to find out what...you keep mentioning "A" District, which districts would this fire department include, and will all of those streets and areas be included with the "A" district, or will some of them be the "B" district. I don't know whether this is, or is not, or whether we have a combination of two districts, but I would like to know." (End of Tape #7)

MR. ROSE: (Start of Tape #8) "This department only can serve up to Bull's Head and that's where the volunteers take over."

MRS. McINERNEY: "I meant the specific boundary lines as to what streets, what area, that's what I'm after, and I think that he could supply you with that and he could also supply you with a list of the other items."

MRS. CLARK: "Yes, Barbara. I asked him specifically what he meant by what he could...what encompasses this, and he said only "A" District, which only encompasses the City area, because I had learned something which really disturbs me immensely, that the paid fire department cannot go out and assist any volunteer department unless specifically requested by that department. He said, in fact, that this department would only take care of "A" districts, which is right in the immediate area there."

MRS. RITCHIE: "I'm sure that that fire house would also take care of the Hubbard Heights area and we are "B" district, because they tried to put it on Bridge St. and we fought against it; you mean right around the corner they wouldn't service us?"

MRS. CLARK: "Mrs. Ritchie, I asked about Stillmeadow School. They could not even take care of Stillmeadow School!"

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MR. RYBNICK: "We don't think that the Fire Department have any boundaries of streets. I think if the North End, if it were put into production, or in operation, they would serve anywhere in the area not beyond Bull's Head, and they would get assistance from one of the other fire departments."

MRS. CLARK: "Yes, Mr. President, in the City Charter "Section 443 - Jurisdiction" - it states that the services of the fire department under the control of the Chief shall be limited to the City tax area, except in the case of emergency. So I questioned the Chief on this because it says, in the case of an emergency, and the Chief clarified to me that only can they go to another area that is not City District, if, in fact, the Volunteer Department asks for their assistance."

MR. LOBOZZA: "All right, Mr. President. There are specific boundaries between volunteer districts and city districts, but I think there is a very good rapport between the Volunteer Fire Departments and the Stamford Fire Department. I think Glenbrook is on with the City, they respond and assist the City in emergencies, and there is a common thing, the Fire Chiefs happen to be very capable people in the Volunteer Departments and the City benefits by this because they do respond, they do call if they need the help, so really, we don't have any problems with boundary lines. If one Department needs help, they get it from another department, so we don't have any problems there. I think the Volunteer Fire Departments are doing a very good job."

MR. HOFFMAN: "Thank you, Mr. President. I think in all of this we are missing one other thing. I think Fire Chief Vitti really demands a bit of commendation from this Board in view of the fact that he has taken this stance, and he is saying that we are not going to ask the taxpayers for an additional \$500,000.00. I think this is really great; it would be nice if we could see other Department Heads thinking the same way along these same lines. I think he's to be commended. It's a heck of a job. Thank you."

MR. DIXON: "Mr. President, I haven't checked back through the minutes of the 13th Board of Representatives, but if my memory serves me right, that Fire House was built to be operated by the City Fire Department. I was serving on the Fiscal Committee at the time and we had a number of meetings and appropriated much money for that purpose and we had received what I thought to be at the time a firm commitment from the Fire Chief and higher-up officials in the Fire Department that the Fire House would be manned by firemen presently employed by the City and there would be no need to hire additional firemen. I'd like to know what happened to that?"

MR. RYBNICK: "I think the contract with the Firefighters Union doesn't allow them to go to this particular Fire Department, taking from one department to go to another department. I believe this is why they couldn't get the necessary help."

MR. WALSH: "Mr. President, just to back up what Mr. Loboza said. A couple of weeks ago, we had a big fire in Glenbrook in which the Central Fire House did come and help the Glenbrook Fire Department put out the fire."

MR. PERILLO: "I think the Underwriters Insurance has regulations on the number of men in a firehouse, and that's why he can't shift them around from station to station."

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MR. CONNORS: "Mr. Perillo answered what I was going to say, because when you start going into these fire houses and you start borrowing men, you're going to be running with two or three men on a truck. You can't do it. You get to a fire, it won't work. The people who live in the districts where the fire houses are, they're going to complain because they're getting short-changed, too. Thank you."

MR. HOFFMAN: "Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. Dixon, I recall very well all the promises we heard on the last Board about what was going to happen with that firehouse. I won't go into that because I think the record is available for anyone who would care to read it. However, the promises that were made to this Board were made by the late Chief McRedmond before this appropriation was finally approved. The other thing we received were certain commitments from various fire commissioners and from various fire lieutenants, etc. In any event, various fire lieutenants and the fire commissioners were the ones that made this promise that they could do all these things, Mr. Dixon, if you recall. They promised us that it wouldn't cost any more money and that's one of the reasons why the Board approved the building of it, if you recall, and I think now Chief Vitti's stand on this is really an ideal one, and I think he really has to take the Union perhaps to task and say, Hey, we've got to take a piece of equipment from here or there, in order to operate that firehouse without incurring any additional costs."

MR. DIXON: "I don't want to prolong the discussion of this, but what is in the past, I don't think we can bring it back to life, but my major concern here now is the firehouse itself. Now, the City spent a lot of money in putting that building up, and I think it's a shame we get no use whatsoever out of it, and I think we should try to consider ways now of utilizing the building. If we don't do that, it's going to be destroyed by vandalism of one type or another, and a lot of money went into that building and I think that should be our major concern right now."

MRS. McINERNEY: "Thank you, Mr. President. Those happen to be my exact sentiments. I agree with Mr. Dixon, and I really think it's time we found out what and how to get this thing rolling and I would not want to incur another indebtedness for the City either."

MR. RYBNICK: "What they are concerned with happened to us on the East Side many years ago. The East Side Firehouse was built on Lockwood Ave., and when it was built, they wouldn't give them any personnel. It remained idle for years and years until the voluntary auxiliary came into it a few years ago."

MR. MILLER: "It was never used as a firehouse, was it?"

MR. RYBNICK: "It's a firehouse."

MR. MILLER: "Is it now? For Civil Defense, it was never used as a regular firehouse."

MR. D'AGOSTINO: "I MOVE the QUESTION."

MR. MILLER: "There's no question to move." (laughter)

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MR. ROSE: "I just want to say we can go back and get more information, which we will do, which you have requested, but from our meeting with them, they stressed that this firehouse could not open without additional manpower from what they have now. Even if they got 24 men, new men, they would have to take 8 men from other places to run this firehouse, because they need 4 shifts of 8 men each shift to properly work this equipment over there. Now, those are the facts they gave us and what more we can get we will try to get for you."

MR. BLOIS: "Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a suggestion at this time, but first of all, I wasn't on the Board when this proposal was put forth to build this thing on Washington Blvd. I don't believe it's a proper place for a firehouse. If I may make a suggestion, I say let's turn this over to the Police Department, they need an annex. Let's build it where it should have been built, in Bull's Head between Long Ridge and High Ridge Roads, then I'd say you'd have a fire department."

MR. ROSE: "If there are no more questions on that item, I'll go to the next item. We had a request from Dr. Lowden about the problem of the Huddle Tavern on Iroquois Road. We had Captain Tobin and an officer and a sargeant to discuss the problems on Iroquois Rd. with the tavern. They said that there has been quite a problem over there and they have a lot of complaints from the residents; what they are trying to do is to have an officer stationed, while the owner has hired an officer to be stationed inside and they have patrol cars patrolling the area, but he said it's hard to really get anybody, to catch anybody because when they see them, they slow down but as soon as they get a little ways up the road, they'll speed up again. What we are doing, we are having an open meeting on the 28th of this month, I'm sorry, on the 18th of this month, which is on a Wednesday next week and we are having the owner and some of the people in that area to come in and express their opinion and we are also having Captain Tobin and someone from his department come in. That's all we have on that item."

MR. SHERER: "Mr. President, I have a question that perhaps should be answered from the CHAIR, considering that this meeting did not have a quorum and therefore the business that was taken care of at that meeting does not have the full effect of the Committee. I was wondering that if, also, because there is going to be an open hearing on the 18th, if we could just pass this matter on, it is a late hour and I think we still have quite a bit more on the Agenda, and I just wanted to know what the CHAIR felt on that."

MR. MILLER: "Mr. Rose stated that they didn't have a quorum, but of course they didn't take any votes on any matters which are being presented to the Board, so I don't think there is anything improper about Mr. Rose reporting on what was discussed at that Committee meeting, although, as he admitted the Committee did not have a quorum. Perhaps we could speed up this procedure, Mr. Rose, but people do raise these questions and they do want reports and this is an important item in the 1st district."

MRS. HAWE: "First, I just wanted to thank Mr. Rose for scheduling this public hearing at which everyone can come and be heard; and just one more thing, this meeting of the Health & Protection Committee held last Thursday, I didn't find out that they were discussing the Huddle until the meeting was over, and I'd just like to ask that in future that I be advised if a matter concerning my district is on their agenda, so that I can attend, if possible."

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MR. MILLER: "Your point is very well taken, Mrs. Haw."

MR. ROSE: "I would like to say also that your point is well-taken. We had some bad communications which was one problem. That's the end of my report. Let's see if my vice-chairman, Mrs. Santy, has anything to say."

MRS. SANTY: "No, I don't have any report at this time."

MR. HOFFMAN: "Could I ask a question of Mr. Rose? Unfortunately, I wasn't here last month but I did ask if the Steering Committee and the Health and Protection Committee could look into the letter I received dated December 30th from Mrs. Prince of 367 West Hill Rd., Stamford, whereby she had a dog problem. Have you done anything about this?"

MR. ROSE: "We have this in our Committee, but we haven't worked on it yet."

MR. HOFFMAN: "Very good. Thank you very much."

MRS. McINERNEY: "yes, I would also like to inquire as to what ever happened to an item that Mr. Dixon and I put into your committee which concerned a robbery in his district; because in his original letter he said that the police allegedly ignored the matter by refusing to investigate in any form. Now, I received a complaint over the weekend that someone had a robbery in their house and reported it, and it took three hours before the police finally came because they were a little bit busy. I don't know if Mr. Dixon was satisfied but I wish you'd look into the question of responses to all such claims."

MR. ROSE: "Yes, we did look into that matter and we found it quite confusing. We talked to the person that called, and I think that Mrs. Clark worked on that and I would like for her to give us her findings on that."

MRS. CLARK: "Barbara and Handy, I did go down to the Police Station a number of times. In fact, I walked in their again today and they asked me if I would like to put my bed in there. I spoke to both the detective in questions and his superiors and he stated to me that they did, in fact, receive a phone call on said day and that the person was quite upset, understandably so, and asked the person's name, they gave the name, they gave the address, but when asked what they wanted the police for, the person stated "When you get here, you'll find out, just get down here, we need the police immediately." So the detective said they had to have some kind of an idea of what the problem was, so that they could send in fact the proper unit around to the home...when the problem was stated at the time, there was one detective in the bureau due to the fact that within the past two hours before the received the call, there had been three burglaries, and, I believe, two breakings and enterings. This is what was stated to me, that at this point, the party was asked if they would in effect come in to Police Headquarters with the car in question, if it was drivable. they stated that it was drivable, so that in fact they could take all prints and anything that was needed. The person on the phone hung up and that was it. That's my report and how it was told, sir."

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MR. DIXON: "Mr. President, there is quite a conflict here. I talked to the detective involved myself over the telephone and he admitted to me that he didn't even have a record of that call. He just so happened to remember it because too much time had not passed by. I've always had a lot of respect for the Police Department, but they are, after all, bound to protect the people and they are being paid by the taxpayers, and by golly, when a taxpayer calls Police Headquarters for any kind of protection, they being the ones that are paying their salaries, I think they need to respond in some kind of way. Now, I was told by the person who made the complaint that she called and that she talked to this detective and I'm almost even persuaded to call his name, but I won't; but he told her point blank that they had other matters to attend to that were much more important and the discussion didn't go any further than that. He did not ask her to bring the car down, or any such thing. This is her story, now he tells a different story, and I just simply can't go along with that."

MRS. CLARK: "Mr. Dixon, I have spoken to his superiors, and his superiors with the person in question would like to come in along with yourself and the lady involved also. I will definitely ask them to come in if this is what your wish is."

MR. MILLER: "The CHAIR would just like to ask, has the CHAIR understood that members of the Police Commission were invited to a meeting of the Health and Protection Committee? Is that right, Mr. Rose?"

MR. ROSE: "Yes, that's right."

MR. MILLER: "And they were not able to come because the meeting was postponed because of the weather? I really feel that perhaps before this matter is finally disposed of by this Board, an opportunity should be given for the Police Commission to come in and speak with the Committee. This really is an administrative matter, a problem of discipline within the Police Department, and as I understand it, a complaint can be initiated with the Police Commission."

MR. BAXTER: "I, too, have a great deal of respect for the Stamford Police Department, every individual member of the Police force that I've come in contact with has been quite professional and quite capable, and it's because of this favorable impression that I have of our policemen, that if I were to receive a telephone call from a policeman, when I asked him I wanted the car dusted for fingerprints and the response was to drive that car, you know, down to the Police Station, I think I would hang up, too, you see, and so, due to the professionalism of our Police Department, I question whether, in fact, that really happened, because it's inconsistent with the professionalism that I've seen. Thank you."

MRS. McINERNEY: "Yes. I have the particulars of the incident which took place over the weekend, and I'll give that to you and the Steering Committee, Mr. Miller."

MR. MILLER: "Thank you. Anything else under Health and Protection?"

MR. ROSE: "No, that's the end of my report, Mr. President. Thank you."

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

MR. MILLER: "First, we'll take a MOTION on the parade.

MR. BLOIS: "Now I'd like to read a letter from the Springdale Fire Department dated December 31, 1975. "The Springdale Fire Department would like to request your Board approve our request to have our Annual Firemen's Parade on June the 8th, Tuesday (rain date, June the 9th). The parade route fwill be from Tom's Road proceeding north on Hope St. to its termination point at the Springdale Fire House. The parade will originate at Dolan Middle School and will begin at 7:15 P.M. In addition, we would also request that you approve the advertising banner that is used to promote the parade and carnival. The banner is usually flown across Hope Street from the Firehouse to the pole adjacent to the firehouse. The approval of this matter will be greatly appreciated." The Parks and Recreation Committee recommends this."

MR. MILLER: "Do you have a MOTION first for the permission of the parade, Mr. Blois, separating that from the banner?"

MR. BLOIS: "Just on the parade. I SO MOVE."

MR. MILLER: "All right, it is MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED.

PETITION NO. 403 granted for the parade, as above.

PETITION NO. 404 granted for the banner, as below.

MR. BLOIS: "I MOVE for granting permission for the banner to be flown, for the purpose of promoting the parade and carnival. The banner is usally flown from the firehouse to the pole adjacent to it."

MR. MILLER: "MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED."

MR. BLOIS: "Item No. 2 - Continuing inquiry into stone wall constructed on Eden Road. MR. CHAIRMAN, at this time I would like to ask the Board to be patient and wait until the March meeting for a report on the stone wall incident at Eden Road."

MR. MILLER: "Well, I don't think there's any objection to that, so we'll just let that go."

MR. BLOIS: "Item No. 3 - Inquiry into stone wall on Very Merry Road. We do not have power to look into this as a sub-committee of the Board, so we'd like to know what your reactions on this will be ....."

MR. MILLER: "Well, it's my understanding, Mr. Blois, that you were in power to look into it, that's how it go on the Agenda. You were not given subpoena power, or anything like that, but you do have it in your committee, and it is on the Agenda."

MR. BLOIS: "Well, we haven't done anything on this Very Merry Road as yet, but I didn't know that we were in power to look into this. This is the first time I've seen it on the Agenda. Where did we get the power to look into this?"

MR. MILLER: "That's right, the result of action taken at the last meeting of the Steering Committee."

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MR. BLOIS: "O.K., as soon as we clear the Eden Road incident, we'll get into this Very Merry matter, and see what develops. No, I think they are going to get confused if we go into both of them at the same time. Let us clear this up and sometime next month, well, sometime this month we'll have our first meeting and see how Eden Road stands.

"Mr. Chairman, at this time, I know this is a Special Meeting but I did have a request from a committee of concerned citizens to sponsor the re-naming of the Hubbard Heights Municipal Golf Course to The E. Gaynor Brennan, Sr., Municipal Golf Course." I know that we have a Special Meeting tonight and I can't present this to the Board but I would like to read a letter to them just to let the people that are involved know that I did move on it, and will take it up at the March Meeting. 'Dear Representative: We believe that the Agenda for the February meeting..."

MR. MILLER: "Mr. Blois, I don't like to cut this off, but we have all received information on this in the past and I don't like to cut you off, but if we're not going to act on it, I don't think we need to go into it."

MR. BLOIS: "Well, in all fairness to . . . ."

MR. MILLER: "Why don't you just explain what it is and tell people to be thinking about this issue as it probably will come up at the March Meeting?"

MR. BLOIS: "Well, did you say that I received this communique? O.K., so be prepared to vote on it at the March Meeting." (chuckles)

MR. MILLER: "I think there were some other comments on Parks and Recreation. No? Nothing else. O.K." (End of Side #8)

EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - No report.

MR. HOFFMAN: "I believe it is proper to bring this up at this particular point in time since it is directed to the Education, Welfare and Government Committee, and that is that I would respectfully request the Education, Welfare and Government Committee of the Board of Representatives to undertake a probe into allegations which have recently surfaced through the news media in reference to questionable expenditures by the members of the Board of Education and the School Administration in the public schools . . . ."

MR. MILLER: "Mr. Hoffman, I would suggest that this be put in the form of a letter and that it be given to the Steering Committee, and if you are asking for a probe, it should be given to the Steering Committee."

MR. HOFFMAN: "'THERE'S NO WAY I could ask for a SUSPENSION OF RULES?"

MR. MILLER: "No, not this evening, no."

MR. HOFFMAN: "O.K., Mr. Miller, then I will submit that via the Steering Committee. Thank you, sir."

MR. BLUM: "When will these investigations stop?"

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SEWER COMMITTEE

SEWER COMMISSION REQUESTS APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT between Soundview Farms and the Sewer Commission of the City of Stamford, as per Resolution No. 910 (If Board of Representatives does not act within sixty days from date of submission by Sewer Commission (1/9/76), it shall be deemed approval). Soundview Farms desires to construct a gravity-fed sanitary sewer line to existing city pumping station at Burwood Avenue, totally at their expense and then donate it to the City.

MR. D'AGOSTINO: "Yes, we have a request from Soundview Farms to tie into our Pump Station on Burwood Ave, and I assume, at their own expense. I called a meeting on the 22nd of January and did not have a quorum, but it was the consensus of our Committee to give approval."

MR. MILLER: "So you are moving on behalf of the Sewer Committee that this item be approved? Is there a second to that motion? MOVED and SECONDED. I believe we can proceed to a vote. The question is on approval of this item, under Sewer Committee. The proposed agreement between Soundview Farms and the Sewer Commission of the City as per Resolution #910. All those in favor, say AYE, all those opposed NO. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY."

PUBLIC HOUSING AND GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE

MR. LIVINGSTON: "No report at this time."

MRS. McINERNEY: "Thank you, Mr. President. As Vice-chairman of the Public Housing and General Relocation Committee, I wrote to Mrs. Margot Wormser, who is Executive Director of the Housing Authority, and asked for a status report on public housing at the Authority, and I do have the copy which I will give to Mrs. McEvoy and hopefully she will have it to all the Representatives; but I would like to meet with Mr. Livingston. I feel that there are too many things happening in the Public Housing Authority in this City which have surfaced recently. It's been very controversial, and I think our Committee should have a meeting with the Housing Authority committee and Commission, excuse me, and try to talk with some of the tenants and try to resolve some of these problems once and for all. I have four items here which need to be resolved."

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE

MR. GLUCKSMAN: "Thankyou, Mr. President. The Urban Renewal Commission met last week. I was present at that meeting along with Mr. Rose, and at that time, or beforehand, I'm sure everybody in town knew that Macys had announced its intention to locate in Stamford. The Urban Renewal Commission and myself are very confident that any problems which may hamper the relocating here will be able to be resolved and we will be able to take care of all the problems in that respect. Also, at the last meeting they announced that by tomorrow, all families in the Urban Renewal area should be relocated, and they've closed out that phase of the Renewal program. It's another indication, I believe, that the Urban Renewal Program is now moving rapidly and hopefully is in its final stages.

"Then also, the only major problem with the Urban Renewal Commission now, and I just want to bring this to everybody's attention. I don't know how we can solve it, but it's been expressed to me and I think the only way I can do anything about it is to bring it out in the open. Since I was appointed Chairman of this Committee, I've been trying to attend all of the Urban Renewal Commis-

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MR. GLUCKSMAN (continuing) "sion meetings and they have scheduled them virtually every week now, every Wednesday night, and almost every Wednesday night, they have to beforehand, you know, cancel them because they didn't have a quorum. It seems that two of the five members of the Commission are almost never available, and should any one of the three remaining ones not be able to make it, they do not have a quorum and cannot carry on any business. I think it's a real problem and maybe one of the problems that will hamper the Urban Renewal Program and I think we have to take that problem under advisement and see what we can do about it. I just wanted to bring that to everybody's attention. The next meeting of the Urban Renewal Commission is set for this Wednesday, again, that's if they have a quorum.

"A week from this coming Thursday, that is February 19th, I'm trying to schedule a meeting with all the Urban Renewal Commissioners, as well as my Committee and Mr. Robert Rich. I'm doing this in an effort to see if we can all work together to get the program going. They'll tell us their problems and hopefully tell us what we can do to help them and get everything going. That's the end of my report. Does anyone have any questions?"

(MR. MORGAN spoke at some length here, but his microphone must have been off, for it was inaudible and could not be picked up.)

MR. GLUCKSMAN: "Mr. Morgan, I'm aware of this and you will recall that Mr. Rich said that at the announcement of Macy's, it's definitely a part of their plan to locate here and it's one of the things I hope we can discuss at this meeting that I'll be having next Thursday, (portion inaudible), and what we can do for them and I'm sure this will be one of them."

MR. LOBOZZA: "Yes, I'd like to speak on the attendance of the Commissioners that are supposed to attend these meetings, and I think it's vital to the City of Stamford that we do have productive meetings in this area and maybe a review of their attendance records and if there are people on that Commission that are not up to the responsibility that they have taken on, then they should be removed."

MR. MILLER: "I understand, and I will be corrected if I am wrong. I understand that one of the problems is, according to their own rules, they cannot change the night for a meeting unless they get a unanimous vote and there is never an opportunity for a unanimous vote because they never have a meeting at which all five are present. Is that right, Mr. Glucksman? Is that the problem?"

MR. GLUCKSMAN: "Yes, I believe so."

MR. LOBOZZA: "Right, if there's a problem and they can't get all five people together, I think somebody's at fault there. I really believe that somebody should look into this, I think it's so important the things they can do there and the tax base if the City of Stamford really depends on this to be productive and if it's not productive we're losing and I think someone ought to look into this and find out what the problem is and if they don't want to own up to their responsibilities, I say again, they should be removed."

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MRS. GOLDSTEIN: "Yes, and Mr. Chairman, I would like to compliment Mr. Glucksman on bringing this to the attention of the Board. It's something that, it's very inconceivable, that such a very important commission and such a very important item in this City is behind handled in this manner."

MR. BLUM: "I'm in agreement with Mr. Loboza that we should look into the fact on why they can't get a quorum to their commission meetings because after all, one of the Boards must have approved of these commissioners to this Board. If the Board approved these Commissioners, I think we can sort of take them out of these jobs."

MRS. CLARK: "Yes, Mr. President, I have served on the Urban Renewal Committee on the 13th Board for almost a period that I am serving now and I've sat and tried to think back if they ever got all the Commissioners in attendance and I think maybe there was one meeting; but you get a notice that there's a meeting, or you don't get a notice, one or the other. The day of the meeting, it's cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. Really, as a matter of fact, as long as I've been on this Board I don't honestly think we've had consecutive meetings."

MR. DIXON: "Mr. President, after having served on the Appointments Committee now, oh I guess for four years, I'm probably to a large extent, responsible for those absentees being on that commission. I would not ask Mr. Glucksman to expose those people publicly, but I would ask him to submit the names of them to the Appointments Committee, if you will."

MR. COSTELLO: "Thank you, I'd just like to say as a member of the Appointments Committee, that one of the questions that is always asked is 'Will you have time to serve on one of these Boards', and at the time these people always say 'yes, yes, we will have ample time', but it seems at a later date, they forget about ample time."

MR. BOCCUZZI: "Yes, in addition to Mr. Dixon's suggestion, I'd also like to suggest that perhaps Mr. Glucksman could coordinate a meeting with the Mayor and with the Commission, either as a group or individually, and sit down and discuss this problem; and if it comes to light that some of the members are not able to meet their obligations or responsibilities in respect with attendance, that the Mayor can, in fact, ask for a resignation or something to that effect so that we could have a full complement on the URC because it's much too vital a commission to let it go this way."

MR. BAXTER: "I, too, would like to compliment Mr. Glucksman on bringing this matter to our attention. I think the serious nature of it is reflected by the discussion that followed. Thank you."

MR. SIGNORE: "I wish to agree with Mr. Boccuzzi and Mr. Dixon on this particular item and I think the Mayor should be made aware of it and something should be done about it."

MRS. McINERNEY: "Yes, perhaps a really simple suggestion might be to have those commissioners call a special meeting on a Saturday morning to change the time and the date of their meetings."

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MR. BLUM: "Bobbie, that's one of the reasons why Stamford lost some of their HUD money. It's possible!"

MR. MILLER: "Thank you. Anything else under URC. Mr. Loomis?"

MR. LOOMIS: "All right. I just wanted to point out that there are indeed a few dedicated members of that Commission and persons who are very conscientious and hard-working. The problem seems to be, in part, that people who were selected, were selected because they have technical and skilled knowledge of these matters that relate to Urban Renewal, and are travelling a good deal of the time and therefore, it's difficult for them to all get together at one point. This doesn't excuse them, but I guess it's a partial explanation of why they haven't been very diligent about getting together for meetings. The other thing is that, at least I know of two of the commissioners who are in close touch on almost well, certainly a weekly basis with the Executive Director, and have been very helpful in flying to Washington and Hartford to try to alleviate some of the problems that we've all heard and read about. So, I think that Mr. Glucksman is quite correct in bringing this to our attention, but I wouldn't want us to have the opinion that they are all not quite living up to their responsibilities."

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HOUSE COMMITTEE

MR. RYBNICK: "I have no report."

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR - None.

PETITIONS

MR. MILLER: "Petitions - we had a few on the hot lunch program. (laughter)"

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MR. MILLER: "I don't know who to call on for this. I'll call on Mr. Blum and then Mr. Morgan."

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MR. BLUM: "Well, I'll turn it over to Mike."

MR. MORGAN: "All the members should have a copy of some material that both David Blum and I sent to you during the past weeks. Three things primarily, the first is a letter that I wrote to Mayor Clapes on December 18th, his reply, and then a memorandum that followed subsequently. Basically, what we are talking about is the creation of an Office of Economic Development within the City government to deal with companies that are thinking about relocating to Stamford, and also those companies that are already here and are perhaps contemplating moving. During the past year, for example, Branson and Phillips are two companies that have left. Marx Toys, according to the Stamford Advocate on Friday, is for sale. So it seems to be that there is a great deal of activity of corporations moving in and corporations moving out of

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MR. MORGAN (continuing) "Stamford, and one of the things that seems to be lacking within City government is a designated individual, an office or an agency, or some mechanism to coordinate all this corporate activity.

"The Mayor's response was to basically endorse the idea in general terms, but to say that he wanted to delay any action until after the Economic Base Study was complete, which is scheduled for January of 1977. I think that might very well be too late with all this activity going on, another company may move away without sufficient action on the part of the City to prevent it, or possibly a company that's contemplating moving from New York City and is looking at Stamford perhaps even in the Urban Renewal Area, may choose another community in Connecticut in which to relocate because of the lack of information and assistance from the City of Stamford about why they should choose our community as a place in which to establish their business.

"The purpose of the resolution is to urge the Mayor, therefore, to begin studying the possibility of the creation of such an office and the policy that would go along with it before January of 1977 when the Economic Base Study is completed. I don't believe it would cost anything, it could be delegated to somebody either on his staff or somebody already existing within City Government. It's very possible that he might find out that there are Federal funds available for this kind of an office and would cost the local taxpayers nothing additional. I would think it's a worthwhile program, it could accomplish a great deal for the City and I would urge this resolution's adoption purely to encourage the Mayor to begin this process now rather than more than a year from now. Thank you."

MR. BLUM: "I would like to say this, I wholeheartedly support this, in fact, this was one of my campaign pieces that I put in the paper, if you remember, about the flight of industry from Stamford. Truly, I went thru part of this in the Stamford shops here where part of our facilities moved to New Haven and not one step was put to stop it by the City and we lost close to 60 employees out of Stamford to New Haven. Branson went where, to Trumbull. Sterling Drug Company completely folded up. Now we've got some new ones, Marx Toys; no one seems to know what Grant's is going to do. I read in Friday's paper a study finds Stamford moves relatively slow. I'd like to know what our City Fathers are doing about this. Yes, I've heard about the Economic Base Study which I supported last year. But by the time this study is made between our City Fathers and SACFA, we won't get any report until 1977.

"And there are industries looking to come to Stamford, we found this out in this C&P Excavating re-zoning. Now, in that hearing, we found out from Mr. Cavaliere there had been approaches to him from various industries, small industries, from New Jersey, and I think one he said was from New York. There's no one in the City of Stamford that is looking for new industries in this City, and it's time that we do something for blue collar workers who need these jobs beside the executive headquarters that are bringing in executives and white collar workers, and Gal Fridays. I think our skilled, semi-skilled, and unskilled workers need jobs as well. I wholeheartedly support this resolution. I think that the Mayor should get on top of this before 1977."

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MR. LOOMIS: "I think we could all agree in principle with what Mike and Dave are presenting, but I have some reservations. First of all, the questions we are raising are questions that were raised several years ago, and taken up by the Lenz administration, and in response to the very questions that Mike has talked about, that Dave has talked about, an Economic Task Force was created that is now headed by J. Walter Kennedy, whose membership includes Jerry Fox from the Board of Finance, Chairman of the Planning Board, Fred Allen, and several prominent business men in the Stamford community, including our Mr. Frederick Miller, himself, who serves on that. Now part of their task is to determine whether or not this office that we are hearing about should be created, and if it should be created when and with how much money, and with what kind of staff, etc. Now the funding of the Task Force is \$50,000 of our government's money in addition to a commitment by the private sector of an additional \$50,000, which means a total of \$100,000, which we are investing in this project. The conclusion, contrary to Mr. Morgan and Mr. Blum, the conclusion of this study is this November, not in 1977; and it is expected at that time that they will be able to tell us what the real recommendation of this study is going to be. Now, Booz, Allen and Hamilton, who will be doing a lot of very detailed research, again, addressing themselves to the questions that have been raised on this floor.

"Secondly, preceding Mr. Morgan's remarks, there's a letter about cows leaving barns and closing doors and so on, is the belief that companies are rushing out of Stamford. The fact is that all statistics, every person who is regarded as an expert in this area say quite the contrary. Businesses are moving in, corporations are moving in, in big numbers, and I talked just this past week to the executive assistant to David Rockefeller who is president of Chase Manhattan, to John Zicotti who is Deputy Mayor of New York City, and they have long lists of companies, that they didn't reveal to me, who are planning and willing to come into southwestern Connecticut, but who are sort of targeting Stamford as the place they want to go. So, this talk about Grant's, well, you know Grant's is bankrupt and has closed its doors all over the nation. Stamford is not particularly going to go under because Grant's store is going to fold up. The fact is, if you compare those coming in to those going out, we're in a very advantageous position.

"Lastly, I took some interest in Mr. Morgan's citation of the Hartford Economic Development Program, mainly because the City of Hartford doesn't have such a program. Secondly, because the program they do have is run by the Chamber and was organized and researched by myself when I was with the Chamber. In order to put it together, we did just what Stamford is now doing. We hired a consulting firm, in this case, for a quarter of a million dollars (unclear) consulting firm, an international site and business, industrial organization which did exactly what Booz Allen is going to do for Stamford, told us where to go, where the problems were, where we were losing jobs, where we could get additional support for creating more jobs.

"I think this is basic. I think we have to know where we're going, we have to know what the statistics and data are, and this is what's going on right now. Now, I suppose, in Hartford it would have been easy, we had the resources, we could have thrown together an office on the spot as Mr. Morgan

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MR. LOOMIS (continuing) "would like us to do here in Stamford, but I hardly believe that's a solution to the problem. And secondly, I can't help but quote Mr. Morgan himself when he talks about the limited resources of our City, and the necessity to set priorities and then following that up with his proposal now to embark upon this new economic development program. I've been assured by John Smith, that although he doesn't have a full-fledged program, he has resources in his staff that are able to help corporations now who are looking to locate in Stamford, and I also, in my work with the National Chamber, know that it takes no less for a city this size than around \$100,000 to start up a serious program. So, that's what we're really talking about. If we want to launch a program, and this resolution, in effect would authorize such a launching, we better start considering how much money we want to invest in it and if we want to invest money, I think we should talk about a sum that's really going to make a difference. So, I've said a good deal, but in summation, I think that this is a good proposal Mr. Morgan is advancing, but I think it's at an improper time and at the very least with the resources, the money, and the leadership we have in this community that's looking at this problem, we should wait until November to get their answers and then at that time perhaps raise his very resolution or maybe another one appropriate to the recommendations we get from the Economic Base Task Force."

MR. HOFFMAN: "Thank you, Mr. President, I think Mr. Blum's and Mr. Morgan's intent was certainly very good; however, on the basis of what Mr. Loomis has said I would be inclined to say no to this because I don't see where the City could afford to throw another \$100,000 away on a study that is perhaps already being undertaken. The other thing I think about is that if New York City continues along its present path of fiscal irresponsibility, we won't have to worry about corporations wanting to come out here; and I think if we try to act fiscally responsible, yes in a year or two perhaps, but you know that if we do act responsibly and try to continue with our Triple A rating in bonds, I think that certainly corporations are going to look to us and they are not going to turn tail and run away from us, because I think we are probably going to be lining up as one of the few cities that has a Triple A bond rating, looking at all the reports you read in magazines, etc."

MR. LIVINGSTON: "My comments would be this, that I agree with Mr. Morgan and Mr. Blum, and I would feel that this resolution should be placed in Education, Welfare and Government Committee and perhaps, working with Mr. Morgan and Mr. Blum, they can come up with something that our Board can take some positive action on and get this on the way. Thank you."

MRS. COSENTINI: "Yes, I would like to second Mr. Loomis' comments and thank him for a very detailed explanation of what is currently underway. I think that really the resolution is asking for something that is currently being done in another fashion in many ways and that it is premature to just create this committee at this time. That the question is being addressed in a methodical, informational manner, that the results of this study are very necessary to us if we are going to know exactly what development we are interested in, and I feel that we should allow this study to be completed before we precipitously create another committee."

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MR. SHERER: "I also concur with Mr. Loomis, However, I take the view on this resolution that at this point it is moot in that Mayor Clapes has fulfilled many of his campaign pledges to the community and the citizens of Stamford. Among those is the establishment of a policy program for the similar office of Economic Development. It is in the working stage right now. He's working on it and I just feel that it is at this time academic because Mayor Clapes is doing his share in trying to bring business to Stamford."

MR. MILLER: "I'm sorry, Mr. Sherer, I was a little confused by your statement; the program that Mr. Loomis was talking about, the Economic Base Study, began in the previous administration." (End of Tape #9)

(Start of Tape #10 - some comments by a female voice lost here.)

MR. MORGAN: "Thank you, Mr. President. The purpose of the resolution is not to create neither a committee nor to authorize a program costing \$100,000 or any other amount. It's merely to encourage the Mayor to give some thought to what form an office of economic development, if it's desirable, should take. It's creating a mechanism, and certainly the Economic Base Study will have a considerable amount of in-put with regard to what the policy should be. But, it may very well recommend this mechanism anyway, but we're not talking about what the policy should be, we're talking about the mechanism. Specifically, let's think of the example of the corporatè site locator for a major New York City corporation that is thinking about moving to Connecticut. Calls City Hall and he asks for some information about Stamford. Well, depending on who is in that day, he might talk to John Smith, or he might talk to Nancy Mitchell, or he might talk to the Mayor, or he might talk to someone else. I think this function should be centralized. All of these people do a fine job, but they are required to do other things as well and I think it's unfortunate that they have to wear so many hats, and I'm just trying to simplify a process that seems to have become a little confused. I apologize and congratulate Mr. Loomis on the Hartford, Connecticut program. My information came from the State of Connecticut's Department of Commerce which told me that there was an existing City program in Hartford. The State of Connecticut does have such a program. It's headed up by a fellow by the name of Jim Lisanti and he does this sort of thing very well, but his motive is to attract people to Connecticut and help companies that are already here. He is not really interested in having them locate in Stamford anymore than he is in Bridgeport. He just wants them in Connecticut period, and I think we should have someone who is looking out for our own interests specifically. The nature of the business climate here in Stamford is changing, and although Mr. Loomis is correct in that there are a number of corporations that are thinking about coming here, you can't overlook the fact that the kind of companies that are moving to Stamford are considerably different from the kind of companies that are moving away. Light industrial and light manufacturing is moving away, far noth up into Connecticut, into the Naugatuck Valley, it's being replaced by corporate headquarters. The kinds of people who work in might manufacturing, or the kinds of people who live in districts like mine, or districts in the downtown area, and they are losing their jobs because these companies are moving fifty miles away. Now I think an effort should be made to preserve

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MR. MORGAN (continuing) "their jobs close to home. I think, too, that the Urban Renewal Area, which is full of empty acreage, the process of developing that land could be speeded up by the creation of such an office which could help these major corporations which are thinking about moving to Connecticut, to decide to locate in downtown Stamford, and there are a lot of them, and I'm a local banker and I hear constantly about companies that are thinking about moving and it disturbs me too; when I hear rumors about companies that are thinking about moving.

"The basic point is not to take away from whatever recommendations that a joint Economic Base Study committee might make. It's really a collaborative effort. I think that everyone agrees, and indeed Mr. Loomis said that this kind of an activity is commendable and I think the time is now though, I think the timing is correct and I don't think it would be inconsistent with any recommendations that might be made at some later date by the joint Economic Base Study Committee because I think that here we are talking about a mechanism and a year from now and why pick January, 1977, as a date, because that was the date that the Mayor mentioned in his letter to me. I think that any recommendations that the joint Economic Base Study Committee might make have to do with policy and the two things are by no means inconsistent. And I urge its adoption."

MR. BLUM: "Yes, he took most of the words out of my mouth, what else can I say? All I can say is that I only know what's happened. I know these industries, and we all know them well, that moved out of here, not one step was taken until it appeared in the paper and then it was too late. Branson was on the move; Sterling Drug left, and no one in Stamford government knew this was going to happen until it came out in the paper. I think that the idea of the resolution is to give a sense of the Board that we want something done. Can we wait, actually, until November, or can we wait until January? That's the question."

MR. LOOMIS: "Yes, I know the hour is late. Just let me respond to the few points that Mr. Morgan and backed up by Mr. Blum. Number 1, he said we need a mechanism and that is specifically in the job that Booz-Allen is going to do. They are coming up with a recommendation of what kind of mechanism we need. Number 2, we can't have a man in City Hall. We do, indeed, have a man, and he is in John Smith's office. He handles these kind of inquiries. Questions about the nature, the structure of our economy. This is the very essence of what this whole study is getting into. As far as the Connecticut Department of Commerce, I don't know the gentleman Mike is talking about. I do know the Commissioner. I saw the Commissioner last month at Stockton and he truly believes that this area is one of the least in the whole State that needs any kind of assistance or rates help. Believe me, Waterbury, Naugatuck have far more problems as far as the entire State's economy is concerned. Mike says let's do something now, well, you know, he's a banker. If his president says, I want a bank today on some corner, you just don't go out and do that. If you have to study, you have to research, and then Donnie's point about Mayor Clapes, he is on this Committee, as was Mayor Lenz, and this was an idea and a Task Force created by the Democratic Administration, and one that I think is going to serve the City very well and, lastly, I don't at all disagree with the sense of what Mike is presenting. I just disagree on the timing, and I MOVE THE QUESTION." (laughter)

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MR. MILLER: "No, you've spoken on it, Mr. Loomis, you can't do it. No, I can't accept that MOTION because you gave a speech and then you moved the question, so that's not in order."

MR. LOBOZZA: "I, too, am concerned about jobs in the City of Stamford and especially in the blue collar field and mainly more or less in construction I think they're the hardest hit in this area. I think Mayor Clapes is working very hard in this area and I think it also should be noted that during the last administration, the F. D. Rich Co., the sole sponsor of our Urban Redevelopment going on here in Stamford, saw fit to build a factory in New York State to prefabricate these modules that are being erected at the Marriott Hotel and the Howard Johnson Motor Inn up West Side that took many, many jobs from people that lived here in Stamford. Now, if somebody wanted to do something, they'd work in that area and find out how things like this can be done to take jobs out of Stamford when the money is coming from Stamford when it should stay here in Stamford, but the work is being done in New York State."

MRS. RITCHIE: "I know the hour is late, Mr. President, but whoever is working in our behalf in the past, whether it's the private developers or whoever, I think they've done well so far because three weeks ago, I read in the New York Times that Stamford is third in the nation as far as the home of large corporations, we follow Chicago and New York. So, I think, with time, it will bring other types of jobs in."

MR. SIGMORE: "I agree with both things that were said here tonight, and I'm not very knowledgeable about the particular subject, and I do say there is some concern about jobs leaving the City and I think the prime concern is that there are not enough blue collar jobs in the City, and I think this is the important point to remember even though it has just been said that we are the third city behind Chicago and New York as far as corporate headquarters are concerned. There are plenty of positions for secretaries and what have you, but there doesn't seem to be anything for the working man, the blue collar man. I think that's the key to the whole thing, I think if we're going to get set up with any kind of office, we should try to zero in on this particular problem. Thank you."

MR. MILLER: "All right, we'll vote on MOVING THE QUESTION. (The MOTION was made by an unidentifiable female voice) All those in favor say AYE, all those opposed NO. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY."

"We will now proceed to a vote on this MOTION put forward by Mr. Morgan and Mr. Blum. Keep in mind it is a "Sense of the Board Resolution", making a recommendation to the Mayor. It doesn't compel Mayor Clapes to take any action. A YES vote is a vote for the resolution. A NO vote would be in opposition. All those in favor say AYE, all those opposed NO. The CHAIR is in doubt, we'll take a division, using the machine. Vote UP for YES and DOWN for NO. Well, I won't clear the Board, Mr. Sherer, but I will note your change of your vote. What do you want to do? You wanted to vote NO? O.K., and you are No. 32. All right, I'll take the count. Well, Mr. Sherer had voted YES, but he wanted to convert it to a NO, so the machine says 18-18, but of course actually that is 17-19, so the MOTION is LOST. I'm sorry. I don't like to clear the machine after people have voted."

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MR. MILLER (continuing) "I don't think it's fair. So we'll proceed. I didn't want to do it then either really; I hope it wouldn't happen a second time."

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS and INDIVIDUALS - None.

OLD BUSINESS

MR. ROSE: "Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to have a point of clarification concerning the Health and Protection meeting on the 18th. This is an Open Meeting, not a Public Hearing. We're not advertising it as a public hearing. I was misquoted in the Advocate a few weeks ago, they said a public hearing, but it's an Open Meeting."

NEW BUSINESS

MR. MILLER: "I guess we can get on to the next. NEW BUSINESS, and we have two items under NEW BUSINESS. Let me just state by way of explanation. No. 1 was put on by the Steering Committee. No. 2 was put on by the President. I knew that there was a desire on the part of some of the members to Suspend the Rules at the February Regular Meeting to consider creation of a Drug and Alcohol Abuse Committee.

"Knowing that you cannot Suspend the Rules at a Special Meeting, I took the initiative and placed this item on the Agenda under NEW BUSINESS. No. 1 was placed there by the Steering Committee. No. 2 was placed there by the PRESIDENT. In a Special Meeting situation either the President of the Board, or the Mayor, or ten members of the Board, has a right to set up the Agenda.

"So let's consider first No. 1, if anyone wishes to make a MOTION on No. 1?"

MR. RYBNICK: I MOVE that we set up a five-member Environmental Protection Committee."

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

MRS. CLARK: "Yes, I'd like to make a MOTION that we create a special committee of five members to be called the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Committee."

MR. HOFFMAN: "I was just wondering if this particular committee couldn't be placed under the jurisdiction of the Health and Protection. Because, as I recall, Mr. Miller, the committee wasn't very active the last time and I would think that this could easily fall under that domain and I hope you wouldn't mind my suggesting that, Sir."

MR. MILLER: "Well, Mr. Hoffman, certainly if any item relating to Drug and Alcohol Abuse comes to the Board, the Steering Committee could give that item to Health and Protection."

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: "Mr. Chairman, I have to say that I agree with Mr. Hoffman on this particular item. Really, we have very many committees on our Board. I vote positively in favor of the Environmental Protection Committee because there is really no committee that could take on that function comfortably. But Health and Protection could take on Drug & Alcohol Abuse and I think it is just a multiplicity of efforts to form a special committee to handle it."

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MRS. COSENTINI: "Yes, we all, I think, certainly are interested in this area and we don't want to appear to be, you know, anti-drug interested, but I do think we have a lot of committees, we are spread thin many of us as it is and I think this would be a very meaningful part of the Health & Protection Committee, but that Committee could really do a good job on it and therefore we should give it its proper location."

MRS. SANTY: "As Vice Chairman of this Committee, I would welcome the challenge to accept this new responsibility."

MR. MILLER: "Is there any other discussion? A motion is on the floor, though, so..."

MR. BAXTER: "With your permission... A point of information. If the motion on the floor is defeated, I take it that that would mean the Health and Protection Committee would then have province over the Drug and Alcohol Abuse problems. Is that correct?"

MR. MILLER: "Well, let me explain this, Mr. Baxter. As I said to Mr. Hoffman and the other Board members, if an item comes to this Board concerning Drug or Alcohol Abuse, that item could certainly be committed to the Health and Protection Committee by the Steering Committee. In addition, the Health and Protection Committee, if it wants to, can take the initiative, and what I think some of the people at Drug Liberation want is for some members of this Board to sort of take the initiative and go over there and see what's going on in this Drug Liberation Program. Now, the Health and Protection Committee could take on that function voluntarily if they wanted to, but we do have the MOTION on the floor."

MR. COSTELLO: "Well, on second thought, it might not be a bad idea to have this Committee to be liaison with the drug program in Stamford. I think a personal touch instead of adding more responsibility to a Committee that maybe is already over-burdened, might be an asset rather than a hindrance. I think that the drug program is a very essential program in Stamford and it might need personal attention of this kind."

MRS. CLARK: "Mr. President, the reason I proposed this committee is because I have a whole lot of information, practically a book, and I am in contact with these people two, three times a week, and there is going to be an awful lot of concern coming up, and to burden Health & Protection any more, because I did consider this before I even proposed this, would really be too much. I felt, for that one committee, because there is going to be a great deal coming up as far as funding, that is going to be coming up in the very, very near future. So that is my idea of why we have to establish this Special Committee."

MR. SHERER: "I MOVE the QUESTION, Mr. President."

MR. MILLER: "All right, we'll take a vote on MOVING THE QUESTION. The MOTION is CARRIED. We will now proceed to a vote on the MOTION to create a Special Committee known as the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Committee. All those in favor, say AYE; all those opposed NO. MOTION is CARRIED."

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MRS. COSENTINI: "Mr. Chairman, I'm not sure of the precise procedure now, but in view of the fact that there is no legal procedure in the Charter by which a meeting of the Board of Representatives may be cancelled in the event of an emergency, I would like to move and my co-minority leader would like to move, that the Legislative and Rules Committee address itself to this question of establishing a procedure to be included in the Rules of the Board of Representatives for such emergency cancellations.

"We would give them an open charge, keeping in mind of course, that they would have to do something that would be legally acceptable and consistent with the Charter. However, there should be a procedure it seems, that is acceptable under circumstances that require a judgment and if there is no provision for this in the Charter, it becomes an awkward situation. Therefore, I would like to MOVE that this question, and I have it in writing, be addressed to the Legislative and Rules Committee."

MR. MILLER: "Well, I think it should be addressed first to the Steering Committee, and we'll put it on the Tentative Agenda for the Steering Committee and I do think the Legislative and Rules Committee should look into this and possibly come up with an amendment to the Rules on this subject and I think most people who might be President of the Board, would welcome some guidance on this subject."

MR. DIXON: "Mr. President, I'll be very brief. Actually what I want to do is appeal to the CHAIR for advice and information. Mr. President, there are 40 members on this Board and I believe that each and every member has a right to participate in debate of any and all questions if he so chooses. Now, it seems to me to be very unfair for one person to speak in debate for 25 or 30 minutes and then another member of the same Board would be cut off by a simple motion to cut off debate. That doesn't appear to me to be fair at all. My question to you is whether or not the Rules of this Board cannot be amended to limit debate to 5 minutes until the first round of debate has been had?"

MR. MILLER: "Well, we could have something like that put into the Rules. I'm sorry, Mr. Dixon, that we did have an occasion tonight which seemed to be unfair, but I think by and large, our members show self-restraint and I think we do have to face the fact that there has to be some mechanism by which debate can be cut off; but, Mr. Dixon, if you have some suggestions along these lines, it would be welcome. We could take it up at the Steering Committee and it could be referred to Legislative and Rules Committee. If you want to pursue this, the Legislative and Rules Committee really has an on-going obligation to be the custodian of our Rules and Procedures, and I myself did say at the last meeting of the Steering Committee, and I meant this seriously, I did say that I felt that the Legislative and Rules Committee should take the initiative and go through the Rules of the Board. There are rules of the Board which are not really enforced because they don't think most people want them enforced, and if we do have provisions in the Rules which are impractical, then I do think that we should get rid of those provisions; but Mr. Dixon, your point is well-taken, and if you want to make a proposal along these lines, feel free to put it in writing and we'll consider it at the next meeting of the Steering Committee."

MR. DIXON: "Mr. President, thank you very much and I can assure you that I will proceed to do just that."

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MR. BLUM: "Mr. President, I was wondering whether this would be for the Legislative and Rules Committee or the Steering Committee. We usually find ourselves in the third and fourth week where we have to appear before three or four committees at one time. Is there a possibility that maybe the Steering Committee can be set up to maybe the second Monday of the month, and have set committee days of meetings? I think it was last Wednesday, the day of the hearing of the Planning and Zoning Committee, I had three meetings to attend, three meetings, plus a hearing. Now I think that's true when we get into the fourth week, the week before the meeting, we're all rushing into committees, everyone is trying to put their committee on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday; Thursday don't look for that; Friday forget about. I think something should be done about these committees having set dates and possibly we should have two weeks of committee hearings. We should have two weeks of committee dates instead of just one week."

MR. MILLER: "Normally, of course, the Steering Committee meets two weeks before the regular Board meeting. We used to meet always only one week before the regular meeting, now we try to meet always two weeks before the regular Board meeting, and we do have the Board in the office and I think most of the committee chairmen try not to have too many conflicts. Some people might have a certain personal pattern of committee membership which might present peculiar problems. I think that sometimes happens and I think there are some unavoidable conflicts, but basically it's a practical matter for the committee chairmen. I was going to say this month, the Steering Committee would normally meet on February 16th which is a holiday and a holiday on which the City offices will be closed, and it is my intention to hold the Steering Committee meeting later, on the 23rd of February. That will make it difficult perhaps but I don't think it should be too long an Agenda, we don't seem to have too many fiscal items coming up. So, the Steering Committee will meet on February 23rd. Is there anything else?"

MR. BAXTER: "Briefly stated, Mr. Chairman, my brief experience on this Board parallels Mr. Blum's in that the week of the Steering Committee meeting, there are few committee meetings; on the last week before the Board, there are lots of committee meetings, and I, for one, feel that in order to do justice to our charge, we need more time and less conflicts of meetings between the 13 or 15 committee meetings and ask those people who are here on the Steering Committee to give it some thought because I think the Steering Committee should meet the week following the Board of Representatives meeting which gives us a week of rest after that and then two weeks to schedule committee meetings. Thank you."

MR. MILLER: "Well, the problem, Mr. Baxter, is you have to realize, I think, that people outside the Board might have a different viewpoint. In other words, people such as a Mayor, any Mayor, members of the Board of Finance, and so on, I think for the most part feel that it is reasonable to have the Steering Committee meet two weeks before the regular meeting. If it was three weeks before the meeting, then the Mayor has to have his appointments in at least three weeks before the regular meeting, and, in addition, we do have a requirement in the Rules about getting material in a certain number of days before the Steering Committee meets, so, I'm just saying, Mr. Baxter, (end of Tape #10)

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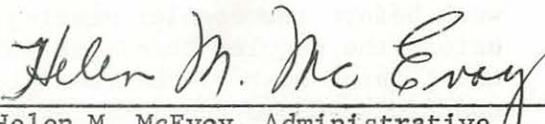
MR. MILLER (continuing): ..."that they really have to get the material ready almost a month ahead of time for the Steering Committee to get onto the Agenda for the regular monthly meeting of the Board. Mr. Blois, did you wish to say something?"

MR. BLOIS: "Thank you, Mr. President, in view of the hour, I would make a MOTION that we ADJOURN."

MOTION was SECONDED and CARRIED.

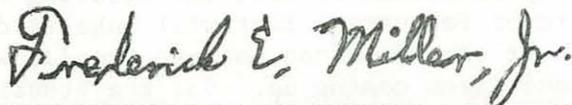
ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 A.M. (Feb. 10, 1976), there being no further business to come before the Board.

  
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