

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

- (3) PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO ABATE TAXES ON HOUSING FOR LOW OR MODERATE INCOME PERSONS OR FAMILY UNDER SECTION 8-215 CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES - (MARTIN LUTHER KING APARTMENTS).. Held in Committee 4/5/76.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and HOUSING AND RELOCATION COMMITTEE.

- (4) PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO ABATE TAXES ON SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING - PILGRIM TOWERS, 25 WASHINGTON COURT, STAMFORD. Held in Committee 4/5/76,

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and HOUSING AND RELOCATION COMMITTEE.

- (5) PROPOSED ORDINANCE RE HORSES, CATTLE AND LIVESTOCK ON CERTAIN CITY LAND.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

- (6) PROPOSAL OF SANDRA GOLDSTEIN TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE 14th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR OPEN VOTING TO COMPLY WITH THE FREEDOM-OF-INFORMATION ACT AND THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' LETTER.

There was some discussion on this item which had not been on the Tentative Agenda, but by a vote of 10 YES, it was decided to put it on the Agenda for the May 3rd meeting. Mr. Miller suggested that we move along the lines of open voting on appointments. Mrs. Goldstein said she would like us to change our rules before we were forced to do so. Mr. Baxter said that in December he voted against Mrs. Goldstein's amendment proposed then for open voting. Her proposal now, he said, would give us a chance to decide if we want a secret vote and whether we want to spend money to go to court on this deal. Mr. Dixon said we should do it and do it complete. We should not wait to be beaten on the head and forced to do it. Mr. Baxter made a motion that we apply for funds right now and if we don't want to use them, we don't have to. He then withdrew the motion.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE.

- (7) THE MATTER OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION - A STUDY OF CITY'S POLICY OF SELF-INSURANCE VERSUS PARTIAL OR TOTAL PRIVATE INSURANCE COVERAGE AND COMPARABLE COSTS.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; that it will be a six to eight month project for the Committee. (Personnel Committee)

- (8) THE MATTER OF A STUDY MADE BY PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION ON EIGHT CIVIL SERVICE PROMOTIONS DURING RECENT YEARS.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA. Held in Committee. (Personnel Committee)

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

- (9) PROPOSED PROVISION 754.1 to CHAPTER 73A ("Classified Employees Retirement Fund" of STAMFORD CHARTER (as per text submitted)

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE, as secondary committee; and PERSONNEL COMMITTEE as primary committee.

- (10) PROPOSED "SENSE OF THE BOARD" RESOLUTION FROM MAYOR LOUIS CLAPES dated April 14, 1976 REGARDING THE ELIMINATION OF ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND THE ELDERLY pursuant to Federal Public Laws 90-480 and 91-205, and Connecticut State Public Acts 73-553 and 75-503.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE; and secondary committees EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE and HOUSING AND RELOCATION COMMITTEE.

- (11) PETITION FOR ROAD ACCEPTANCE OF "TOP GALLANT ROAD" FROM DOLPHIN COVE CORPORATION, BARRY MONTGOMERY, PRES.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; referred to PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE.

- (12) PETITION FOR ROAD ACCEPTANCE OF "APPLE VALLEY ROAD" FROM NEWMONT, INC., BARRY MONTGOMERY, PRES.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; referred to PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE.

- (13) REPORT ON CONDITIONS ON IROQUOIS ROAD CAUSED BY PATRONS OF "THE HUDDLE" TAVERN.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

- (14) REPORT ON COMPLAINTS OF UNLEASHED DOGS AND PACKS OF "WILD" DOGS.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

- (15) INQUIRY INTO STONE WALL CONSTRUCTED ON VERY MERRY ROAD - Alleged on private property. Held in Committee March 4, 1976.

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

- (16) PETITION - PATRIOTICS AND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMISSION REQUEST PERMISSION TO HOLD A MEMORIAL DAY PARADE MONDAY, MAY 31, 1976 STARTING AT 10:00 A.M.

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

- (17) THE MATTER OF COMPLAINTS FROM TENANTS AGAINST THE STAMFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

- (18) REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF "THE INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES REGULATIONS, WITH AMENDMENTS.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE as primary committee; and secondary committees PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE and LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE.

- (19) LETTER OF APRIL 12, 1976 regarding Freedom of Information Act and the method of voting by the Board of Representatives on various items and issues.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; referred to Legislative and Rules Committee for study.

- (20) CREATION OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE CALLED "CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE to consist of five members. Mr. Michael Morgan requested this, which was not on the tentative agenda.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA under NEW BUSINESS.

Mr. Handy Dixon suggested that Dr. Lowden should be invited to the Pre-Steering Committee meeting by the Mayor.

There being no further business to come before the STEERING COMMITTEE, on MOTION, duly SECONDED and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR.
CHAIRMAN, STEERING COMMITTEE

MR. MILLER: The MOTION has been made to WAIVE the reading of the Steering Committee minutes. Is there a SECOND? SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED. We will now proceed to the Appointments Committee Report.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Handy Dixon

MR. DIXON: First, I would like to read the minutes of the Appointments Committee meeting into the records of this meeting.

The Appointments Committee met on Thursday evening, April 29, 1976, at 7:00 in the Mayor's Conference Room. Members present and remaining in attendance throughout the meeting were: Representatives Handy Dixon, Robert Costello, Mildred Perillo, George Ravallese, Peter Walsh, Leo Carlucci, Audrey Cosentini, Don Sherer, Vere Wiesley, and Sal Signore.

After calling the meeting to order, the Committee proceeded to conduct interviews with candidates for various positions. The candidates were: Mrs. Estelle Hane, Mr. Joseph Groden, Mr. Loren H. Jaffe, Mr. Richard Lacerenza, and Mr. Samuel Troncone. Others scheduled for interview were: Mr. Nicholas Crispi, whose name was withdrawn; and Dr. Herman S. Rockoff, whose name was also withdrawn; and Mrs. Shirley Selikoff, who was unable to attend the meeting and be interviewed.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DIXON (continuing):

The interviews were impressive though lengthy, and ran until approximately ten o'clock. However, upon completion, a motion was made and passed by unanimous vote to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing and evaluating the candidates in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom-of-Information Act. Having completed all the the business of the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Appearing first on the agenda, Mr. President, is the name of Mrs. Harriet R. Sherman, whose name was Held in Committee on April 1st. I now present this name for the Board's consideration and approval to the HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. Mrs. Sherman is a Republican who resides on Greenleaf Drive and has been a resident of Stamford for the past 23 years. Her profession is that of a school teacher and she is presently employed in the Stamford School System where she has taught Social Studies in Rippowam High School, and is now a teacher of U. S. History in Westhill High School. Mrs. Sherman received early education in Massachusetts public and private schools, and later received an A.B. degree in American Government from Brown University, and holds an M.A.T. degree from Fairfield University. She has also taken courses at UCONN and Harvard University. Mrs. Sherman was former President of the Stamford Chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women, Inc., and Public Relations Secretary for the Colonial Airlines, Inc. She has a very deep and sincere desire to promote good government in this City and wants to utilize her knowledge and expertise in serving on the Human Rights Commission.

The Appointments Committee, having endorsed Mrs. Sherman by a vote of 7 yes and 3 abstentions, directs me to MOVE now for her confirmation.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. I think we can proceed to a vote then. Mrs. Sherman has been confirmed by a vote of 33 YES, 5 NO.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:

(1) Mrs. Harriet R. Sherman (R)	33 YES	Term Expires
Greenleaf Drive	5 NO	Dec. 1, 1978
(Held in Committee 4/5/76)		
Replacing Wm. Greaney whose term expired.		

MR. DIXON: Next is the name of Dr. Michael Sabia, which was also Held in Committee on April 1st. Dr. Sabia is presently serving on the Health Commission and it is to that Commission to which he seeks re-appointment. He resides at 22 Rambler Lane and has been a resident of Stamford his entire life of 61 years. Dr. Sabia is a member of the Republican Party and is a practicing podiatrist in the City of Stamford. He attended Stamford schools and graduated from Long Island University, College of Podiatry in 1936. He has served on the Board of Education and the Board of Tax Review and is confident that he has made a significant contribution to the needs of Stamford while serving a full term on the Health Commission. He has volunteered much service to the Stamford Hospital and many other areas of the City and State to the benefit of all people, especially those of less fortune who are unable to pay for needed professional and medical services. The long interview with Dr. Sabia established beyond doubt that he has the required credentials and is eminently qualified to serve on the Health Commission. However, three members abstained from voting for reasons of not participating in the interview. This resulted in a vote of 3 YES, 3 NO, and 4 ABSTENTIONS. Therefore, the Committee has made no recommendation, but for the record and clarification on voting, I would MOVE for Dr. Sabia's confirmation.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DIXON (continuing):

MR. SIGNORE: I SECOND the MOTION.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. I think we can proceed to a vote. Dr. Sabia has been CONFIRMED by a vote of 26 YES; 12 NO.

HEALTH COMMISSION:

(2) Dr. Michael Sabia (R) 22 Rambler Lane (Held in Committee 4/5/76) Re-Appointment	26 YES 12 NO	Term Expires Dec. 1, 1980
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MR. DIXON: Next on the Agenda, Mr. President, is the name of Mr. Arthur Stein which was also Held In Committee on April 1st. Mr. Stein is a Democrat and resides with his family at 24 Hannah's Road and has been a resident of Stamford for the past seven years. Mr. Stein is presently serving as Chairman of the Building Board of Appeals, and it is to that position he seeks re-appointment. Professionally, Mr. Stein is a civil engineer and is presently employed as the Chief Engineer at Olin Corporation. He attended Cornell University where he received an Engineering degree and I might add that he is licensed in New York, New Jersey, and the State of Connecticut.

The interview with Mr. Stein was an impressive one, as he demonstrated much skill, competence and willingness to serve on the Building Board of Appeals. In light of this and the fact that he has filed a certified Statement of Disclosure of any and all real estate holdings with the Committee as required by Ordinance 287 Supplemental, the Committee has endorsed him by a vote of 4 YES, 2 NO and 4 Abstentions. Again, Mr. President, 3 of those abstaining were absent during the interview with Mr. Stein. I would now MOVE for his confirmation.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. Mr. Stein has been CONFIRMED by a vote of 26 YES; 12 NO.

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS:

(3) Mr. Arthur Stein (D) 24 Hannah's Road (Held in Committee 4/5/76) Re-Appointment	26 YES 12 NO	Term Expires: Dec. 1, 1980.
(4) Dr. Herman S. Rockoff One Strawberry Hill Court (Replacing I. Teitelbaum whose term expired)	<u>WITHDRAWN</u>	Term Expires: Dec. 1, 1980

FAIR RENT COMMISSION:

(5) Mr. Joseph A. Groden (R) 197 Bridge Street Re-Appointment	HELD IN COMMITTEE	Term Expires: Dec. 1, 1980
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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)FAIR RENT COMMISSION:ALTERNATE:

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| (6) Mrs. Estelle Hane (R)
MacArthur Lane
Re-Appointment | <u>HELD IN COMMITTEE</u> | Term Expires:
Dec. 1, 1980 |
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

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| (7) Mr. Loren H. Jaffe (R)
29 Vincent Lane
(Replacing R. Sanborne whose term expired) | <u>HELD IN COMMITTEE</u> | Term Expires:
Dec. 1, 1980 |
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STAMFORD GOLF AUTHORITY:

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| (8) Mr. Richard Lacerenza (R)
71 North Street
(Replacing James Lacerenza whose term expired) | <u>HELD IN COMMITTEE</u> | Term Expires:
Jan. 1, 1979 |
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BOARD OF TAX REVIEW:

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| (9) Mr. Nicholas Crispi (R)
5 Robinson Drive
(Replacing F. Coperine whose term expired) | <u>WITHDRAWN</u> | Term Expires:
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WELFARE COMMISSION:

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| (10) Mrs. Shirley Selikoff (R)
11 Hemlock Drive
Re-Appointment | <u>HELD IN COMMITTEE</u> | Term Expires:
Dec. 1, 1978 |
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SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY:

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| (11) Mr. Samuel Troncone (D)
431 Haviland Road
(Replacing J. Chiarmonte whose
term expired) | 34 YES
4 NO | Term Expires:
March 15, 1977 |
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MR. DIXON: The name of Mr. Joseph A. Groden was voted to be Held in Committee. The name of Mrs. Estelle Hane was also voted to be Held in Committee. The Committee also voted to hold the name of Mr. Loren H. Jaffe in Committee. Also Held in Committee is the name of Mr. Richard A. Lacerenza. The name of Mr. Nicholas Crispi has also been withdrawn from the list of appointees. And the next name, that of Mrs. Shirley Selikoff, is being held because she did not attend the meeting for interview.

Next on the Agenda is the name of Mr. Samuel Troncone. Mr. Troncone is a Democrat and he resides at 431 Haviland Road. He is a lifelong resident of this City and is seeking approval of his appointment to the Southwestern Regional Planning Agency. Mr. Troncone attended school in Stamford and received a B.S. degree in Accounting from Fordham University in 1955; and in

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DIXON (continuing): 1968, he received an M.B.A. degree from Pace University in New York City. Since 1962 Mr. Troncone has been Planning Manager for the New York Telephone Co., and in connection with his employment, he has responsibilities in financial analysis of current budget data and analysis of a corporate 6-year plan which includes both financial and environmental information. From 1955 through 1960, Mr. Troncone was Accounting Supervisor for General Motors Company in Bristol, Connecticut; and in 1961 and 1962 he was Executive Staff Auditor for Bigelow Stamford, Inc., a New York City textile industry.

Mr. Troncone is actively engaged in many civic responsibilities and affairs as well as some political activities, among which he is a member of the Board of Governors, New York Chapter, Institute of Internal Auditors. He is a certified internal auditor and a Justice of the Peace in the City of Stamford. Mr. Troncone is quite aware of the duties and responsibilities of the agency, but to add to his knowledge, he has acquired material and information from the agency which, as he puts it, will enable him to serve with a greater degree of competence if he is approved by this Board. The Committee is quite confident that Mr. Troncone is qualified for this position, and has voted unanimously for his approval, and I now SO MOVE.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. Mr. Troncone has been confirmed by a vote of 34 YES; 4 NO.

MR. DIXON: That ends my report, Mr. President.

MR. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Dixon. Mr. DeRose?

MR. DeROSE: Mr. President, at this time I would like to apologize to everyone for the delay of this evening's meeting. A good deal of our time in caucus entailed the discussion involving the internal conflict which is now festering within the Republican Party, and that is, namely, the Appointments. Obviously, we've had several appointments withheld this evening which was part of this very same problem. Now, we, the Democrats of this Board, abhor the type of situation with which we are confronted. We have been placed, through no fault of our own, it seems, between the Republican Mayor and the Republican Town Committee. In no way should any of our actions this evening be interpreted as being either for or against anyone, whether it be the Mayor, the Republican Town Committee, or the Republican members of this Board. We can certainly respect the fact that reasonable and customary procedures should be followed to ensure good government. We, the Democrats, will be tolerant in waiting for a solution. To date, we have received a rather scant promise from the Vice Chairman of the Republican Town Committee that this dilemma will be resolved shortly. We've also received some word from the Appointments Committee of this Board that this problem will be resolved within a month.

Now, in conclusion, we, the Democrats of this Board expect a concerted effort on the part of all the principals involved, namely, the Republican Party, to resolve this problem as expeditiously as possible so that we can carry on the important business of this Board, carry on business as usual. Wait we will, but any unnecessary delays, regardless of the source, may cause us to take action in the best interest of the City, and I would hope that this problem would be resolved and resolved quickly. (End of Tape Side #1)

(Start of Tape Side #2)

MR. MILLER: I'm going to recognize Mr. Sherer. Are you on Appointments, Mr. Sherer? Are you..... No. Did you want to make a MOTION with respect to the Agenda? I'll recognize Mr. Sherer.

MR. SHERER: Thank you, Mr. President. At this time I'd like to move for a SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to allow Mr. Fox, Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee to bring out to the Board of Representatives the 2nd item on the Agenda for L&R which concerns the proposed resolution to abate the taxes on Pilgrim Towers. There are a large number of residents from Pilgrim Towers here. As you know, it is a Senior Citizens' Project and they have had great patience in supporting this, and I think to pay respects to them, Mr. Fox would be in order, at this point, if he could bring it out to the floor. Thank you very much.

MR. MILLER: We have a MOTION then to SUSPEND THE RULES to consider Item #2 under L&R. Is there a SECOND to that? SECONDED by Mr. DeRose, Mrs. Ritchie, Yes, Mr. Baxter?

MR. BAXTER: Interested as I am in this proposal, I'd like the record to reflect that I have left the room for this vote and the one on the substantive issue since my firm is involved in this particular matter.

MR. MILLER: Thank you. Mr. Baxter is leaving the floor; the record will so indicate. There are now 37 members present. We will now vote on the MOTION to SUSPEND THE RULES. The MOTION is CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE - John Wayne Fox

- (2) PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO ABATE TAXES ON SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING - PILGRIM TOWERS, 25 WASHINGTON COURT, STAMFORD, CONN. - Letter of 3/19/76 from 10th Dist. Reps. Mildred S. Ritchie and Donald B. Sherer. Letter 3/18/76 from Hirschberg, Pettengill, Strong & Nagle, Attys. (Held in Committee 4/5/76)

MR. FOX: Thank you. Item #2 is entitled a Proposed Resolution to Abate Taxes on Senior Citizen Housing - Pilgrim Towers. In speaking with the Corporation Counsel's office, I have been informed that this is to be done in the form of a Resolution and an Ordinance. You should all have received a copy of the proposed Resolution and Ordinance. I have also been informed that an agreement has, in fact, been reached, although it has not as yet been executed. An agreement between Pilgrim Towers and the City in connection with this abatement. The L&R Committee met on April 29th to discuss this particular item; and first of all, dealing with the Resolution which authorizes, directs and empowers the Mayor to enter into the Agreement, the L&R Committee voted 5-0 in favor of that resolution. I would MOVE for approval of the Resolution by our full Board.

MR. MILLER: This was committed also to the Housing and Relocation Committee.

MR. LIVINGSTON: The Housing and Relocation Committee concurs.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MILLER: Thank you. We then have a MOTION before the Board on the Resolution. If there is no discussion, we will proceed to a vote. The question then under Item #2 under L&R is first on the Resolution. That's what we're voting on now. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, there being 37 present at time of voting.

RESOLUTION NO. 1048

ABATING TAXES AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF TAX ABATEMENT CONTRACT WITH PILGRIM TOWERS, INC., IN RELATION WITH PILGRIM TOWERS, LOCATED AT WASHINGTON COURT, IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, WHICH PROPERTY IS OWNED BY PILGRIM TOWERS, INC., AND KNOWN AS "PILGRIM TOWERS".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, in accordance with Ordinances of said City and the proposed tax abatement contract:

1. That the Mayor of the City of Stamford is hereby authorized, directed, and empowered in the name of and on behalf of the City of Stamford to execute the tax abatement contract on the property referred to above and to execute any amendments, revisions and recisions of said contract in the name of and on behalf of the City of Stamford.

Note: In conjunction with Resolution No. 1048, there was a companion Ordinance No. 332 Supplemental also approved by the Board, which appears on Page 11,180.

MR. FOX: In connection with this same item, you have before you an Ordinance which abates the taxes to Pilgrim Towers. You will note that Paragraph 2, well, let me say that Paragraph 2 will have to be changed slightly and should read as follows: "this abatement is to be in accordance with the contract to be entered between Pilgrim Towers, Inc. and the City of Stamford which was approved Friday, April 30, 1976". The Ordinance should also read that "it is effective upon formal execution of the agreement". At this same meeting, the L&R Committee on April 29th again by a vote of 5-0 approved this Ordinance, and I would MOVE for its approval and passage by the full Board.

MR. LIVINGSTON: The Housing and Relocation Committee concurs.

MR. MILLER: Thank you. MOVED and SECONDED, but technically, of course, we have to MOVE first for WAIVER OF PUBLICATION, don't we?

MR. FOX: Yes, I'm sorry; you're correct, Mr. Miller. I would then MOVE for a WAIVER OF PUBLICATION.

MR. MILLER: SECONDED by Mr. Livingston, and concurred by his Committee. The question is on Waiver of Publication for the Ordinance on Pilgrim Towers. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. FOX: Publication having been Waived, I would MOVE for the adoption of the Ordinance.

MR. LIVINGSTON: SECONDED.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The question is on FINAL ADOPTION of the Ordinance concerning the abatement of taxes on Pilgrim Towers. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, there being 37 present at time of voting.

ORDINANCE NO. 332 SUPPLEMENTAL

TAX ABATEMENT FOR "PILGRIM TOWERS" LOCATED AT WASHINGTON COURT, IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, WHICH PROPERTY IS OWNED BY PILGRIM TOWERS, INC., AND KNOWN AS "PILGRIM TOWERS".

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

1. The City of Stamford hereby abates one hundred per cent (100%) of the ad valorem taxes applicable to "Pilgrim Towers" located at Washington Court, in the City of Stamford, Connecticut, which property is owned by Pilgrim Towers, Inc., and known as "Pilgrim Towers".
2. This abatement is to be in accordance with the contract to be entered into between Pilgrim Towers, Inc. and the City of Stamford, which agreement was approved Friday, April 30, 1976.

This Ordinance to take effect upon formal execution of agreement referred to herein.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 20, 1976.

Note: In conjunction with Ordinance 332 Supplemental, there was a companion Resolution No. 1048 also approved by the Board, see Pg. 11,179.

MR. MILLER: We will now get back to the regular agenda.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Michael G. Morgan

- (1) \$364,918.00 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - Letters of Mayor Clapes of 3/30/76 and Fire Chief Vitti of 3/25/76 requesting Additional Appropriation required to fulfill contractual obligations between City of Stamford and Fire Fighters Local 786 to complete the present fiscal year in the following accounts: (Board of Finance approved 4/8/76)
- 540.0101 Salaries
 - 540.0103 Overtime
 - 540.0108 Stand-by Time
 - 540.0110 Holiday Time
 - 540.0111 5% Salary Differential

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MORGAN: The Fiscal Committee met on Thursday, April 29th. Present: Vice-Chairman Gerald Rybnick, Linda Clark, Sandra Goldstein, Christine Nizolek, George Hays, Ralph Loomis and Michael Morgan.

On the first item, this money is for the contract that the Board approved on March 1, 1976. The Board of Finance approved April 8th; our Committee voted 7-0 in favor of the request and I would so MOVE.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Personnel Committee concurs.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. Before we go any further, the CHAIR would note that Mr. Baxter has returned to the floor. We now have 38 members present. We'll proceed to a vote. The MOTION is CARRIED.

(2) \$281,072.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - Letters of Mayor Clapes of 3/31/76 and Police Chief Kinsella of 3/18/76 requesting Additional Appropriation required to fulfill contractual obligation between City of Stamford and Police Association for 1975-1976. Board of Finance approved 4/8/76.

CODE 530.0101 SALARIES:

Contractual Agreement	\$391,072.00
Estimated Surplus	<u>110,000.00</u>
Additional Appropriation Requested	\$281,072.00

MR. MORGAN: This is for a contract that was approved by this Board on March 1, 1976. The Fiscal Committee voted 7-0 in favor of this and I would so MOVE.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Personnel Committee concurs again.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. Mrs. McInerney?

MRS. McINERNEY: Yes, Mr. President, I want the record to show that I will not be voting on Items 2, 3, and 4 for the same reason that I did not vote on the contract.

MR. MILLER: The Record will indicate that Mrs. McInerney is abstaining on Items 2, 3, and 4 under Fiscal for the same reason she did not vote on the Police Contract. Mrs. McInerney is leaving the floor of the Board. There are now 37 members present. The question is on \$281,072.00 The MOTION is CARRIED.

(3) \$ 11,835.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - Request for Additional Appropriation required to fulfill contractual obligations between City of Stamford and Stamford Police Association for 1975-1976 for following accounts: (Mayor Clapes' letter 3/31/76, and seven letters dated March 24, 1976 from Police Chief Kinsella) Board of Finance approved 4/8/76.

Code 530.0103	Overtime	\$ 2,495.00
530.0109	Court Time	742.00
530.0110	Holiday Time	2,868.00
530.0111	5% Differential	955.00
530.0113	Day Off Slips	2,936.00
530.0114	10% Differential	<u>1,839.00</u>
		\$11,835.00

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MORGAN: This is part of the contract approved by the Board on March 1st. The Fiscal Committee voted 7-0 in favor of the request and I would so MOVE.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Personnel Committee concurs.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The question is on \$11,835.00 for the Police Department. The MOTION is CARRIED.

- (4) \$139,678.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - Additional Appropriation requested to complete fiscal year to June 30, 1976. Mayor Clapes' letter 3/2/76; 2/9/76 from Chief Kinsella, Police Lt. Peterson, Communications Supt. Hawley Oefinger, for the following accounts: (Board of Finance approved 4/8/76)

Code 530.0501	Telephone and Telegraph	\$20,000.00
530.2205	TV-Microwave System	4,000.00
530.1702	Automotive Fuel	24,000.00
530.1508	Power - Traffic Lights	18,000.00
530.0114	10% Differential	2,778.00
530.0103	Overtime	46,900.00
530.1705	Automotive Maintenance	24,000.00
		\$139,678.00

MR. MORGAN: This is an Additional Appropriation to fund the various accounts in the Police Department's budget for the balance of this fiscal year. They are itemized on our Agenda so I won't repeat them here, but the Board of Finance approved this on April 8th and our Committee voted 6-0 in favor of the request, Mr. Loomis abstaining.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Personnel concurs once again.

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

- (5) \$ 69,608.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Code 305.3000 - SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM - Letters of April 6th and 7, 1976 from B.R.Reed, Asst. Supt./ Business (and resolutions) requesting Additional Appropriation needed to continue Special Milk Program to close of current fiscal year, per statistics submitted. (Revenues go to General Fund) Approved by Board of Finance 4/8/76.

MR. MORGAN: This is an Additional Appropriation to fund the School Milk Program for the balance of this fiscal year. Our Committee voted 7-0 in favor of the request and I would so MOVE.

MR. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Morgan. Mr. Wiesley is not present this evening. I don't know if there is a report.

MRS. RITCHIE: Yes, Mr. President. Education, Welfare & Government concur.

MR. MILLER: Thank you. MOVED and SECONDED. Mr. Baxter?

MR. BAXTER: May I ask a question through the CHAIR? Could you tell me, please, Mr. Morgan, I recall during the hot lunch debate there was an estimate of a \$40,000. fund needed to complete the year and now we have a number that appears to be 175% greater than that that's coming up. I wonder if you could tell us why that is?

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MORGAN: I'd be happy to. In February, when we considered the question of the hot lunch program, there was a balance in excess of the expectations of the Board of Education in the amount of \$40,000 approximately, in this account. However, last year for the first time, the Board of Education began selling chocolate milk in the public schools and apparently the demand for the product has increased substantially, far beyond the expectations of the Board of Education, and as a result, they have been obliged to buy more of the product, and in turn, sell it to the students. I should point out that all revenue generated by this program goes into the General Fund of the City and not back to the Board of Education, and so whatever income the Board of Education has generated here has not been returned to that Board, but rather has gone into the City's General Fund and that's why the Board of Ed is before us tonight.

MR. BAXTER: But just focussing, just for a minute, on the estimating abilities of the Board of Ed, do I understand you correctly to say that it went from a minus 40 to a plus 69, or the other way around? In other words, the differential is \$109,000 vs. the \$40,000 that was originally estimated?

MR. MORGAN: Well, Mr. Baxter, when they began their estimating last year, they did it without a realization that the chocolate milk program would be introduced and also that the demand from the school children would be so great. I think, given the original perspective, they made a reasonable expectation, but unfortunately circumstances changed and we find ourselves with this request tonight.

MR. BAXTER: I would like to speak for this particular motion, but I would just like to observe that with all due diligence possible, they've missed by 275% and I hope this Board keeps this in mind when asked to estimate other food service programs that may come up, that they haven't had five years' experience with.

MR. HAYS: Mr. President, if I may, through you to Mr. Baxter, the distinguished Representative is wrong. The Board of Education had figured the program, to my knowledge, within \$1,000 of the exact figure. The point that's been overlooked here is that the \$40,000 figure was effective last February, I believe at the time that the milk program was presented. Since that time to the current date, there have been additional milk sales which now result in the 60 some dollar figure, \$60,000, some odd thousand dollars. Thank you.

MR. MILLER: Well, do we have anything else on this?

MR. LOOMIS: The real figures, the bottom line figures, here are \$31,872, which really is the net cost of this program to the City at the end of the school year as proposed to their projections of a cost of \$55,000 to begin with. What I'm saying in effect is that the program has been far more successful than they originally intended primarily due to the success of the chocolate milk that's been so well-accepted by the students. So, we're comparing \$31,000 to \$55,000 and the increase therefore is not the numbers you are using, Mr. Baxter. So, we're really talking about a successful effort on the part of the Board of Ed and they've erred, I think, to our benefit, so I would agree with you in supporting this appropriation and I'd urge its passage.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. SIGNORE: I think the figure that the Board of Ed, I'm guessing now, but I think the figure they used was in Column B at the bottom. Figure through Feb. 29, 1976, appropriation remaining of \$41,073. I think that's the figure they used at that point.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: And that \$41,000 figure, by the way, was quite, quite close to their projection, but just to underscore what Mr. Loomis said, the real difference is the difference between a \$55,000 net deficit to the City and a \$23,000 with some change, net deficit to the City. I quite honestly feel the Board of Ed. ought to be complimented in bringing chocolate milk to Stamford, and also it underscores what they said in relation to having a hot lunch program that appeals to students because with more participation comes a lower deficit to the City. Thank you.

MRS. COSENTINI: I think there might be some misunderstanding here. I was not at the Fiscal Committee meeting, but I know what happens in this particular case. This is one of those situations where there is no rotating account, but might well have been one, because the Board of Ed. must have its expense money allocated to it out of the General Fund, as Mr. Morgan said. So if their participation increases, they must come back for more funds simply to run the program. But of course they're also putting more money back in, which doesn't show. So, the larger numbers are not a deficit operation necessarily, merely the larger operating expense pertaining to the larger usage of the product. The Committee members have satisfactorily explained to me that indeed the deficit is not going to be larger but smaller, and that the projections were not by any means that radically astray.

MR. BAXTER: I'd like to thank Mr. Loomis for elucidating the figures and I would certainly accept what he said. And I would also compliment the Board of Ed for going to 31 and saving from their original estimate of 55. I'd just like to point out that that is a difference in excess of 40% if you look at the percentage of 31 to 55, and my problem is on their forecasting abilities with programs they have in place for five years and that's the only point I was making.

MR. LOOMIS: I think we're all agreed as to what is going on here. I'd only say once again, to reiterate, that the introduction of this chocolate milk which was quite interesting when it was explained to us really shot the sales way up beyond any of their projecting abilities and I think Sandra Goldstein's remarks were quite interesting, too, because it does relate to the possible success of a lunch program which we might consider later on.

MR. MILLER: We'll proceed to a vote on this item. The question is on the \$69,608 for the Board of Ed's special milk program. All those in favor say AYE; all those opposed NO. The MOTION is CARRIED.

- (6) \$ 300.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - PREPAID GRANT from State of Connecticut for support of activities of Vocational Youth Organization (FBLA) at WESTHILL HIGH SCHOOL. (Letter from B.R. Reed, Asst. Supt./Business, 3/24/76) Approved by Board of Finance 4/8/76.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MORGAN: This is a 100% Prepaid Grant for the Vocational Youth Organization at Westhill High School. This will support the future business leaders of America Club there. Our Committee voted 7-0 in favor and I would so MOVE.

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

- (7) \$ 300.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - PREPAID GRANT from State of Connecticut for support of activities of Vocational Youth Organization (FBLA) at RIPPOWAM HIGH SCHOOL. Letter from B.R.Reed, Asst. Supt./Business, 3/24/76) Approved by Board of Finance 4/8/76.

MR. MORGAN: This is a 100% Prepaid Grant for the Vocational Youth Organization at Rippowam High School. This is for the Future Business Leaders of America Club there. Our Committee voted 7-0 in favor and I so MOVE.

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

- (8) \$ 6,555.58 - REGISTRAR OF VOTERS - CODE 102.5105 - PRIMARY EXPENSE - Additional Appropriation requested in Mayor Clapes' letter 3/29/76 quoting 3/24/76 letter from Registrar of Voters and list of expenses for March 2, 1976 Republican and Democratic Committee PRIMARIES. Approved by Board of Finance 4/8/76.

MR. MORGAN: This is an additional appropriation for expenses incurred by the City in connection with both the Democratic and Republican City Committee Primary elections held on March 2nd. The Board of Finance approved this on April 8th; our Committee voted 7-0 in favor and I would so MOVE.

MRS. RITCHIE: Education, Welfare & Government concur.

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

- (9) \$ 4,000.00 - REGISTRAR OF VOTERS - CODE 102.5106 ENROLLMENT LISTS - Additional Appropriation requested in Mayor Clapes' letter 2/17/76 for printings in March and June as mandated by State Statutes. Approved by Board of Finance 4/8/76.

MR. MORGAN: Our Committee voted 7-0 in its favor and I would so MOVE.

MR. RITCHIE: Education, Welfare and Government concur.

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

- (10) \$14,400.00 - CITY AND TOWN CLERK - Additional Appropriation requested by City and Town Clerk Lois Pont-Briant and Mayor Clapes 3/31/76 for following accounts: (Board of Finance approved 4/8/76)

Code 112.1201	Maintenance of Equipment	\$ 300.00
112.0901	Special Professional Services	5,000.00
112.1107	Maintenance of Indices	6,000.00
112.5104	Election Expense	<u>3,100.00</u>
		\$14,400.00

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MORGAN: This is an Additional Appropriation to cover expenses anticipated under various accounts outlined in our Agenda for the rest of this fiscal year. Our Committee voted 7-0 in favor and I would so MOVE.

MRS. RITCHIE: Education, Welfare and Government concurs.

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

- (11) \$ 250.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - CODE 510.0618 - VACCINE AND SERUM - (for yellow fever shots). Additional Appropriation requested by Dr. Gofstein's letter 3/22/76; Mayor Clapes' letter 3/29/76. These inoculations generate income in excess of costs of the vaccine and serum. Board of Finance approved 4/8/76.

MR. MORGAN: This is an additional appropriation to cover the cost of vaccine and serum for yellow fever inoculations; fees charged for these shots are deposited into the General Fund and the City earns a profit under this program. Our Committee voted 7-0 in favor of the request and I would so MOVE.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED.

MRS. SANTY: May I ask our Chairman of Fiscal, through Mr. Miller, do you have the fee schedule for the yellow fever injections? How much does the City get for these injections?

MR. MORGAN: Mrs. Santy, I don't have with me (End of Tape Side #2)

(Start of Tape Side #3)

MR. MILLER: The MOTION is SECONDED and CARRIED.

- (12) \$ 1,544.40 - BOARD OF RECREATION - CODE 720.1701 AUTO OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE - Additional Appropriation to provide 20 gals. of gasoline per week per Supervisor of Recreation (5 supvrs.) from Oct., 1975 to end of fiscal year. (Supt. Giordano's letter 9/17/75 and Mayor Lenz' letter 9/30/75) Board of Finance deferred on Oct. 9, 1975, and approved on April 8, 1976.

MR. MORGAN: Our Committee voted 7-0 in favor of the request and I would so MOVE.

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

- (13) \$ 301.00 - BOARD OF RECREATION - CODE 726.0107 - ETHEL KWESKIN THEATRE - SEASONAL - (SPECIAL DRAMA CLASS) - Additional Appropriation to provide a new program with a teacher. This program has netted the City \$49.00. Mayor Clapes' letter 3/2/76 and Supt. Giordano's letter 2/25/76. Board of Finance approved 4/8/76.

MR. MORGAN: Our Committee voted 7-0 in favor and I would so MOVE.

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

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

- (14) \$ 2,800.00 - PROPOSED RESOLUTION AMENDING 1975-1976 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,800.) TO A NEW PROJECT ENTITLED "E. GAYNOR BRENNAN, SR., MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE - 19th HOLE RESTAURANT" - to be financed by bonds. This is for a new kitchen floor with cement base and quarry tile. 3/31/76 letter Mayor Clapes quoting 3/12/76 letter of Chairman Carlucci. Planning Board Acting Chmn. S.J. Bernstein's letter 4/15/76. Approved by Board of Finance 4/8/76.

MR. MORGAN: Basically, this is a new kitchen floor which is required by the Health Department. Our Committee voted 7-0 in favor and I would so MOVE.

MR. BLOIS: Parks and Recreation didn't take any action on this. We didn't have a meeting last month.

MR. MILLER: Thank you. Is there a SECOND to Mr. Morgan's MOTION? MOVED and SECONDED. MOTION is CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY, with 38 YES votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 1049

AMENDING 1975-1976 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING THE AMOUNT OF \$2,800.00 TO A NEW PROJECT ENTITLED "E. GAYNOR BRENNAN, SR., MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE - 19th HOLE RESTAURANT."

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, in accordance with provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, to approve an amendment to the 1975-1976 Capital Projects Budget, a new project entitled "E. Gaynor Brennan, Sr., Municipal Golf Course - 19th Hole Restaurant" and appropriation of \$2,800.00 (TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS) to be used for a new kitchen floor; said project to be financed by bonds.

MR. MORGAN: This completes the Committee's report.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE - John Wayne Fox

MR. FOX: I believe I already indicated that the Committee met on April 29th. Let me say that the Committee also met on April 13th with 5 members present; and on April 27th at which time 7 members were present.

- (1) PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO ABATE TAXES ON HOUSING FOR LOW OR MODERATE INCOME PERSONS OR FAMILY UNDER SECTION 8-215 CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES - (MARTIN LUTHER KING APARTMENTS) - Mayor Clapes' letter 3/22/76. (Held in Committee 4/ 5/76.

MR. FOX: The first item on the agenda for the L&R Committee is a proposed Resolution to abate taxes for the Martin Luther King Apartments. This was Held in Committee at our last meeting. There was some question in terms of how this should be worded. Whether it should be a resolution or ordinance. I have discussed the matter with Corporation Counsel. I would direct your attention to the letter of 3/22/76 from the Mayor and the resolution attached thereto. The resolution as drafted is proper. I would want to make one change to it as has been suggested by the Corporation Counsel. The resolution itself should read as follows, it's authorizing the application to the State Department of Community Affairs: "for reimbursement of tax abatement of Martin Luther King Apartments". The remainder of the resolution can stay as it is.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. FOX (continuing): Our Committee discussed this on April 29th and voted 5-0 in favor of this resolution and I would MOVE for its adoption.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. LIVINGSTON: The Housing Committee concurs.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. We have a MOTION on the floor on this resolution. The question is on adoption of the resolution to abate taxes on housing and we're dealing with Martin Luther King Apartments. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with 38 members present. Mrs. McInerney is present, that makes 38.

RESOLUTION NO. 1050

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF TAX ABATEMENT ON MARTIN LUTHER KING APARTMENTS IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,050.00.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapters 128, 129, 130, 132 and 133 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Community Affairs is authorized to extend financial assistance to local housing authorities, municipalities, human resource development agencies and non-profit corporations; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Stamford make application to the State for financial assistance under Section 8-215 and 8-216 of the General Statutes, in order to undertake a program of Tax Abatement, and, to execute an Assistance Agreement therefor, for the property owned by New Neighborhoods, Incorporated, located at 40 Stillwater Avenue. Lot A, known as Martin Luther King Apartments.

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

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and pre-requisites for State assistance imposed by Chapters 128, 129, 130, 132 and 133 of the Connecticut General Statutes, especially the requirement of the Community Development Action Plan Agency consideration in Section 8-207 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
 2. That the filing of an application by the City of Stamford for reimbursement of certain taxes abated per ordinance is hereby approved, and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such application with the Commissioner of Community Affairs, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, recisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the City of Stamford.
 3. That in consideration of said Assistance Agreement the City of Stamford does hereby abate up to 100% of the ad valorem taxes applicable to the property described above and in the Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut.
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LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

- (3) PROPOSED ORDINANCE RE HORSES, CATTLE AND LIVESTOCK ON CERTAIN CITY LAND -
Letter 4/15/76 from City Rep. William H. Flanagan (R-19).

MR. FOX: Item #3 is a proposed ordinance submitted by Rep. William Flanagan concerning horses, cattle and livestock on certain City land. Our Committee met with Mr. Flanagan in connection with this. We discussed the ordinance which he proposed; we have made some minor changes in it. You should have a copy of that ordinance and we are moving tonight simply for PUBLICATION; we are not asking tonight for approval. Our Committee voted 7-0 to come out in favor of the publication of this ordinance and I would so MOVE.

MR. ROSE: I met with the L&R Committee on this, but my Committee doesn't have any action on it.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. FLANAGAN: Mr. President, I just SECONDED IT, unless somebody has a question. I can briefly state the problem. The Little League Field at Chestnut Hill Park has been used for the last two Springs as a riding rink. The new grass and the old turf has been chewed up. I have researched the ordinances governing horses, and they did not include, as written, a prohibition against riding on park-land.

I have amended, or rewritten, and the L&R Committee has rewritten my suggested ordinance and I concur with their redraft. I'm asking that the Ordinance 3.1 concerning riding, driving, leading of horses, include prohibition against riding on Park land except those areas of Park land where the listed activities would not adversely affect other uses of Park land, such as paved parking areas or gravel areas, or even grass areas at the time when they are not being used for any other purpose.

MR. MILLER: All right, we'll proceed to a vote on this then. The question is on PUBLICATION of Item #3 under L&R. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY for PUBLICATION of this ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL

CONCERNING HORSES CATTLE AND LIVESTOCK ON CERTAIN CITY LAND

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

1. Section 3-1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City is hereby deleted and the following shall replace it:
2. Riding, driving or leading on sidewalks or City of Stamford parkland.

It shall be unlawful for any person to trespass upon any of the sidewalks or parkland in the City by wilfully riding, driving or leading horses, cattle or other livestock thereon, with the exception of those areas of parkland where the listed activities would not adversely affect other uses of parkland.

Each violation of this Section shall be deemed punishable in accordance with Section 1-8 of the Stamford Code of Ordinances.

3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.
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LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

- (4) CONCERNING PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE 14th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD as follows: (Requested by City Rep. Sandra Goldstein) (2/3 vote required).

"Page 6 No. 4 - under section entitled VOTING

STRIKE OUT NO. 4 and insert in its place:

On all questions to approve an appointment to any Board or position submitted by the Mayor, the voting shall be by an open vote. In all elections or appointments by the Board, if more than one candidate, or more than one slate of candidates be nominated for any position, the voting shall be by roll call vote. In all elections, the candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected. If there is a tie, the vote shall be declared "no election", and the Board shall proceed to vote again without requiring renomination. If not more than one candidate be nominated for any position, the Board may, by majority vote and without balloting, instruct the Clerk or any other member, to cast one ballot for his election.

Page 7 - Strike out No. 10.

Page 7 - Strike out No. 11.

Page 7 - Strike out No. 13.

Page 7 - Strike out No. 15.

Page 8 - Rule No. 16 - Strike out "nineteen rules" and insert 15 rules.

Numbers 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19 shall now be called

numbers 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 respectively."

MR. FOX: Item #4 is a proposal submitted by Rep. Sandra Goldstein to amend the Rules of our Board. The amendment itself is set out in the Agenda and I think is self-explanatory. Our Committee met on this on April 27th. Six members were present and voting in connection with this particular amendment. Our Committee voted 6-0 in favor of this particular amendment to our Rules. The only thing that I would point out to the Board is that we would have to have a 2/3 vote of the members present in order to adopt this amendment. In light of the vote of our Committee, I would MOVE for the adoption of this amendment of our Rules.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I would like to speak in favor of this amendment to our Rules. At our December 1st meeting when I proposed this rule change, I stressed to the Board the importance of openness in government and the fact that we, as elected representatives, must be accountable to our constituents for all of our actions. Certainly these reasons are as important now as they were in December.

However, in the interim, another very significant factor has come up. Through certain legal rulings, it has become apparent that our Board's rule concerning secret voting on appointments is in direct violation of the Freedom-of-Information Act. This State law requires that each member's vote upon each issue, brought before a public agency at its meeting, be recorded. Nowhere in the law is there an exemption to this rule. As a matter of fact, the law itself, which is often ambiguous, is very explicit on this point.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN (continuing): Our Corporation Counsel ruled on April 12th that to the extent that the Board of Representatives failed to perform this duty, that of recording its votes in its Minutes, it is in violation of the law of the State of Connecticut. The Supreme Court of the State of Connecticut in an opinion dated April 13, 1976, in the case of Wm. Pape, et al vs. Vivian McKinney, et al ruled that the Freedom of Information statute requires a method by which each member's vote on any issue can be ascertained from the Minutes. Furthermore, the Freedom of Information Commission, in its Transmittal of Findings, in the matter of complaint that the Advocate brought against our very own Board ruled that our Board is a public agency. Since it is a public agency, we must abide by those State laws governing public agencies.

The Commission also noted in its findings that our procedure of voting by secret ballot on appointments may indeed be in violation of Public Act 75-342 because these appointments are meaningful votes taken by a public agency, which we are. However, the Commission rules only on specific complaints brought before it, and since this issue of secret voting on appointments was not raised by the complainant, the Commission said it would not issue any order at this particular time.

Mr. President, we are clearly in violation of both the letter and the spirit of the law, as well as of our own Oath of Office in which we swore to uphold the law. The League of Women Voters is currently asking the Freedom of Information Commission to rule on our method of secret voting. It seems quite certain that in the very near future, we are going to be forced by either the Freedom of Information Commission or the Courts to have open, recorded votes. I hope that this evening we vote, ourselves, to change our Rules before any outside agencies compel us to do so. Thank you.

MR. BAXTER: I would like to address myself now to the more than 50% of the Board that voted against this identical resolution in the December meeting. I was one of those people who voted against it, and I don't want to get drawn into more of a debate on the merits of the issue without regard to the Freedom of Information Act. In other words, I think there is a reasonable and self-respecting opinion to the contrary that Mrs. Goldstein just represented about how the best interests of the City are served by open or closed voting. I, and presumably those that voted against this the last time felt that the best interests of the City were served by keeping people free from fear of pressure or retribution, etc., in these votes. I think there is also a very reasonable position on the other side which Mrs. Goldstein articulated.

I intend to vote for this resolution this time, and the reason I have changed my mind is not that I've changed my mind on the issue, but on the implications of the Freedom of Information Act and whether or not we will be forced into something we don't want and have to defend ourselves in suit, and so for the rest of those who voted against it, I commend those thoughts to your consideration, that you also join with Mrs. Goldstein, not agreeing with her reasons on the merits necessarily, but with her reasons on the Freedom of Information Act.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. LOBOZZA: I respect Mr. Wise's opinion, and Mrs. Goldstein's opinion, but I think that everyone here realizes that open voting and closed voting and people think we're voting under a blanket here on everything. We're not. We're only discussing one thing really and that's appointments, and I feel when you take it on a personal basis just as everybody else in our City, in our County, in our State, and throughout our Nation, when they go into the voting booths on Election Day, they have the right to a secret ballot when it comes to individuals and I feel that I would like to retain this right.

MR. CONNORS: I have to agree with Mr. Loboza. I'll tell you why. How many members of this Board have unlisted telephones, that is one question, we've got to ask of the members of the Board. Now the members of the Board who get plagued during the day, their wives get plagued while they're not even home. Now there's quite a few members here, I was checking a telephone book and you'd be surprised how many members do not have listed telephones. It's all right for the people who have the listed telephones, they can call them up and pick on them. But I feel this way here, I was elected for many, many years by the people of the East Side and I don't feel that I'm trying to hide anything. I still have to go along with what Mr. Loboza says, I feel the secret ballot, I have the right as an individual. When I go to the polls, I vote the way I want to vote; now how many times in Hartford, how many times in the Federal Government in Washington do they have the secret ballot; and I still feel we, as members, elected members of the City of Stamford, have the right to the same opportunity. I don't think it's fair. Personally, I don't care, but it still isn't fair.

MR. MORGAN: It seems to me that we have a responsibility as legislators to let our constituents know where we stand on both the issues and on appointments. The present system of secret voting prevents this from happening and I think we owe it to our constituents and it's the price that we pay for volunteering for public service. I voted for open voting in December and I'll vote for it again tonight.

MR. FOX: I would just like to second the thoughts of Mr. Baxter. I, too, voted for the secret ballot on appointments at our organizational meeting and I still am in favor of a secret ballot on appointments in terms of policy, but I don't think that the Ordinance that is referred to here, the State statute, leaves us any option here. So I, too, intend to vote in favor of this amendment and would SECOND the MOTION for its approval.

MRS. COSENTINI: I would like to say that I will vote for this on its merits regardless of the Freedom of Information Act because I feel that that's a strong enough argument in and of itself, and there's one difference between going into a ballot box, or into a voting booth and that is that you are, and being a representative, and that is when you go into, well, whatever they call them, you are voting your private opinion, whereas when you are a representative you are voting on behalf of a constituency who should know how you are voting.

MRS. McINERNEY: Yes, as I stated previously in December, I don't know how we, as elected officials, can even begin to be accountable to our constituents if we continue voting in the dark. I would hope that the other Board members would see fit to support this resolution and vote for open voting. I think it's time we brought a little bit of fresh air and sunshine into our local government.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. HAWE: Thank you. I voted for open voting in the December meeting and I'll vote for it again. I just wanted to agree with Mrs. Cosentini that I don't see the fact that we have secret ballots as individuals when we vote on Election Day. I see no relationship. It's not the same thing as here. We are elected representatives. I also don't see the logic in the argument that just because in Hartford and in Washington, they do vote in secret on certain things, that doesn't necessarily mean that it's right for us to do and I would just like to urge the members of the Board to vote for this in the spirit of the new Freedom of Information Act.

MR. RYBNICK: It seems to me that we're fighting for something here. I think tonight, in some of the discussions that I've heard, whether it was in caucus or whether it was outside here, the fellows that proposed this bill are still voting secretly upstate. Now, we're not doing anything that nobody else is doing. In the same thing, until they resolve it, well, the RTM down in Greenwich or the Representative Town Meeting at Greenwich, Darien, or New Canaan, is resolved, I think that we are either being discriminated against or they're allowed to do something that we're not allowed to do. So until the time comes that this is straightened out, I think I'll have to oppose it.

MR. LIVINGSTON: I MOVE THE QUESTION.

MR. MILLER: We'll vote on MOVING the QUESTION. The MOTION is CARRIED. Mr. Fox alluded to this before, but I just want to reiterate in dealing with changing the Rules, we are following the very last section of our Rules of Order, and I quote "these Rules shall not be amended except by the vote of at least 2/3 of the members present at a meeting in which the notice of said meeting includes the text of the amendment." So with 38 members present, we would need 25 votes to put this through.

MRS. McINERNEY: Yes, Mr. President, I would like to have a ROLL CALL vote on this.

MR. MILLER: We have a request for a ROLL CALL VOTE. Would those members desiring a Roll Call Vote raise their hands? The CHAIR sees 1/5 of the members present desiring a Roll Call Vote. The Vote will be taken in that manner. A YES vote is a vote for this amendment, a NO vote is opposed to the amendment. Necessary for passage, 25 votes. The Clerk will Call the Roll.

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR (YES):

BAXTER, George (D)
BLUM, David I. (D)
CARLUCCI, Leo J. (D)
CLARK, Linda D. (D)
COSENTINI, Audrey M. (R)
D'AGOSTINO, Thomas J. (D)
DeROSE, Joseph R. (D)
DIXON, Handy (D)
FLANAGAN, William H. (R)
FOX, John Wayne (D)
GLUCKSMAN, L. Morris (D)
GOLDSTEIN, Sandra (D)
HAWE, Marie J. (R)
HAYS, George V. (R)

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR (YES):

LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)
LOOMIS, Ralph C. (R)
LOWDEN, Lynn M. (D)
McINERNEY, Barbara A. (R)
MILLER, Frederick E., Jr. (D)
MORGAN, Michael G. (D)
NIZOLEK, Christine M. (D)
RITCHIE, Mildred S. (R)
ROSE, Matthew (D)
SANDOR, John A. (D)
SANTY, Jeanne-Lois (R)
SHERER, Donald B. (R)
SIGNORE, S. A. (R)
ZIMBLER, Kurt A. (R)

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

Roll Call Vote on Item #4 on change in Rules of Order of the Board (continued):

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION (NO):

BLOIS, Julius J. (D)
 CONNORS, George V. (D)
 COSTELLO, Robert H. (D)
 LOBOZZA, James D. (R)
 OSUCH, Adam E. (R)
 PERILLO, Alfred E. (D)
 PERILLO, Mildred J. (D)
 RAVALLESE, George (D)
 RYBNICK, Gerald J. (D)
 WALSH, Peter J. (D)

MR. MILLER: The MOTION is CARRIED by a vote of 28 YES; 10 NO. (Applause)

MR. FOX: Thank you, Mr. President. There is one other item which is not on the Agenda which I would like to discuss for a moment. This is a proposed ordinance to establish a uniform mill rate for taxation of motor vehicles. Let me say that the reason that it is not on the Agenda is that it was only on April 22nd, which was after our Steering Committee meeting, that the Senate and the House of the Connecticut State Legislature passed the enabling statute, a copy of which you should all have, which allows a municipality to set its own uniform city-wide mill rate for taxation of motor vehicles.

Now the reason I would like to discuss it this evening is because of the fact that the Board of Finance will be setting the mill rate on May 20th. If, in fact, we, as a Board, want to have a uniform mill rate for motor vehicles on the list of September 1, 1975 which taxes are payable in July of 1976 and January of 1977, then we must take action on this ordinance this evening. We discussed the Ordinance with the Chairman of the Board of Finance, Mr. Paul Callahan; you should have before you a copy of the proposed ordinance. There is one slight twist to it, and that is this, paragraph 1 of the Ordinance is, I think, self-explanatory. It simply says that there shall be a uniform mill rate for motor vehicles and that this mill rate will be established by the Board of Finance. Paragraph 2 will read "that this ordinance shall take effect upon the Governor signing the enabling statute."

The difficulty is this, the enabling statute has been passed by the Senate and the House, but my latest information was as of Friday of last week, and I was to be informed if there was any change today. The latest information is that the Governor has not as yet signed that State statute. If, in fact, it is signed before the 20th, then this ordinance would go into effect for the taxes payable in July. As I say the ordinance was discussed by the L&R Committee on the 29th

MR. MILLER: I think perhaps at this point, before we go any further, Mr. Fox, we ought to have a MOTION to SUSPEND THE RULES so that we may consider this item.

MR. FOX: That is exactly what I was going to do, Mr. Miller. In light of the vote of the Committee, I would MOVE for a SUSPENSION OF THE RULES so that we might bring this out of committee and discuss this at this meeting.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MILLER: The question then would be on SUSPENSION OF THE RULES. We have a MOTION to SUSPEND THE RULES to consider the item presented by Mr. Fox. Is there a SECOND to that MOTION? MOVED and SECONDED. (End of Tape Side #3)

(Start of Tape Side #4)

MR. MILLER (continuing) the rules, Mr. Loboza.

MR. LOBOZZA: Mr. President, I would like a Roll Call Vote on that please.

MR. MILLER: Would those members desiring a Roll Call Vote raise their hands please. The CHAIR sees a sufficient number. The vote will be taken by Roll Call. That is, the vote on the SUSPENSION OF THE RULES will be by Roll Call. If there is no further debate, we will proceed to a vote. Mr. Fox outlined the reasons for moving on this matter this evening, if we are to do anything which is meaningful this year, we have to act almost immediately. We will now proceed to a vote. The Rules of Order for the Board require that the Board can take up a matter not on the Agenda only by consent of two thirds of the members present. So we have 38 members present. Necessary to Suspend the Rules would be 25 votes.

MR. LOBOZZA: Could you check that, Mr. Miller, I think it would be 26.

MR. MILLER: No, it would be 25. 38 present, 25 votes.

MR. BAXTER: I think it's 25 and a fraction, Mr. Miller, if you'll check it.

MR. MILLER: I will stick with 25, which we have always used in the past. Maybe we'll work out the mathematics but in fact I have a card up here. I have this all worked out. (laughter). The question then is on Suspension of the Rules; the Clerk will Call the Roll.

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR (YES):

BAXTER, George C. (D)
BLUM, DAVID I. (D)
BLOIS, Julius J. (D)
CARLUCCI, Leo J. (D)
CLARK, Linda D. (D)
CONNORS, George V. (D)
COSTELLO, Robert H. (D)
D'AGOSTINO, Thomas J. (D)
DeROSE, Joseph R. (D)
DIXON, Handy (D)
FLANAGAN, William H. (R)
FOX, John Wayne (D)
GLUCKSMAN, L. Morris (D)
HAWE, Marie J. (R)
LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)
LOOMIS, Ralph C. (R)
LOWDEN, Lynn M. (D)
MILLER, Frederick E., Jr. (D)
MORGAN, Michael G. (D)
NIZOLEK, Christine M. (D)
OSUCH, Adam E. (R)
PERILLO, Alfred E. (D)
PERILLO, Mildred S. (D)
RAVALLESE, George (D)
RITCHIE, Mildred S. (R)
ROSE, Matthew (D)
RYBNICK, Gerald J. (D)
SANDOR, John A. (D)
SHERER, Donald B. (R)
WALSH, Peter J. (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION (NO):

COSENTINI, Audrey M. (R)
GOLDSTEIN, Sandra (D)
HAYS, George V. (R)
LOBOZZA, James D. (R)
McINERNEY, Barbara A. (R)
SANTY, Jeanne-Lois (R)
SIGNORE, S. A. (R)
ZIMBLER, Kurt A. (R)

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MILLER: The MOTION is CARRIED. There are 30 YES VOTES; 8 NO VOTES. This is on the Motion to Suspend the Rules in order to consider the proposed ordinance on the establishment of a uniform mill rate for taxation of motor vehicles.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTALESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFORM MILL RATE FOR TAXATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

1. All motor vehicles within the City of Stamford on the Grant List of September 1, 1975 and on the Grand List of September 1st in subsequent years shall be taxed at a uniform mill rate, which mill rate is to be established by the Board of Finance of the City of Stamford.
 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon the signing of the enabling statute by the Governor of the State of Connecticut.
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MR. FOX: I believe, Mr. President, well, let me first of all say that the Committee voted 7-0 in favor of this ordinance. I believe it would now be appropriate to MOVE for a WAIVER OF PUBLICATION and I would so MOVE.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The question then is on WAIVER OF PUBLICATION so that the Board might move forward on this item. The MOTION is CARRIED. We'll take a DIVISION, using the machine, and I might point out that when we talk about waiving publication, we have to deal with Section 204.1 of the Charter which mandates that in order to waive publication, that you must have a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the Board of Representatives, 27 votes. We'll take a DIVISION, using the machine. A YES vote is for waiver; a NO vote would be opposed to waiver. Necessary for passage, 27 votes. The MOTION is CARRIED. 27 YES votes; 10 NO votes; 1 Abstention.

MR. FOX: Publication having been waived, Mr. President, I would MOVE for FINAL ADOPTION of this ordinance.

MR. MILLER: Is there a SECOND to that MOTION; the question is on FINAL ADOPTION of the ordinance. MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. GLUCKSMAN: I believe this ordinance to be long over-due in Stamford. The State legislature, in its infinite wisdom, has finally seen fit to pass this enabling legislation and now I believe it is our turn to respond. I must admit that my district is in the A District, but therefore all the residents have been paying high taxes on their cars. The fact is that all cars do use all the City roads and I would venture to say that everybody drives through the other districts on occasion more than once a week and probably every day. I believe this alone would be reason enough to pass this bill.

That and the fact that the City services have no real effect as regards to cars should make this uniform mill rate statute a reality in Stamford. I would say at the L&R Committee meeting, Mr. Callahan of the Board of Finance was present and he said that this would incur no additional cost to the City. The effect on the A District would be lowered a little bit and the C District would be raised a little bit, but he didn't feel that there would be any kind of a big change involved for anybody in the City, but it would equalize the taxes. Therefore, I urge the Board to pass this needed and long over-due legislation.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MORGAN: This ordinance will correct the inequities that presently exist in the taxation of personal properties. Specifically, automobiles in Stamford. Everyone who lives here should pay the same rate of tax for the same car no matter where they live. The taxing districts in our City provide for different degrees of City services to the residents, such as garbage collection and paid fire protection. These City services have nothing to do with what kind of car you own, and I think that the adoption of a uniform city-wide mill rate for automobiles is desirable and I would urge its adoption.

MR. LOBOZZA: My district is basically C and CS district. We have areas in my district where there are no sewers, where we have to pay for our own garbage collection; we have volunteer fire departments, not paid City departments. There are some areas where we don't even have City water; people have wells. I think people should be compensated for this and justly so with their personal property tax.

MR. HAYS: The district I represent pays as additional taxes higher insurance premiums because of lack of fire hydrants and City water. The annual or biennial cleaning of septic systems, the donations to volunteer emergency services, such as the Stamford Ambulance Corps and the volunteer fire departments, private garbage collection, and I could go on and on, Mr. President. Occasionally, we do see a police car out there.

I don't believe that it's equitable to sit here without notice to this Board before tonight of the issue coming up. Quoting Mr. Callahan as saying he couldn't give exact figures but he thought it would not go up too much or go down too much. I've heard no definite facts. I think this is a rush act. I well understand the vultures of the A district wanting to save a few taxes for their area and I trust they will understand the greedy taxpayers of my district wanting to avoid paying any extra dollars, but I believe there is a tremendous inequity involved in this, both in the approach and the proposed result.

MRS. McINERNEY: I'm forced to speak against the equalization of the motor vehicle taxes, and I have been for quite a while now. The Board should be reminded that the money collected from the auto tax does not go into a fund to maintain City roads or mass transportation of any type, and therefore using the excuse that we all use the same roads, to me, is not valid reasoning, unless, in fact, we do create a road use tax. The money collected from the auto tax goes into the General Funds to pay for general services. For instance, those living in the A district get street maintenance, street cleaning, city water, garbage collection, fire hydrants, sewers, paid full-time City emergency ambulance, and paid full-time City Fire departments and concentrated Police protection.

Whereas the C District, which I represent, receives the following general services for their tax dollars: street maintenance, limited police protection, we have no sewers or garbage collection, no city water, we have a volunteer fire department and a volunteer ambulance service. We don't even have an adequate number of fire hydrants in our district, and I am therefore forced to pay a much higher premium on our house insurance; and if you all read the front page of the ADVOCATE last night, you would see that a few extra fire hydrants in our district would have helped.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. McINERNEY (Continuing): The revenues derived from these taxes now go into the General Fund and they do in fact pay for general services. The services, by intent and budgetary reality, are not equal throughout all City districts. The unequal services is the rationale for the different tax rate districts. The State Personal Property Tax is equal through the State because the State operates, in theory anyway, on an equal-service-for-all concept. We might question the equality of State services but the concept is one of equal services.

Locally, we operate on the varying degree of service principle, the monies collected through auto tax are spent to pay for the same services as the monies collected through the real estate tax. What then is the difference in the allocation or use of dollars collected via the auto tax or the real estate tax? I contend that if the Board passes this equalization tax, there will be no longer any rationale for maintaining a non-uniform tax structure for the real property tax in the future. I beg all of you to consider what kind of a monster we could be creating with this ordinance, and I would like to also remind you that under the Lenz administration, all the taxing districts in the City except the C District, received a tax cut. My district didn't budge one mill, and our services didn't increase either. Now we will be faced with an auto mill increase and possibly a mill increase because of budget and I beg you to please think about this before we act.

MR. ZIMBLER: Sitting here, listening to the previous speakers, I heard my arguments being brought out one-by-one by other people, so of necessity, I will be brief at this point. I just think it's a crying shame that once again the C district becomes the whipping boy and once again we're going to be left up the creek, lacking the proverbial paddle!

As Mrs. McInerney pointed out, the Lenz administration saw fit to reduce taxes in every district but the C district. It's been pointed out by previous speakers that, after all, the car is a car is a car, and it travels all over the City. This may be, but the fact remains the guy or gal who owns the car, if he lives in the C district, is still getting a lot less for his or her tax dollar than his counterpart in the A or B district, so therefore, I urge everyone very strongly, don't give in to this socialistic bill, but kill it.

MRS. HAWE: In answer to Mr. Lobozza and Mrs. McInerney, who have said that the C district receives services for which they do not have compensation for, their compensation is that they have a lower mill rate on their real estate tax and the statement of Mrs. McInerney that she is afraid that this will be a rationale for the elimination of various real estate tax districts in the future, seems very illogical to me because I really don't see the connection between the fact that a person owns a car and the fact that they have city sanitation men picking up their garbage and they have sewers for their houses. Granted, I am one of what Mr. Hays has said, a vulture from the A district, but I do hope that the other representatives can see the fairness of this proposal and vote to end this inequity in our taxing system.

MR. LIVINGSTON: I, too, agree that the present structure of our taxing of automobiles, it is an inequity, the A districts have been discriminated against far too long and it's time that this inequity is wiped out.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. BLOIS: Coming from C district primarily, I believe that the people in the C district really get hosed every time you come out with some ordinance of some type. The previous speakers said what I was going to say, but I would just like to echo that if you put this bill through here tonight, you're going to tax the C district car owners another \$25 to \$35 per car, depending on the value. If you have a 4 or 5 thousand dollar car, you're just going to burden them with another \$30.00 and you're going to take it off the top in the A district. Now they got 1½ mill decrease last time around. I don't know why the C district should be supporting the whole town when you come out with a new ordinance; and I highly recommend that the Board of Finance, if they're going to set any kind of an equalization rate, to set it at a C district, at least give us a break.

MR. BAXTER: It's hard to remember all the points I want to talk on, from listening to the other speakers. I'd like to start with one thing that Mr. Blois said and that was a \$30 increase. The Finance Board had figures from two years ago which indicated that the average car owned by the average owner in this City would go up or down \$5.00 based upon this mill rate.

Now, if a person lives and can afford to have a Mercedes or some other very expensive car, then perhaps it may be \$30 and you know that's fine. It really ~~was~~ curious to me to hear people who talk about North Stamford, how hard up they are, and how hard it is for them to suffer this additional burden. You know, many people who live elsewhere in the City, in more crowded and condensed areas, might well, if they could afford it, move up to that place where they suffer from lack of services and lack of other things and would be willing to forfeit the additional \$5.00 for the car for the privilege of so doing. You know, for the first time in my five months on this Board, I've gotten angry at what I've been listening to. It's incredible, all the people that have voted against this so far who have previously been on the side of rights and let's be fair, let's not smoke, we have rights, we have this and that, and then when it's their turn for their ox to get gored, right away they figure out where they live and the heck with the rest of the City. Nothing could be clearer that it is an inequity.

It is an inequity for the same person who drives the 1971 Ford but because he has to live in the A district or the CS district where I live, or somewhere else, he has to pay a larger burden of the taxes than someone else who has the ability to live up in North Stamford. As you can tell, I'm angry because I probably sound it. I have no further comments.

MR. COSTELLO: To follow Mr. Baxter would be quite a show. I think he was quite excellent, and I'm privileged to be able to follow him and say that. I just want to say that we all use the City roads and I think that this bill is long overdue and I agree with Mr. Baxter 100%.

MR. PERILLO: I have the same thoughts in mind as Mr. Baxter, only he put it in more high class words. Now it seems that when the countryites got to pay, now they find all kinds of excuses. We've paid for years in the A district, welcome to the clubhouse!

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. SHERER: I, too, fully appreciate the concern that my rural associates show for the equality and cost to homeowners. However, it will readily be seen the extra amounts incurred by separately paid fees, for example, volunteer services, insurances, etc., are similarly evidenced by the increased mill rates on their real property taxes and real property assessments of those A areas. Therefore, I fully support the comments of Mr. Baxter and most particularly Mrs. Hawe, and I would also like to point out that at the L&R meeting where we had the benefit of discussions with Mr. Callahan, he pointed out that although he has no concrete figures, that it was his opinion, and I felt a very enlightened one at that, his opinion was that it would be increases to his district, such as the C district, probably would be no more than \$10 a car. So I don't think we're talking about \$35.

MR. ROSE: Assuming that everyone in the A district owned a home on an acre of land, or half acre, assuming that they're able to commute to New York, do the things that they would like to do, but I'm speaking of an area that people live in two rooms, three-room apartments and they have to have an automobile, it's essential to get to their job and they need some relief. I think we're talking about an area that people are crowded in and they need a relief from the taxes. Now, I think this is a well-planned ordinance. I think it's over-due and I think it's time for us to pass it.

MRS. COSENTINI: Yes, I would like to echo some of Mr. Hays' original comments on procedures and lack of hard information. I'm from a C district and on the face of it, I'm immediately against it. I would not have minded having an opportunity to have had a chance to investigate the data and to have been convinced that there was some inequity being perpetrated on the community because of the current situation.

However, in view of the procedures here tonight and in view of the kind of guesswork information on the figures, I have seen nothing here to change my mind that the differential in terms of the C district being taxed lower probably hardly makes up for many of the other expenses that we incur, and we're not all north of the parkway, nor wealthy by any means. My interest here would have been simply to follow procedures; you know I put a lot of stock in that. I understand there is some pressure of time, but I wish that the L&R Committee and the Board had had a chance to do this, so that we could have indeed examined the data with greater care. As it now stands, I have seen nothing to convince me that we ought alter the districting and in fact I think it would be an inequity as indicated by the word 'gore' that was used in the C district.

MR. CONNORS: You know, I hear about the town, how the town is being taken advantage of in the town area, but do they realize how much it costs to shovel snow in the town area in comparison to the city? You'd feel this way here. I pay the same insurance rate living in the city; it took me two minutes to go to work. People coming in from the country can travel for half an hour and they pay the same insurance rate as I do. Now here there's a lot of inequities, there's no getting away from it, but still by the same token, figure out how much it costs the City of Stamford to maintain the town roads, how much it costs them for snow removal; all right, they have no sewers, but we are paying much more in taxes, and I feel that nobody's getting clobbered too badly; they might tell you how bad it is, but I still say I'm paying just as high an insurance rate for my automobile; it's an old junk, a 1969, as somebody up there with a car, 1975, and I feel that I think there's not too many inequities in it; and

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. CONNORS (continuing): I don't think the increase in taxes would be that much. It wouldn't amount to that much, and I still think they're crying, as one of the other members said, it's something that should have been taken care of a long time ago.

MR. RAVALLESE: After hearing the plight and the problems of the North Country, they're about to make a man cry. No. 1 - I would like to swap my home for any one of these poor people up in the North Country, even swap. No. 2 - they're always crying. I will be happy to vote for sewers and everything up in the North Country, and we will also give them some projects up there which would help them with their taxes and then they can say, Oh boy, now we've got everything, and we're happy. So, I agree with Mr. Baxter, but these people, God Bless America, how they can cry without being hurt.

MRS. SANTY: Mr. Ravallese, I would gladly exchange homes, except that I don't allow smoking in my home. I MOVE the QUESTION. (End of Tape Side #4)

(Start of Tape Side #5)

MR. RYBNICK:and this was an issue way back when I first got on the Board from time to time, and it took us 21 years to get this.

MR. SIGNORE: I MOVE the QUESTION.

MR. MILLER: We'll vote on MOVING the QUESTION. The MOTION is CARRIED. We'll proceed to a vote on the main motion.

MR. MORGAN: May we have a ROLL CALL VOTE, Mr. President?

MR. MILLER: Would those members wishing a Roll Call Vote raise their hands? The CHAIR sees a sufficient number. The vote will be taken by Roll Call. The question is on FINAL ADOPTION of this Ordinance and the Charter mandates that in order to finally adopt an ordinance, you must have 21 affirmative votes.

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR (YES):

BAXTER, George G. (D)
BLUM, David I. (D)
CARLUCCI, Leo J. (D)
CLARK, LINDA D. (D)
CONNORS, George V. (D)
COSTELLO, Robert H. (D)
DeROSE, Joseph R. (D)
DIXON, Handy (D)
FLANAGAN, William H. (R)
FOX, John Wayne (D)
GLUCKSMAN, L. Morris (D)
HAWE, Marie J. (R)
LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)
LOWDEN, Lynn M. (D)
MILLER, Frederick E., Jr. (D)
MORGAN, Michael G. (D)
NIZOLEK, Christine M. (D)
PERILLO, Alfred E. (D)
PERILLO, Mildred S. (D)
RAVALLESE, George (D)
RITCHIE, Mildred S. (R)
ROSE, Matthew (D)
RYBNICK, Gerald J. (D)
SANDOR, John A. (D)
SHERER, Donald B. (R)
WALSH, Peter J. (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION (NO):

BLOIS, Julius J. (D)
COSENTINI, Audrey M. (R)
D'AGOSTINO, Thomas J. (D)
GOLDSTEIN, Sandra (D)
HAYS, George V. (R)
LOBOZZA, James D. (R)
LOOMIS, Ralph C. (R)
McINERNEY, Barbara A. (R)
OSUCH, Adam E. (R)
SANTY, Jeanne-Lois (R)
SIGNORE, S. A. (R)
ZIMBLER, Kurt A. (R)

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MILLER: The MOTION is CARRIED by a vote of 26 YES; 12 NO, on the proposed ordinance establishing a uniform mill rate for taxation of motor vehicles.

ORDINANCE NO. 333 SUPPLEMENTALESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFORM MILL RATE FOR TAXATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

1. All motor vehicles within the City of Stamford on the Grand List of September 1, 1975 and on the Grand List of September 1st in subsequent years shall be taxed at a uniform mill rate, which mill rate is to be established by the Board of Finance of the City of Stamford.
2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon the signing of the enabling statute by the Governor of the State of Connecticut.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 20, 1976.

MR. FOX: That concludes my report, Mr. President.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Sandra Goldstein

- (1) PROPOSED PROVISION 754.1 to CHAPTER 73A ("Classified Employees Retirement Fund") of STAMFORD CHARTER:

'The retirement provisions of labor contracts in effect from time to time shall supercede but shall not abrogate any section of this chapter and shall be applicable to all employees within the classified service whether or not such employees are embraced with labor contracts.'

Letter of Mayor Clapes 4/13/76 advising Board of Trustees of Fund request this amendment. (Two-thirds' vote of Board members needed for passage.)

MR. MILLER: Personnel Committee, Mr. Goldstein; and I ask the indulgence of the Board members; please remain on the floor; we have an agenda that I think we can get through very swiftly if we all cooperate, so we do need your attention and cooperation. These are very important matters.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, I would like to answer that, Mr. President. This item that is being brought up now is quite important in that it involves an amendment to the Charter, and this is one of those very few instances that the Board is permitted, pursuant to the Charter, to amend the Charter. At any rate, Item #1 on the agenda is a proposed provision 754.1 to Chapter 73A. I would like to say that the spelling of supercede in the proposed provision is incorrect. It should be spelled "supersede".

Now, the Personnel Committee met jointly with the L&R Committee on April 27th to discuss this provision. Present were: Mrs. Goldstein, Mr. Blum, Mr. Connors, Dr. Lowden, Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. Santy, and Mr. Wiesley. Corporation

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN (continuing): Counsel Bob Wise, Maryann Kilgrow, and John Canavan were also there to discuss the action taken by the Board of Trustees of the Classified Employees Retirement Fund. This action called for the Board of Representatives to amend the provisions of Chapter 73A of the Charter by adding this new section entitled 754.1. The Board of Representatives can amend this Chapter pursuant to the powers that is vested in it in Section 754 of the Charter. The Committee voted 6-0 to so amend the Charter, and I so MOVE.

MR. FOX: The Legislative & Rules Committee concurs.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The CHAIR would point out that we are dealing here with Section 754 of the Charter which states in part, "the Board of Representatives shall have power by two-thirds vote of its members to change any of the provisions, conditions and terms of this Act" etc. So needed for approval would be 27 votes. The question is on the floor. It has been MOVED and SECONDED. If there's no further discussion, we will proceed to a vote. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER TO CHAPTER 73A
"Classified Employees Retirement Fund"

Addition of new paragraph:

"Section 754.1 - The retirement provisions of labor contracts in effect from time to time shall supersede but shall not abrogate any section of this Chapter and shall be applicable to all employees within the Classified Service whether or not such employees are embraced with labor contracts."

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: That concludes my report, Mr. Chairman.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE - George Baxter

- (1) PROPOSED "SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD" RESOLUTION FROM MAYOR CLAPES DATED APRIL 14, 1976 REGARDING THE ELIMINATION OF ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND THE ELDERLY pursuant to Federal Public Laws 90-480 and 91-205, and Connecticut State Public Acts 73-553 and 75-503.

MR. BAXTER: We have one item on the Agenda for tonight's meeting which is the discussion of a proposed Sense-of-the Board Resolution concerning the elimination of architectural barriers for the handicapped and the elderly. Now, currently, there is on the books a Federal statute dated in 1968 which requires that building certain buildings financed by Federal funds be constructed in such a way as to eliminate the barriers to handicapped and elderly. We also have a statute, a Connecticut State statute, which has been on the books since 1973 and then amended after, which puts in the State Building Code the same principles. Mayor Clapes' letter, you all have copies of it dated April 14, 1976 which in essence resolves that we support that principle.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. BAXTER (continuing): Now in a meeting held last Wednesday with three of the five members of the Planning and Zoning Committee unanimously agreeing, we would recommend that this Board pass such a Sense-of-the-Board Resolution.

I'd like to make two changes on the resolution that we are reporting out. The first is on the first paragraph of this resolution, we would delete the words found in the line next to the end. The words 'and enforce', so that the last three lines would read after the numbers 'that the City of Stamford fully endorse the elimination of architectural barriers, etc.' rather than as it currently reads 'fully endorse and enforce the elimination of architectural barriers'.

The second change that we would make is that the entire second paragraph of the resolution be eliminated. Which paragraph now reads 'be it further resolved that the City of Stamford include within its Code of Ordinances the standards as outlined by Federal and State legislation'. Our reasons for this removal is that since they talk about Codes of Ordinances, etc., we believe they are inappropriate to a Sense-of-the-Board Resolution and there's some question as to whether they're necessary since they're already contained in State and Federal standards, but mainly if we do think they're necessary, they should go through the normal process of committees where ordinances normally go, for instance, the Legislative and Rules Committee. So that I hereby, based on the vote of our Committee, hereby MOVE this resolution as amended for your approval.

MR. MILLER: This was committed to two other committees, but Mr. Baxter has MOVED this matter and it has been SECONDED. Education, Welfare and Government, Mrs. Ritchie?

MRS. RITCHIE: We concur, Sir.

MR. MILLER: Housing and Relocation, Mr. Livingston?

MR. LIVINGSTON: We concur.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. We will proceed to a vote on this resolution with the changes outlined by Mr. Baxter. The Motion is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTIONREGARDING THE ELIMINATION OF ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND THE ELDERLY

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, pursuant to and within the limitations of Federal Public Laws 90-480 and 91-205 and Connecticut State Public Acts 73-553 and 75-503, that the City of Stamford fully endorse the elimination of architectural barriers to the handicapped and the elderly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Stamford be committed to a program of integrating the handicapped and the elderly into all participation in all services and privileges of the City by diligent adherence to the above-mentioned Federal and State laws.

MR. BAXTER: That concludes my report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Alfred Perillo

MR. PERILLO: The Public Works Committee has no report this month, but if I may for a minute, in the interest of the 2nd District, Mr. Dixon and Miss Nizolek, I see in Saturday's paper that the court ordered the owners of that hole up there on Ferris Avenue to fill it. Now I just saw that Saturday, so I didn't get a chance to talk to the Commissioner and find out what else there is about it.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Matthew Rose

(2) REPORT OF COMPLAINTS OF UNLEASHED DOGS AND PACKS OF "WILD" DOGS -
Complaints from several districts. (Held in Committee 4/5/76)

MR. ROSE: Health and Protection meeting was held on April 21st. Present were Representatives Clark, Santy, and Rose. The Police Commissioners were there: Santoro, Walsh, and Lowenthal; and also Chief Kinsella. The Dog Warden, Mr. Spezzano was there and we discussed roaming dogs.

We have a problem with roaming dogs through the City, but this meeting was in response to a letter submitted to us by Representative Hoffman on behalf of Phyllis Prince, and we discussed in length how the dog problem in the City is. We came to a conclusion that they needed more manpower and they needed more space to keep dogs when they pick them up. They said that they have been getting quite a few calls and picking up stray dogs, but the problem is that they don't have any place to put them and they need more manpower and more places to put the dogs. I think the problem really may be is that the dog warden doesn't have the space; and the people that complain, they don't have any time to just respond to complaints, so they don't go around looking for dogs.

I think there has to be something done that they will go around and check dogs without licenses and pick them up. They have been fining the people and have them go down to headquarters to pay for their dogs, but they say they can't increase the fine because then nobody will come and pick up the dogs! What else could be done about this? I think actually we could have more; they have three people working there and actually we could have more of an intense effort to get these dogs, the ones at night when they have calls, the policemen also help them with this problem with the dogs, so that's the extent of my report, Mr. President.

MR. BLUM: In regard to Mr. Rose's report, can I very well go to my constituents on Coolidge Avenue and tell them, well, if we get around to it, we'll pick up the dogs? I think something constructive should come out of your report. I can't very well go there and say, well, if we get the dogs, fine; if we don't, let them roam, let them bite, let them destroy property, what else can we do? I think that's why we put this into the Health and Protection Committee, to come up with some resolve. Thank you.

MR. MORGAN: Through you to Mr. Rose. I forwarded to the Health & Protection Committee, a petition from a number of families who live on Coolidge Ave., who are being troubled by roaming dogs in that neighborhood, and I was never notified about a meeting of your Committee, nor were any of the people who had signed the petition ever notified about a hearing on this matter, and they consider it a serious problem in this part of the 12th District, and I think it's something that should be looked into and I'm disappointed that it hasn't been looked into to date, but I wonder if it might be something that the Health and Protection Committee could consider in the coming month.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. ROSE: I didn't get in touch with them. I guess it's my fault. I'll take responsibility for that, but in the discussion, they want to make more effort, and what they said they have to have is more men working, and they would have to have more space to keep the dogs when they put them there. They have, since July, received 1,359 complaints and they have rounded up 850 dogs and they had to destroy 150 dogs. The Chief says this is a problem throughout the City and they said they are doing the best they can and I know that it's a problem in my area also; I have complaints about them, but you have to continue to call the Dog Warden and I can't solve it myself.

We have letters that have gone through the Mayor; we have letters that have gone to the Police Chief before, and also the Dog Warden, and also Captain Tobin. They know that this is a problem and all I can do is try to meet with them again and see if they, and ask them what they can come up with, or what else they can do to relieve the problem. But the problem is they say they don't have enough space to keep the dogs, and that's what -- they're doing the best that they can, they told me.

MR. MORJAN: Through you, Mr. President, to Mr. Rose. I wonder if it's not going to be something that can be taken up once again by the Health and Protection Committee. Could the Chairman of that Committee possibly arrange a meeting between the people who live on Coolidge Avenue and perhaps the Dog Warden? Or some other official of the City, or perhaps even an open meeting since there are other districts that seem to have this problem? I think that more than 40 people who signed the petition that I gave to your Committee are concerned about this and I would, without a doubt, think that there are a great number of other people in the City who have similar problems; and if nothing else, it would be a great education to the Dog Warden to learn exactly what the people in Stamford think about this problem.

MR. ROSE: I think it could be kept in my Committee. I know that on a lot of occasions when you have a lot of people complaining about things and a lot of concern about things it seems to be more effort made to correct it, and I think we have to think about also is carrying out the laws on the books and the Connecticut State Law have laws for roaming dogs and it's fines up to \$25.00 for the first offense and \$100.00 for the second offense, and after that there is a maximum of 30 days in jail. I think a lot of these laws could be carried out to the letter and this would help, also get some relief from the problem.

MR. MILLER: I think we've spent quite a bit of time on this, but there are other people who wish to comment.

MR. LOBOZZA: This is a problem that I have in my district as well, and I've been by the Dog Warden's headquarters down there and I've yet to see the place filled, or near full, or half full to capacity. I've had many complaints in my district and I've yet to see the Dog Warden in my district. I'd like to tell you a little story that was given to me by someone that knows like 45, 50 years ago when we had a dog warden that rode on a bicycle, how they captured the dogs then, and they were paid by the dog at the time. They used to take a female dog in heat and tie her to the back of the bicycle and ride it around Stamford and lead it into the pound and he made out pretty well. (laughter)

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. D'AGOSTINO: Yes, Mr. President, I think we should have an open meeting, a public hearing on this. I also feel that we should raise the fine for a first offense. I think this would have a tendency to keep the dogs on a leash.

MRS. RITCHIE: Mr. Chairman, the 10th also has dog problems with dogs killing other animals and frightening children and I feel that maybe the owners of the dogs should be issued warnings, and after maybe two or three warnings, they should be fined. If the animal is still offensive to the neighbors, then he should be confined to his property or taken away from the owners. A public hearing would be great. I'm sure that my constituents would go for it, and I feel that Health and Protection should pursue this further.

MR. HAYS: I don't know about the "A" Tax District representatives, but I'm confident that Mr. Rose will have the Dog Warden up in the "C" District occasionally now.

MR. ZIMBLER: I'd like to agree with Mr. Morgan, Mr. D'Agostino, Mrs. Ritchie and everyone else who is calling for the open meeting. I think this is definitely a problem which transcends district lines. I think we are all getting our share of complaints on roaming dogs. There is no reason why it should be. There is a leash law on the books. In fact, I think it was the 12th Board that put a stronger leash law onto the books without any knowledge of how this was going to be enforced. I think by a show of numbers, of how many people are really involved in this, perhaps the Dog Warden's Department or the Chief of Police to whom the Dog Warden reports, can possibly be jolted into some sort of action on this.

MRS. CLARK: Just briefly in response. I think it was Mrs. Ritchie speaking about warnings and all. Well, Mrs. Ritchie, they do issue warnings. I had to sit through a trial on my job about a dog roaming case and I listened to 45 minutes of this dog barking on a tape, and this is no joke, this went on and on and this was a 5½ hour trial and at the end of the trial, the owner was fined and told that the next time they were brought in and arrested on a dog roaming charge, the dog would be destroyed. So they are following up to a certain extent.

MR. BLUM: I think this public hearing would be very constructive to the fact that the public might have some good ideas in what to do with these dogs, but I do want to say it wasn't only Mr. Morgan. It was Mr. Hoffman, if I remember, originally, who came with the complaint as well. So the problem is throughout the entire City, whether it's the "C" District or the "A" District. We all share this equally. I think that something should be done to get this problem over with. (End of Tape Side #5)

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MR. FLANAGAN: ...dog owner had been fined for violation of our Ordinance that was passed several years ago, which does call for progressively steeper fines, I would just like to recount a story that was told to me by one of my constituents regarding his dog, a small cocker spaniel that was attacked by three large dogs of the German Shepherd size, to the extent that he had a punctured lung and the poor dog was hospitalized for \$400 worth of veterinary bills and nearly died and this is something that happens all over the City, and these aren't people's stray dogs necessarily that are just roaming onto the people's property and messing up their gardens or barking at night and annoying them. There are actually packs of dogs that are vicious, without owners, that are wandering in this City and before some child gets injured, we'd better take this problem in hand and correct it.

MR. CONNORS: Fortunately, I have three beautiful dogs across the street from me, but unfortunately, one is a female. I end up with a lot of visitors. Sometimes it's five or six. The dog warden only lives a block away from me. He tries to do a good job, but if he can keep up with all those dogs that congregate, I'm telling you, he'd have to be about five different men to keep up with the dogs alone. There's many a morning they wake me up. I look out. I've got 8 or 9 dogs there where I only had 3 to start off with, but the rest are visitors. There's three across the street. They keep them in at night. They are nice dogs, they're beautiful dogs, but boy, when they get loose in the day time, then you know how it is, men will chase girls, so they chase them.

MR. MORGAN: Thank you. It's well-timed that this matter has come to the attention of the Board tonight because as you know the Fiscal Committee is in the midst of its budget deliberations and coincidentally, I believe the Dog Warden is supposed to come in tomorrow night to talk to us about his department and I think we might be able to talk to him about the service he's providing or perhaps not providing for the City of Stamford. Anyone have more to say about that?

MR. SHERER: I happen to know how hard Mr. Spezzano works and I know that just last year alone he issued over 2,500 arrest summonses for roaming dogs and dog-related incidences, so I think it wouldn't be fair to him to feel that he's not doing his job. I think he's doing an excellent job and I just don't think there's enough time, and to tell you the truth, there's not enough money in it for all the work he does. He's extremely underpaid.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Rose, the CHAIR would observe that we still have people concerned over dogs and maybe

MR. ROSE: I just wanted to get some direction from the CHAIR on the meeting. Shall we have an open meeting or a public hearing? How should I word that?

MR. MILLER: I don't think a public hearing as such would be appropriate, but I would suggest that we have a meeting of our Committee with notice to all of the Representatives and if any of the Representatives wish to come or wish to bring with them constituents who have problems they wish to discuss, that would be appropriate.

MR. ROSE: Thank you, Mr. President, that's what I had in mind. Another observation I would like to make, too, I think it's automatically there's a lot of dogs that are unlicensed, so I think automatically you could get these dogs if you had enough manpower and enough space to take care of them.

MR. MILLER: Anything else under Health and Protection?

- (1) REPORT ON CONDITIONS ON IROQUOIS ROAD CAUSED BY PATRONS OF "THE HUDDLE" TAVERN - Requested by City Rep. Marie J. Howe in 12/9/75 letter, regarding complaints by her constituents. (Held in Committee 4/5/76)

MR. ROSE: Yes, I have. On that other, Mr. President, I'll be brief. We had a meeting, as you know, with the Steering Committee and the Corporation Counsel on April 8th. The following morning preceding that meeting, I was notified at that meeting that they were having a meeting with the Representatives from the First District, Mrs. Howe and Dr. Lowden were there, Chief Kinsella and Captain Tobin, the Mayor, Mr. Miller and myself.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. ROSE (continuing): In that meeting it was discussed about the conditions at the Huddle and in that neighborhood and it was agreed that it was a problem that the police would try to take care of, and Chief Kinsella said there would be an extensive effort by the police in that area to police it and try to give some relief to that neighborhood. Since that time I have not heard anything else about it, but I'm sure that the representatives from that area will comment on what has been happening during that time. Thank you.

DR. LOWDEN: Yes, I would like to comment briefly on that question. We did meet with the Chief and the powers that be, presumably in the City who are supposed to enforce the City's charge to its citizens and we'll have to wait until June to see whether what the Police Department has promised will pan out properly for the citizens of that area. Otherwise, I suspect it will be coming back to the Board of Representatives in one fashion or another.

MR. PERILLO: Yes, Mr. President, I MOVE THE QUESTION.

MR. MILLER: I don't know if Mr. Rose is finished with his....he's not quite finished, but Mrs. Hawe has something, she's in the First District.

MRS. HAWE: I'll just go along with what Dr. Lowden said. I'd also like to thank the Health and Protection Committee and the Mayor, the Corporation Counsel, the Police Department for their assistance in trying to find a solution to this problem and as Dr. Lowden said, over the next month or so, the next couple of months, we'll be evaluating the situation to see how effective it is down there.

MR. ROSE: Mr. President, I have a PETITION I would like to read into the minutes, if it's permissible at this time. I have a PETITION from the CITIZENS OF WATERSIDE (C.O.W.S.) addressed to Mr. Fred Miller and Mr. Matthew Rose. "Dear Board Members: We, the undersigned residents, property owners, and taxpayers of Greenwich Avenue, Milton Street, and Orchard Street, known as the Waterside Area, are very much disturbed at incomplete job construction to consolidate construction companies by the City of Stamford, more than one year ago. We beg your help in helping us to get our tax dollars worth.

There will be a meeting of Waterside residents and property owners Wednesday evening at 8:00, May 5th, Greenwich Avenue, 273 Greenwich Avenue, to discuss other things for Health and Protection in this area. We hope the Representatives of this area, which is known as the Third District, will be present at this meeting." Mr. President, this petition is signed with some 40 signatures or so and they are concerned about the construction on Greenwich Avenue and Milton Street which has not been completed as yet. On one of the new sidewalks, it has a crack all the way across and it's sinking in and they can't seem to get the contractors back there to complete the job, and I would like to present this to the Secretary of the Board to put in our Steering Committee for the next meeting.

MR. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Rose. Anything further under Health and Protection?

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Julius J. Blois

- (1) INQUIRY INTO STONE WALL CONSTRUCTED ON VERY MERRY ROAD - Alleged on private property. (Held in Committee 3/4/76)

MR. BLOIS: There will be no report tonight on item #1; possibly in the month of June.

- (2) PETITION - PATRIOTICS AND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMISSION REQUEST PERMISSION TO HOLD A MEMORIAL DAY PARADE MONDAY, MAY 31, 1976 STARTING AT 10:00 A.M.
Letter 4/2/76 from Alphonse M. Pia, Chairman.

MR. BLOIS: On Item #2 there is a PETITION from the Special Events Committee requesting permission to hold a Memorial Day Parade May 31, 1976 starting at 10:00 A.M. I believe we have already voted on this, but the date was wrong, it was for May 24th, and I just would like to correct the date on this, so I so MOVE.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The question is on approving this petition for the Memorial Day Parade. The MOTION is CARRIED.

PETITION NO. 408 PARADE GRANTED to Patriotics and Special Events Commission.

MR. BLOIS: Mr. President, at this time I would like to SUSPEND THE RULES for the purpose of getting permission for the Bi-Centennial Parade Committee to have a parade.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. We'll vote on SUSPENSION OF THE RULES to consider this item. The MOTION is CARRIED.

MR. BLOIS: "Dear Sir: As the Chairman of the 1976 Bi-Centennial Parade planned for July 4, 1976, rain date July 5th here in Stamford, I am requesting the Board's permission to hold this parade. It is my intention to start the parade at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 4th, at Bull's Head and High Ridge Road, then along Summer Street to Broad Street, turning left to Grove Street, to Main, down Elm and Shippan Avenue, to the corner of Magee where it will disperse. I would also like to plan on using the former Quonset hut area for a refreshment area for all the participants. The parade is expected to last from 3½ to 4 hours. I expect 25 to 30 musical units, floats and marching units from local church and business groups, numbering at least 20 and finally many pieces of antique fire equipment and autos. Sincerely, John Murphy, Parade Chairman." I so MOVE.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. We'll vote then on this MOTION for approval for the Bi-Centennial Parade. The MOTION is CARRIED.

PETITION NO. 409 - PARADE - GRANTED to Bi-Centennial Commission.

PETITION NO. 410 - REFRESHMENT AREA - GRANTED to Bi-Centennial Commission.

MR. BLOIS: Again, I'd like to SUSPEND THE RULES for the purpose of the Festival Committee Bi-Centennial Committee, in cooperation with the Special Events Committee. They are planning a City-wide Block Party. I so MOVE.

MR. MILLER: WE'll vote first on SUSPENDING THE RULES. The MOTION is CARRIED.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (Continued)

MR. BLOIS: "The Festival Committee of the Stamford Bi-Centennial Committee in cooperation with the Special Events Committee is planning a free City-wide Block Party to start off the festivities of the 4th of July. We plan to hold this event on the evening of the 2nd of July. We request permission of the Board to hold this party and to close off Atlantic Street from One Atlantic Street to Bank Street. Thank you for considering this matter. Sincerely, Margaret Peters, Coordinator." I so MOVE.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The question then is on approval of the closing off of the street for the Bi-Centennial Block Party. The MOTION is CARRIED.

PETITION NO. 411 - BLOCK PARTY - GRANTED to Festival Committee of the Bi-Centennial Committee.

MR. BLOIS: I'd like to SUSPEND THE RULES once more for the purpose of approving the Parks Department fees. I know that you didn't get a copy of these and I just got them myself, but it is imperative that we approve these tonight so that the Park Department can charge the fees some of them have already gone into effect.

MR. MILLER: Well, why have some of these gone into effect before they've been approved?

MR. BLOIS: Well, the date is late. Like selling the beach stickers. I believe they've been selling those.

MR. MILLER: But they shouldn't be doing it without getting our permission first.

MR. BLOIS: Agreed 100%, but there aren't any changes excepting they've lowered the tennis rates.

MR. MILLER: Well, let's move first on SUSPENSION OF THE RULES. Is there a SECOND to that MOTION? The MOTION is SECONDED and CARRIED.

MR. BLOIS: On the Park fees, the only fee that I can see that is changed is the tennis fee. It was \$2.00 an hour last year, and it went down to \$1.00 per hour in the day-time. Day-time only. It's still \$2.00 an hour at night.

And the only other thing that we didn't vote on last year that we held in Committee was the \$3.00 down at Cummings Park for the Soft Ball during the day; we didn't vote on that last year and I so recommend that we don't vote on it again this year. I so MOVE for these for approval as read, unless you want me to read them.

MR. MILLER: Well, I think we might want to hear them. I don't know, but I think maybe you should.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. BLOIS: O.K., I will read the fees off to you:

PARK DEPARTMENT FEESROSA HARTMAN PARK

Weekdays:

9:00 A.M. - 5 P.M. \$20.00
 5:00 P.M. - 10 P.M. 20.00
 9:00 A.M. - 10 P.M. 25.00

Saturday & Sunday:

9:00 A.M. - 5 P.M. \$30.00
 5:00 P.M. - 10 P.M. 25.00
 9:00 A.M. - 10 P.M. 35.00

PARK BEACH STICKERS

Resident \$ 1.00
 Summer Resident 5.00
 Non-Resident
 Sport Sticker 1.00

CUMMINGS PARK

Football \$10.00 per game
 Softball 7.50 per game

CHESTNUT HILL PARK

Weekdays:

9:00 A.M. - 4 P.M. \$ 5.00
 4:00 P.M. - Close 5.00

Saturdays:

9:00 A.M. - 4 P.M. \$20.00
 4:00 P.M. - Close 5.00

(No Sun. or Holiday Reservations)

SCALZI PARK

Soft Ball \$ 7.50 per game
 Tennis 1.00 per hour (day)
 2.00 per hour (night)
 Basketball 2.00 per game
 Bocci 2.00 per court and
 per game

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. BAXTER: I'd like to inquire the reasoning for lowering the tennis fee by half?

MR. BLOIS: Well, that I really can't answer; I don't know. I just got this and I was just going by what we charged last year and what they are charging this year.

MR. SHERER: I would like to inquire of the Chairman what the urgency is in our voting on this at this very minute, considering nothing is changing except for a few things that have changed, and then you're saying that it's the same as last year. I just don't understand. I haven't even seen this and I understand that there hasn't even been a Parks & Recreation Committee meeting and so I don't know if your Committee has seen this. I don't know if it's approved and why is the Park Department giving you ^{it} so fast without any chance to look at it; it just doesn't seem reasonable. What's the effective date? Why are we doing it so fast?

MR. MILLER: First of all, Mr. Sherer, since we've Suspended the Rules, we can consider it even though it hasn't been given to a committee. As far as the Park Department is concerned, it is customary for them to ask our permission every year. We ought to have had this sooner, no question about it. This is not a good way to go about this. We should have had this sooner; they shouldn't be charging the fees until we have approved them.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. BLOIS: In defense of the Park Department, they did submit these fees, but they were not in the form that they're in tonight. They did ask for approval at the March meeting I believe, but I didn't think they were asking for approval that night because they weren't submitted in this form, so the Park Department isn't hiding anything, and I don't think anybody is hiding anything; it's brought up tonight; I just got it a week ago, and our Park and Recreation Committee didn't vote on them. I bring it to the full Board for a vote.

MR. SHERER: Well, just to continue, what change was there, through the President, please, what change was there in the Beach Sticker, for example. I didn't get a change.

MR. BLOIS: There wasn't any change in the Beach Sticker. The Resident fee is \$1.00; the Summer Resident was \$5.00. The Sports Sticker, which is a special sticker for the baseball games was the same as last year, \$1.00 also.

MR. SHERER: Thank you.

MRS. McINERNEY: Yes, through the CHAIR, I would like to ask Mr. Blois about the tennis charge. Is that \$1.00 per court, or \$1.00 per person per hour?

MR. BLOIS: Are you referring to the night time, or day time? Well, it says \$1.00 per hour. It must be per person. I'm not sure on that because it doesn't specify on this

MR. MILLER: Mrs. Clark knows something about this I think; Mrs. Clark?

MRS. CLARK: Yes, Mr. Blois, as far as the tennis rates, I have paid, well, in the past, it was \$2.00 per person; and they do charge per person, not per court. That's the way I have always paid when I played tennis at Scalzi and I played tennis there two, three times a week.

MRS. COSENTINI: Just for general information, is there an annual expiration date on this resolution for passing the fees that we just went by, is that what happened? And when is that date?

MR. BLOIS: I assume that the parks open, I believe they open, well, they're only open weekends now; I think you'll only be charged on weekends. During the week, I don't think there's a charge there, but it's on a first come, first serve basis. Our parks are open, generally, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, and if the weather is good, they'll extend it.

MRS. COSENTINI: They're operating, in other words, prior to Memorial Day because the weather's good, is that what you're saying?

MR. BLOIS: Yes, they usually do, and they usually go beyond, you know, if the weather is good, too.

MRS. COSENTINI: Do we do these for a whole year when we do them, then? So that these will now be good until next May something or other?

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. BAXTER: I'd like to inquire of Mr. Blois if he knows the rationale these fees are based on? In other words, is it designed that the cost for the tennis courts are to pick up 50% of the cost, for instance, that the Park Department expends in upkeep and maintenance; or 25%, or 100%? What's the rationale on how these charges are set and do you know that data?

MR. BLOIS: Well, I don't know the exact figures, but when they come to night games, they try to pick up the cost of the lights and possibly some of the upkeep to the courts. Of course they lose money on the football games because a football game takes probably 3 hours and it's only \$10.00 per game. Now the softball would be a little different because I think they can play a game in about less than an hour, softball, I'm referring to now.

MR. HAYS: Yes, Mr. President, through you to Mr. Blois. I am terribly disappointed in the Parks Department's presentation and will be defensive of Mr. Blois. I believe he's presenting what he got and all he got, because its inconceivable to me we could be asked to approve a rate, i.e., the tennis rates and we don't even know whether it's per person or per hour, as a matter of fact, and we have to ask another member of the Board to explain it to us. As you know, I'm an advocate for a more businesslike approach in each department and I would like for Mr. Blois to pass that on to the Parks Department that we need something more orderly, if we're going to handle it on this Board.

MRS. CLARK: Mr. Blois, being that there are so many questions as to the different areas in your report, would it not be to the best interests to hold this and not vote on it, or is there some urgency that we must vote on it right now?

MR. BLOIS: Well, the only thing right now, they've probably sold the majority of their beach stickets, and they're probably selling their Sports Stickers for their ball teams, for the out-of-town ball teams; of course, the football hasn't started; or Bocci, or basketball; they're probably over with, but I don't know what the problem is; they're all the same fees as last year.

MR. MILLER: Well, we don't have a MOTION to put this Back into Committee, and I think it would be appropriate to go and proceed to a vote, and I think it has been made clear here this evening that the Board isn't too happy.... (End of Tape Side #6).

(Beginning of Tape Side #7)

MR. MILLER: There is a motion on the floor made by Mr. Blois and SECONDED and I think we can proceed to a vote on it if there is no further discussion. So we will vote on these fees. The MOTION is CARRIED. Mr. Blois, but before we go on, the CHAIR would note that Mr. Morgan, Mr. Dixon and Mr. Livingston, and Mr. Connors have all left; we now have 34 members present.

MR. BLOIS: Mr. President, that would end my report.

EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - Vere Wiesley

MRS. RITCHIE: No report, Mr. Miller.

SEWER COMMITTEE - Thomas D'Agostino

MR. D'AGOSTINO: No report, Mr. Miller

PUBLIC HOUSING AND GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE - Jeremiah Livingston

MR. MILLER: Mr. Livingston has left. Is there any report on his behalf, Dr. Lowden?

DR. LOWDEN: Just one word about it, the investigation, what is on the Agenda here, is being continued; as I understand it, we are meeting again with the Housing Authority again on this Thursday and we'll probably have a report at the next meeting.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - L. Morris Glucksman

MR. GLUCKSMAN: I'd just like to keep the Board informed that what's going on with the Urban Renewal. No. 1, I think I mentioned in our last meeting that they were having some problems with the St. John's Park. All those problems have been resolved. The park has finally been designed to the satisfaction of the URC and all the store owners on Main Street. There was a problem with their not having any accessway to the front of the stores and I think it's the Eagles' Club that's over there, so that has all been resolved and that's going ahead as planned; they have a final commitment and it's all designed and it's all set to go now.

Also, another thing everybody might be interested in, is that the Plaza Theatre was supposed to be scheduled to be demolished and they were supposed to have closed down as of April 1st. Well, since the URC determined that they didn't need that space as yet, the Plaza has made a request for a sort of an extension of time to exist until they find a new place to relocate to. Therefore, they have given them until July 1st and since there is no interference with the plans, the Plaza will exist until July 1st, if anybody wants to go. (laughter)

Also, the URC, the Mayor and the Law Department are in the process of working out their Community Development Agreement. The Mayor has insisted that such an agreement be worked out before he releases any funds to the URC. That is a very important problem they are having right now, but I'm sure it will be resolved in a satisfactory manner to the City.

The URC has met numerous times this month; they've had a few weeks where they have met twice a week. A large part of the meetings have been devoted to interviewing firms to aid them in their planning and their planning functions for the superblock garage. This will be, as I believe everybody knows, a monstrosity of a garage and it's very important that the City's interest be represented at the planning stage. Therefore, they have been interviewing an awful lot of firms and they have narrowed it down to three, I understand now, and they will be interviewing them this week and I imagine will be making a determination as to which firm they will hire, but they do realize the importance of this and everything is going full speed ahead in that regard. That's the end of my report.

MR. BLUM: I'd like to ask Mr. Glucksman, is this super garage a commitment of the City; must they go through with this super garage?

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

MR. GLUCKSMAN: Yes, Mr. Blum, they are committed to this. It's an obligation under the Disposition Contract which they must honor.

MRS. McINERNEY: I'd like to thank Mr. Glucksman for keeping us informed what's been happening with URC. I think that in the past couple of months he has enlightened all of us as to the progress and I think he is doing a very fine job on the Committee.

MR. SIGNORE: I wish to SECOND that, Mr. Chairman.

MR. GLUCKSMAN: Thank you.

MR. MILLER: We'll proceed now to the Special Committees.

SPECIAL COMMITTEESHOUSE COMMITTEE - Gerald Rybnick

MR. RYBNICK: No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Lynn Lowden

- (1) REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF "THE INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES REGULATIONS, WITH AMENDMENTS" - Letters of April 14, 1976 from Louis J. Casale, Jr., Chairman, and Roberts M. Fish, member.

DR. LOWDEN: Last Thursday the Environmental Protection Committee considered jointly with the Legislative and Rules Committee the question of the approval of Stamford's own version of the Inland Wetlands Regulations, which must gain approval by this Board in order for a City agency, namely, the Environmental Protection Board, to gain jurisdiction over the City's Inland Wetland Areas.

The Environmental Protection Board has urged a quick approval of these regulations in view of the fact that the State Department of Environmental Protection, which presently has jurisdiction, has had its budget sliced drastically for the coming year and may virtually cease to exist in very short order.

Our Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Map, which is the basis for enforcement of these regulations is ready for submission to the Department of Environmental Protection. Appropriate hearings on the regulations have been held by the Environmental Protection Board. Consequently, the Environmental Protection Committee has unanimously approved the regulations as recently submitted and I MOVE for prompt approval by the Full Board so that jurisdiction over our wetlands can be promptly assumed by an agency of our own City where it belongs.

MR. MILLER: This was committed to two other committees, Planning and Zoning, Mr. Baxter?

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Lynn Lowden

MR. BAXTER: The day before the meeting Dr. Lowden mentioned, the Planning and Zoning Committee had a meeting on this at which Mr. Fish, the Chairman of the Environmental Protection Board participated and we discussed it at length. If any member is unfamiliar with the substance of these regulations as amended, I'd be glad, or I'm sure Dr. Lowden would be glad, to discuss them to enlighten anyone, but the net result was that we unanimously recommended this approval and concur with Dr. Lowden on the need for speed.

MR. MILLER: Thank you. MOVED and SECONDED. Legislative and Rules, Mr. Fox?

MR. FOX: Legislative and Rules Committee met with Dr. Lowden's Committee and we unanimously concur.

MR. MILLER: Thank you, we'll proceed to a vote then. The question is on adoption of these Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations with amendments, with a MOTION having been made by Dr. Lowden. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DR. LOWDEN: That ends my report. Thank you.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE COMMITTEE - Linda D. Clark

MRS. CLARK: Due to the hour, I do have a report but it is of some substance and I really think that due to the hour I would rather hold it because everyone's getting itchy, as I am, and I'd like to go home.

MR. MILLER: At this time, and I would like the Committee Chairmen to take note of this, the CHAIR will fill some of the committee vacancies.

MILDRED RITCHIE is appointed to the FISCAL COMMITTEE. We have these vacancies because of course Mrs. Jean Raymond resigned from the Board, and Mrs. Ritchie will take her place on the Fiscal Committee.

Mr. Loboza has withdrawn from the Health and Protection Committee and the CHAIR appoints JAMES LOBOZZA to the STEERING COMMITTEE.

KURT ZIMBLER is appointed a member of the LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE, the PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, and the HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR - None.

PETITIONS - None.

RESOLUTIONS - None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS and INDIVIDUALS - None.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) CREATION OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO BE KNOWN AS "THE CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE" (five members).

MR. MILLER: We do have under NEW BUSINESS this item #1 and it would be appropriate for the Majority Leader to make that MOTION. We did discuss in the Steering Committee the creation of a Special Committee to be known as the CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE, a five-member committee, to be created this evening and appointed by the CHAIR in June, and it would be appropriate for the Majority Leader to make that Motion,

MR. DeROSE: Mr. President, at this time I would make a MOTION that we create the Committee entitled "The Charter Revision Committee" of this Board. Thank you.

MR. MILLER: That's SECONDED by Mr. Signore. We'll move to a vote. Yes, Mrs. Cosentini?

MRS. COSENTINI: Would you just briefly outline its responsibility?

MR. MILLER: It will be to act as a liaison between this Board and the Charter Revision Commission, and ultimately, it will be the filter through which the Charter Revision Commission's recommendations come to this Board, so this Committee will have an important function because it will go over the proposed revisions and make recommendations to the full Board. Not binding recommendations, of course, but they will act as the Committee.

MRS. COSENTINI: In other words, they could, is there any way that they will be able to not bring forward a recommendation of the Committee? They will have a veto power?

MR. MILLER: Yes, but we could bring it out of committee; they don't have an absolute veto power over anything. Any other questions? We'll move on to a vote then. The question is on creation of a Special five-member Committee to be known as the Charter Revision Committee to be appointed by the President after consultation with the Leadership. The MOTION is CARRIED.

The CHAIR would like to note at this time with reference to Charter Revision that the organizational meeting of the Charter Revision Commission will be held next Monday evening here on the second floor at 8:00 P.M. The President of the Board will preside until the election of a Commission Chairman. On the Agenda for that evening will be the election of a chairman, a vice chairman, and a secretary of the Commission; and from that point on, the Commission will be on its own. Mrs. McEvoy will be there that evening to take the minutes, but I have already told the Commission that it is expected, as has been the case in the past, that they promptly request the Mayor to initiate an emergency appropriation to cover a budget for the Charter Revision Commission; and the last budget several years ago was rather modest, about \$2,500.00, mainly for secretarial help and mail, but it's up to the Commission to decide what kind of a budget they wish to have. So any of you who wish to come to the organizational meeting are welcome to come. It's next Monday evening at 8:00 P.M.

Anything else under NEW BUSINESS?

MRS. CLARK: This is under NEW BUSINESS. Normally we honor people and make announcements about different Board members at the beginning of the meeting, but I felt this was much more appropriate to come under NEW BUSINESS. Mr. Donald Sherer, about two weeks ago, became the father of a most beautiful little baby girl; and Mr. Sherer, I had ordered something for the baby on behalf of the 14th Board, but where we ordered it from, it will not be in until Wednesday, so next week you will be getting a little something from the 14th Board, but on behalf of most of the members, and I'm sure they would all like to say something, I'd like to wish both you and your wife the best of luck with your little baby.

MR. MILLER: CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Sherer.

MR. SHERER: Thank you very much; because of the NO SMOKING signs, I didn't bring the cigars (laughter) and on behalf of my wife, Shelley, and Jennifer, we'd like to thank you very much for your kindness.

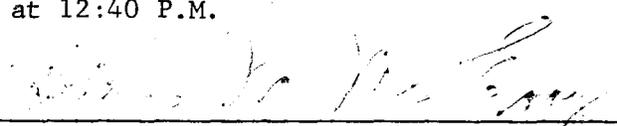
MR. MILLER: Good luck. I just have one last announcement to make. The Budget Meeting will be held Wednesday of next week, May 12th. Please come on time because we will take a picture that night. The idea is that no one should be absent from the Budget Meeting, so we will take a group picture that evening. We will get the notices for the meeting out this week.

Now, actually, I'm scheduling meetings for the 12th and 13th so there are two dates for special meetings. But there will be nothing to prevent us, if we can do it, from completing our work in one evening, the 12th, but we will have the 12th and the 13th open as meeting dates.

ADJOURNMENT:

MR. MILLER: If there is nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 12:40 P.M.


Helen M. McEvoy, Administrative Assistant
(and Recording Secretary)

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Frederick E. Miller, Jr., President
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