

MINUTES OF MAY 12, 1976SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF 14th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVESSTAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A Special Meeting of the 14th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Wednesday, May 12, 1976 (to be adjourned to the following night, Thursday, May 13, 1976), pursuant to a "CALL" from the President, Frederick E. Miller, Jr., in the Legislative Chambers of the Board, second floor, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

A group picture was taken at 8:15 p.m. Both parties caucused from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 9:30 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken by the Clerk, Linda D. Clark. There were 40 members present; none absent.

The PRESIDENT declared a QUORUM.

CHECK OF THE VOTING MACHINE: The President conducted a check of the voting machine, which was found to be inoperable, as two of the lights were not working properly.

PAGES: STEPHEN SIGNORE, son of S. A. Signore, and a student at Dolan Junior High. KAREN SCHWAB, a student at Rippowam High School.

"CALL" OF THE MEETING:

The following is the "CALL" of the Meeting which was sent to all Board members:

TO: All Members of the 14th Board of Representatives

FROM: President Frederick E. Miller, Jr.

SUBJECT: "CALL" of Special Meeting of Board of Representatives to consider the Operating and Capital Projects Budgets for the Fiscal Year 1976-1977.

I, FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR., PRESIDENT of the 14th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, and pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of said Board of Representatives at the following time and place:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1976

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1976

at 8:00 P.M.

in the

MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING
429 Atlantic Street, Second Floor
Stamford, Connecticut

"CALL" (continued):

for the following purpose:

To consider and act upon the CAPITAL and OPERATING BUDGETS FOR the fiscal year 1976-1977, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on Monday, April 19, 1976, pursuant to provisions of Chapter 613 of the Charter.

FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR., President
 14th Board of Representatives

FEM:HMM

MR. MILLER:—Although the meeting has been called for two nights, it is still possible to complete our business in one evening. But, if this does not seem feasible, we will carry it over to tomorrow night. I would ask the members of the Board to keep in mind that this Board lacks the power to restore any item that has been eliminated by the Board of Finance. So, we cannot restore anything taken away by the Board of Finance.

During this meeting, as is our usual practice at Budget Meetings, there will be a Continuing Motion made by the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee on behalf of the Fiscal Committee, with their recommendations on the Budget. As always, keep in mind the Fiscal Committee is making their recommendations to the full Board and the final action, of course, is up to the full Board.

If, as we go along this evening, any member wishes to deny an item, or reduce an item, or restore an item that the Fiscal Committee recommends that we deny, or to increase an item that the Fiscal Committee recommends we reduce, he or she is free to make a Motion to that effect. Always, of course, keeping in mind that we can never reverse what has already been done by the Board of Finance.

During this meeting, all votes taken can be passed by a majority of those present and voting, and therefore the only vote needed on individual items will be a majority of votes present and voting. However, the vote on the FINAL RESOLUTION adopting the Capital and Operating Budgets, which must be filed with the Town Clerk's Office, does need an affirmative vote of 21 members of the Board; all other votes are by a majority of those present and voting. I will now turn to Mr. Morgan for the Report of the Fiscal Committee.

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEE - MICHAEL G. MORGAN

MR. MORGAN: The Fiscal Committee began its deliberations on the Capital and Operating Budgets on April 22nd and completed them on May 10, 1976. We had extensive hearings; we had almost every City Department Head come in and discuss his budget request with our Committee. Our last meeting ended at almost 4:00 a.m. in the morning. And we've given the whole question of the budget serious consideration, line by line, item by item, request by request, and I think I can speak for the entire Committee when I say that we've looked at this as carefully as we can.

We've made all the reasonable cuts that we can, and we're presenting to the Board tonight essentially a rational, well-thoughtout, miserly, if you will, budget, for the City and the next fiscal year. I would like to make one comment about the budget book that we have this year. It's a different format than the one

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

the Board has had in past years, and I must say that we found it a very difficult document to deal with, because particular items that refer to a given department are found in different sections of the book. For example, if you have a question about a particular department's salary account, the salary account section is in the back of the book, rather than on the next page. So you've got to flip back and forth from page to page, to keep track of all the activity in a particular department. And it made our work a little more tedious, and I hope that the Finance Commissioner, when he's putting this together next year, combines some of the good points with what we found in the old book, and does not overlook some of the good points that we have here.

Before we move to the CAPITAL BUDGET, I would also like to make just one comment about the work of the Board of Finance. The Board of Finance spent a good deal of time and made a number of significant cuts in the budget before it was presented to this Board.

And I think in two particular areas that are really in the operating area, which I'd like to discuss now, simply to give our Board an overview; I think they've done the City of Stamford a great service, and that is particularly in the car and gasoline allowances, which were eliminated altogether, pending further review by the Mayor and his cabinet with respect to who is entitled to this sort of thing; and also in connection with the MAA salaries, and encouraging the City to make a thorough review of these salaries; and as a result, the Board of Finance has cut these, held the increases, pending that further review. And I think that that's a very worthwhile move on the Board of Finance's part, and I would compliment them for it.

Now as our first order of business, I would like to turn our attention to the Capital Budget, which is in the back of our books beginning on Page 3.

MR. MILLER: The CHAIR would like to make the comment that if and when any Motions are made by any member this evening, we have the usual procedure on voting; we can have Voice Votes, Divisions, or Roll Call Votes, if 1/5 of the members present wish a Roll Call Vote. The only difference is since we will not use the voting machine, if we Take a Division, it will have to be a Standing Vote, as the rules provide when we do not use the machine.

MR. MORGAN stated that his Committee has no recommendations for any cuts in the Capital Projects Budget.

MRS. COSENTINI made a MOTION to DELETE \$50,000.00 from the FIRE DEPARTMENT, page 15, Code 450.0801 Renovation of West Side Fire Station. SECONDED and CARRIED.

CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET 1976-1977 APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD

Page 3 - Code 110. (5 sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 2,807.00

COMMISSION ON AGING

Page 3 - Code 114.0401 Dial-A-Ride Bus TOTAL APPROVED \$ 15,000.00

BUREAU OF DATA PROCESSING

Page 5 - Code 242.0101 Equipment TOTAL APPROVED \$ 396,485.00

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET 1976-1977 APPROVED AS FOLLOWS (continued)BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS & MAINTENANCE DIV.-HIWAY

Page 7 - Code 310 (6 sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 477,000.00

DIVISION OF EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Page 7 - Code 311.1101 Public Wks-Veh.Repl. TOTAL APPROVED \$ 100,000.00

DIVISION OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Page 9 - Code 320 (10 sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 154,400.00

BUREAU OF ENGINEERING

Page 9 - Code 330 (5 sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 390,000.00

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Page 11 - Code 341.1502 Scndry.Scw.Trt.Plnt.Cmpt. TOTAL APPROVED \$ 239,908.00

SANITARY INCINERATOR

Page 11 Code 343 (2 sub accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 36,000.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Page 13 - Code 410 (7 sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 39,545.00

FIRE DEPARTMENTPage 15 - Code 450 (8 sub-accounts) TOTAL REDUCED TO \$ 169,750.00
(Reduction was \$50,000 for
450.0801 Renov.West Side Fire Sta.)STAMFORD EMERGENCY SERVICE

Page 15 - Code 480 (3 sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 24,500.00

SMITH HOUSE SKILLED NURSING FACILITY

Page 17 - Code 520.0601 New Furnishings TOTAL APPROVED \$ 125,000.00

SMITH HOUSE RESIDENCE

Page 17 - Code 530.0602 Renov.Home for Aging TOTAL APPROVED \$ 40,500.00

PARK DEPARTMENT

Page 19 - Code 610 (17 sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 483,000.00

BOARD OF RECREATION

Page 21 - Code 650 (12 sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 185,579.00

HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COURSE

Page 23 - Code 670 (5 sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 68,544.00

MR. PERILLO made a MOTION to cut 610.1714 Cove Island-Resanding Beaches from \$37,500.00 to \$7,500.00, a reduction of \$30,000.00. He withdrew this Motion after considerable discussion, pro and con. Against making any cut on this item were Mr. Morgan, Mr. Glucksman, Mr. Rybnick, Mr. Flanagan, Mr. Livingston. Mr. Hoffman was for the reduction.

MR. HOFFMAN had some questions about the request for Code 610.1710 Main House Restoration, new roof and center repairs, for \$19,500.00, and made a MOTION to cut it 50%, to \$9,750.00. MOVED and SECONDED.

Mr. Rybnick, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Connors, Mr. Blois, and Mr. Baxter were against the reduction.

The MOTION to reduce this item was LOST.

OPERATING BUDGET 1976/1977 - MAYOR'S AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

MR. MORGAN: We are finished with the Capital Projects Budget, and I'd like to do the BOARD OF EDUCATION Budget request at this time.

MR. MILLER: Well, I would just point out, Mr. Morgan, that you're free to do that but I would just point out that this is a novel procedure because in the past, we have started at the beginning of the OPERATING BUDGET and moved through, so I can understand why some people would question this procedure.

MR. LOOMIS: Mr. President, I don't know Mr. Morgan's rationale in bringing up the Board of Education's Budget first off, but I think in the past we've recognized that those people who've attended our sessions sometimes are here for a reason. I think most of the people here tonight are interested in the Education budget and I think out of respect for their attendance, it might be in order to take up that budget first, unless we're violating some precedent that shouldn't be tampered with.

MR. MILLER: I don't think this is a legal matter, but you know, if there's no objection, I don't see any reason why Mr. Morgan can't go forward and do this, Mr. Baxter.

MR. BAXTER: Thank you, Mr. President, not only would I not see an objection for not doing it, but being the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee making this report, I think it rests within his discretion, so I would agree with him not only for his reasons but for Mr. Loomis' reasons.

MR. MORGAN: Let's begin with the Board of Education's budget.

MR. MILLER: What page, Mr. Morgan?

MR. MORGAN: It's a separate budget book.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Morgan, you realize you have no control on a line item basis.

MR. MORGAN: Yes, I do, I just want to get the matter of the Board of Education budget completed before we proceed on to the rest of the Mayor's Operating Budget.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Morgan, you understand we only have one vote on this Education Budget?

MR. MORGAN: Yes, I do. My purpose in bringing it up now is because it's the largest single item that the Board has to consider this evening. It's \$34,000,000. and I think that it would be useful for both the members of the Board and the members of the Board of Education who are attending our meeting this evening, to have some input from the Committee about the various things that we've considered in our deliberations which the Fiscal Committee voted to reduce the Board of Education budget.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Morgan, I would suggest before we proceed, that everybody here take out their Operating Budget and go to Page 193, because as far as the vote is concerned, that's what we're dealing with, page 193 in the Operating Budget. I don't want anybody to get the impression that we can take votes on specific items in the Board of Education Budget. We're dealing with this page 193, the Board of Education, then Board of Education Non-Public School Transportation, Special Milk Program, so forth, Mr. Morgan.

MR. MORGAN: Thank you, Mr. Miller. The Fiscal Committee voted to REDUCE the Board of Education's Operating Budget an additional \$220,000.00. Originally the Department had requested \$36,145,659.00, which was cut by the Board of Finance to \$34,300,000.

Our Committee, after considerable deliberation, spending an entire evening with the Board of Education in a rather lengthy period of deliberation, voted to cut this amount to a new total of \$34,080.00. This is a total cut of \$2,065,659., which represents a significant trimming in the Board of Education's budget.

We've given a great deal of time to this and we would urge the Board of Education to reassess its budget priorities. Although the budget is considerably thinner we believe that the Board of Education can maintain existing instructional programs. The majority of our Committee felt that administrative management and personnel deployment could go a long way to maintaining the quality of education in administering this budget at this level. Some of our members felt that there is no way to avoid cutting programs and/or personnel at this level of spending. However, we feel that this is a reasonable number for the Board to operate on and we would urge that it be adopted as it stands with a \$220,000. cut and we think that the Board of Education can go forward for the following fiscal year and operate in a rational and reasonable manner.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. There's no question that the most important commodity that Stamford has to offer its citizens is the quality of the education it gives to its youngster. It's Stamford's investment in its own future and it's an investment in the nation's future.

The Board of Finance has already cut \$1,845,659 from the Board of Education's budget. FISCAL's further cut of \$220,000. leaves the Board of Education with a net increase of 3.02%, or \$999,537.

Now there are some very interesting figures that are important to note here. The City's Operating Budget of \$47,162,624, which includes FISCAL's proposed cuts, but does not include the Board of Education budget, is up by 3.55%. When we include the Board of Education in the City's budget, the total budget, it becomes \$81,242,624 and we see an increase of only 3.33%; therefore, the City

MRS. GOLDSTEIN (continuing).

budget is going up at a higher rate than that of the Board of Education. Simply stated, the money we are allocating to Education is decreasing in relation to the money we allocated to the other City departments. The Board's increase of \$999,537 doesn't even cover their contractual commitments for the coming year so what has to go? There's certainly room for legitimate cuts in the Board of Education's budget and I'll be the first to say it. Certainly there are places to cut but before we cut, before we pull some beautiful figure out of the air, we have to -- even though we don't have line-by-line control -- consider what the possible cuts could be, because cuts have to be made.

Probably the first million dollars many people here have no trouble with. \$167,000 will undoubtedly be cut because the Central Data Processing change could be eliminated, and these are my estimates. I feel they're intelligent estimates based on discussions with Board of Education members, but certainly no commitments from them as to what cuts they'll make also on a very, very careful reading of the budget.

There will probably be a curtailment in clerical help, probably, hopefully, more effective personnel deployment and administrative management, including the possible loss of administrative positions. There would also be included in that first one million, elimination of additional supplies, publications equipment, reduction in administrative and teacher conferences, reduction in curriculum study, curtailment of special programs, such as possibly driver's education, summer student activities, guidance programs, the probable end of the Teachers Corps and Teaching Fellows in this City, reduction in community custodial services, maintenance accounts, fuel accounts, etc. These items that I lined up which, as I said, they're my guesses, don't even come near one million, and other cuts will have to be made to reach that million.

Therefore, to say that two million dollar cut will not affect instructional programs is absolutely unrealistic. Since 71.9% of the Board's budget is for instruction, certainly the second million dollars will have to bite heavily into instructional services; hence, to arrive at the next one million dollars, the following kinds of cuts will probably have to be made.

I mean, once again, my estimate, I see some classroom teachers going. I see about 20 teachers aides going, media center aides going, some reading teachers going, probably a commensurate reduction in instructional assistants, bi-lingual teachers, speech and hearing teachers, music, art, phys-ed, guidance, and music teachers; probably field trips will go, late buses will go, a school closing in all probability, a beautiful neighborhood school if we make a drastic cut, might go.

I cannot sit here and see a two million dollar cut without bringing it graphically before us. Cuts will have to be made and these cuts are going to hurt. I dwelt on these numbers because it's irresponsible to arbitrarily pull a dollar figure out of the air and say reduce your budget. You have to say this is possibly where the cuts will be made. The two million dollars will have serious effects on education and we must know we're speaking of layoffs, possible school closings, and a possible educational decline in this City. I shudder to think that the Board, this Board of responsible Representatives could possibly consider a figure in excess of Fiscal Committee's \$220,000 recommendation.

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MRS. GOLDSTEIN (continuing)

I would like to leave you with one quote. It's from Claude Dixon's column in last Sunday's paper, The BRIDGEPORT POST; he says: "Question: If Stamford is going to continue to entice the big corporate companies to town along with much of their top executive talent, how can it then afford to cut down its educational offerings? It would seem folly to do so, yet the massive cuts already in the budget will force any company and those executives to think twice about making the Research City their home, wouldn't you?" Thank you, Mr. President.

MR. GLUCKSMAN: On Mrs. Goldstein's remarks, that's about all I really could do. I, too, am very disturbed by some of these cuts that will probably have to be made by the budget cuts so far instituted by the Board of Finance. I would like to say that I, for one, would be in favor of not cutting the budget any further than the Board of Finance has done, although I think if the Fiscal Committee has foundⁱⁿ their wisdom that this amount of \$220,000 is also a feasible cut, then I will vote to agree with them. But I again urge the Board not to cut any further.

MR. HOFFMAN: I think of the things that we've heard here this evening and I would like to respond in part to an earlier question that was put to me where they said something about our committees are told by the various people who appear before them and generally we hear the truth, etc., etc., and I think we have, all too often, having been on the Board a second term, I found that very often you don't get the truth from the people who come before you; and I'm not suggesting now that the Board of Education is untruthful. However, I do admire the work and the effort Mr. Morgan and his Committee has put into this, so I'm not trying to downgrade that effort.

But I do question this matter whereby we are saying we have to have X number of dollars and cents, and if we do not have that, the quality of education will suffer. I don't believe there's any way we can equate quality education as simply dollars and cents. I think it's a matter of proper management, proper teaching, etc., and I think that we've seen ample evidence whereby the children who are coming out of the schools are not being properly educated; they cannot read properly; they cannot spell properly, and my goodness, go into any kind of a business establishment here where they are employing young people and you can see that the people, these young people, can't add or subtract properly. This is very evident I'd say, in a grocery store, restaurants, etc. We are looking here also this evening, we are talking about the cost of government and saying well, because the cost of government is going up, therefore, the cost of education should go up.

And really and truly, ladies and gentlemen, if you believe this kind of poppycock, it's all going to relate back to higher taxes, and I think that one of the things that this City can ill afford is higher taxes. And when we talk about fear of cutting, you know everybody is really throwing a scare into us, and most agree that cuts should be made, where and how much is the question. We can't answer that. A question that was put here is that hopefully we'll have better management. I would think that the people, the voters of this City are to take one hard, real long look at their tax bills and look at what percentage of tax dollars is going to Education, and then say to themselves, are our schools really being managed properly; are we really getting full benefit of the dollars that are being spent there?

And I think that one of the things that we're also being confronted with this evening is that if indeed we cut this Board of Education budget, the Board of Education will cut Driver-Ed. This is another scare tactic, and I think that there will be a

MR. HOFFMAN (continuing)

school closing, etc., etc., and I really believe that what we are being faced with here is a sort of a club being held over our heads saying look if you do anything more, we'll drop it on you, baby, and you can't afford this because you can't afford to go back to your district and if indeed the school is closed in your district, or you can go back to somebody and look, little Johnnie and Mary cannot attend Driver Education because the budget's been cut. And I believe the Board of Education owes it to the City, to the taxpayers that instead of cutting programs such as these, we ought to look at the administration of the school and say hey, isn't there some way that we could modernize this and bring in some efficiencies.

Then we are confronted with another thing that we're told indeed that if we cut the Board of Education, the quality of education will suffer to such an extent that big corporations will be scared off and they'll stop moving into Stamford. I disagree with this completely and I believe it's poppycock, because I believe that the corporations are moving out of the City of New York and out of the State of New York because of their financial problems, their disastrous financial problems and therefore these people are looking around and they're saying, hey, can we afford these kind of taxes? Let's go someplace where the tax base is reasonable, where it's equitable, and I don't believe that if we cut the Board of Education I don't think it's going to affect any corporation, change any corporation's mind about moving out here to this area; and I'd like to go on to the Rationale 1976-1977 Operating Budget, and I'm sure some of you have seen this, account by account of the Board of Education of the Stamford Public Schools; and if indeed we are to accept the Board of Education's word by saying well, we should accept this budget on a 100% basis because this is the rationale which we approve of, then what we should do is look at this and take a real close look at it. And I'm sorry that the Fiscal Committee didn't do this, and this is that we looked at a master file status report that was dated in March, and we found various discrepancies there.

You can look at the first one that the amount that was on the status report was \$284,000 and indeed it was budgeted for \$298,000. On account 01152 in the status report it was \$155,692 and the budget was \$165,000. On account 01334 this is to provide for miscellaneous day-to-day expenses of the Central Administration, they had \$23,267 in this account and it was budgeted for \$28,777, and so on, and so on. There is a code area 02000 account number 0211 was \$1,615,000 and according to the actual budget it was \$1,623,388, so we allowed them this much and indeed they wound up spending another amount, so that this money's been transferred around, and I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, that it would be very, very difficult even if we did it on a line-by-line basis to actually put real fiscal responsibility and proper fiscal accounting into this particular budget.

Another is account 02125 according to the master status, it was \$344,423 and they had actually budgeted \$310,420, so we are talking about something like a \$34,000 transfer that had taken place here. Account 02126 this account represents the salaries of 6 district department heads, they had according to the master status, \$36,242 and indeed according to the budget they were asking \$137,610, so there you've had a transfer of over \$101,000. On account 02141 \$44,687 according to the actual master status report and in the budget it was \$373,891 and this account represents the salaries of teachers in various special programs in the district. It includes the salaries of 8 teachers at the alternate high school, 8 non-federally funded bi-lingual instruction teachers, etc., and you've got this book I'm sure you can see for yourselves what these accounts are and you can see how these monies have really been manipulated. I can't think of a better word. This is a harsh word perhaps, but nevertheless it is a fact that these figures have been juggled around, juggled back and forth.

MR. HOFFMAN (continuing)

Account 02142 is \$703,416 according to the master status, and according to the budget, they had asked for \$673,000, so it is \$30,000 that was maneuvered there; and account 02161 which provides for salaries of teachers aides according to the provisions of their contracts, master status report is \$770,880, and they actually budgeted \$710,667 which again is something like a \$60,000 manipulation. Code 0211 represents funds for the purchase of textbooks and similar reading materials, there was \$209,729 in the master status report and they had budgeted \$195,000; account 02532 provides for contracted services which directly relate to the instructional program, master status is \$68,002 and the budget that they were asking for was \$79,639.

Account 10212 provides funds for covering the non-personal expenses related to high school inter-scholastic athletics, master status report says \$134,865 and their budget request was \$118,005. Account 10236 provides an allocation for giving special education students the opportunity to attend field trips, master status says \$725, and indeed it was budgeted for \$2,725. On Page 23 account 14112 which is an allocation for fees and tuition payments to private day schools in this geographic area for students selected for such placement by the diagnostic team, the master status says \$23,945 and they budgeted \$16,076, that's a \$7,000 difference.

Account 14312 is \$166,100 and represents the cost of public day and residential placement at SPRED facilities in Wilton and Noroton. This was budgeted for \$177,000 and master status was \$166,100.

And the expended amount as of March 9, 1976 was \$19,472,446.94, the unexpended amount, and this should grab you all, is \$13,607,116.00; that's four months remaining; and they've had \$13,000,000 left. I submit to you, Mr. President, to the members of this Board, that indeed if we are asking for accountability, we are certainly not getting it here.

I don't think that anyone could look at this budget and say to themselves yes, I absolutely buy it 100%. I think that what we have to say to ourselves is indeed how much should we cut it, where should we cut it, and I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, that these figures that we have are sort of meaningless and I think that what we ought to do is go back to what was done last year and this is better than a 3% rise over from what the Board had last year, and I think if they indeed took the money that we gave them, the \$33,080,463, and if they shuffled it around this much, then I maintain what we ought to do is go back to that figure again. Let's see what you do with it; let's ask for some other things, and I think some of the other Board members will have something to say, and ask for some other accountability. In any event I do believe, Mr. President, that I would move for a cut back to what was given the Board of Education last year. On the basis of what we have given them, and I'm so sorry that this is so detailed and so long a report but I maintain and I submit to you that these figures have been juggled around and kicked around; fiscal accountability here is just non-existent and I think that it's certainly representative in what the total tax dollar is that you're paying to education. Thank you, Mr. President.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Hoffman, what, specifically, is your MOTION, what figures are you talking about?

MR. HOFFMAN: Mr. President, I MOVE that we reduce the Board of Education budget to the amount that was given to them last year, the original amount plus the additional transfers. They were given \$31,760,860; they had additions or transfers of \$1,319,603.28 that was equal to \$33,080,463.28, and I MOVE that's what their new budget should be.

This MOTION was SECONDED.

MR. MILLER: We have a MOTION on the floor. It's a continuing motion. Mr. Morgan could have begun at the beginning of the Operating Budget. He, on behalf of the Fiscal Committee, chose to begin here and what you have is a continuing motion for the entire operating budget. Mr. Hoffman has the right to make the motion he has made, so we vote on this. So he is making a motion that we not accept what is recommended by the Fiscal Committee and he would reduce this amount for the Board of Education to \$33,080,463.28 that was made by Mr. Hoffman and it was seconded by Mr. Ravallese. We will now have discussion on that. \$33,080,463.28.

There was discussion, pro and con, by Michael Morgan, Leonard Hoffman, Audrey Cosentini, Ralph Loomis, George Baxter, Vere Wiesley, George Hays, James Loboza, William Flanagan, S. A. Signore, Sandra Goldstein, Mildred Ritchie, Barbara McInerney, L. Morris Glucksman.

MR. BLUM made a MOTION to MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED. APPROVED.

MR. MILLER stated a Roll Call vote was requested, there being sufficient members indicating their desire for a Roll Call. That a YES vote is for the MOTION to cut, and a NO vote would be in opposition.

The CLERK took the ROLL CALL, and the MOTION was DENIED by a vote of 11 YES; 29 NO, as follows:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR: (OF THE CUT)

Blois, Julius (D)
 Hoffman, Leonard (R)
 Loboza, James (R)
 Perillo, Alfred (D)
 Perillo, Mildred (D)
 Ravallese, George (D)
 Sandor, John (D)
 Santy, Jeanne-Lois (R)
 Signore, S. A. (R)
 Walsh, Peter (D)
 Zimble, Kurt (R)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

Baxter, George (D)
 Blum, David (D)
 Carlucci, Leo (D)
 Clark, Linda (D)
 Connors, George (D)
 Cosentini, Audrey (R)
 Costello, Robert (D)
 D'Agostino, Thomas (D)
 DeRose, Joseph (D)
 Dixon, Handy (D)
 Flanagan, William H. (R)
 Fox, John Wayne (D)
 Glucksman, L. Morris (D)
 Goldstein, Sandra (D)
 Hawe, Marie (R)
 Hays, George (R)
 Livingston, Jeremiah (D)
 Loomis, Ralph (R)
 Lowden, Lynn (R)
 McInerney, Barbara (R)
 Miller, Frederick E., Jr. (D)
 Morgan, Michael (D)
 Nizolek, Christine (D)
 Osuch, Adam (R)
 Ritchie, Mildred (R)
 Rose, Matthew (D)
 Rybnick, Gerald (D)
 Sherer, Donald (R)
 Wiesley, Vere (R)

MR. HOFFMAN: Point of Information, Mr. President. Did any of the school teachers on the Board withhold their vote on this particular issue?

MR. MILLER: That's really not a question for me to answer. I don't think that's a proper question for me, Mr. Hoffman. We're not talking about school teachers or non-school teachers. We're talking about Representatives and as I have said before, it's up to each Representative to decide whether or not he or she feels there is a conflict of interest. Let me put it this way, Mr. Hoffman, we had all 40 members of the Board voting, and the MOTION was lost. There were 11 Yes votes and 29 No votes, for a total of 40.

MR. BAXTER: Mr. Chairman, now that the motion has been lost, would it be appropriate to address the continuing motion that's now on the floor, that is to say, the continuing motion for the \$220,000.00?

MR. MILLER: Well, we're not going to vote on as such.

MR. BAXTER: I wanted to ask a question. I'd like to ask, through you, to Mr. Glucksman and Mrs. Goldstein, as I listened to their speaking, it almost sounded as if they weren't, and I want to be sure whether or not they're signing on to the Fiscal Committee's recommendation to make an additional cut that is some of what they said sounded like they regretted that, and I would just like to make sure, are they recommending that we agree with the Fiscal Committee's decision to cut additional money from the money done by the Board of Finance?

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Mr. President, Mr. Baxter, I do regret Fiscal Committee's \$220,000. cut, but I will support it.

MR. BAXTER: You mean you're agreeing to it?

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, I am.

MR. MILLER: I think we can proceed, Mr. Morgan. So we have a total then of \$34,080,000 for Board of Education.

MR. MORGAN: That's right, and if there's no further discussion of that item, why don't we take care of the other two remaining Board of Education items on this page. Next item on page 193 is Board of Education, Non-Public School Transportation, Code 820.0000, \$361,870.00.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Page 193 - Code 810.0000 REDUCED TO \$34,080,000.00

NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Page 193 - Code 820.0000 TOTAL APPROVED \$ 361,870.00

CAFETERIA MILK PROGRAM

Page 193 - Code 830.3002 Food Service (Hot) REDUCED TO -0-
(See below)

Page 193 - SECTION TOTAL \$34,441,870.00

MR. LOBOZZA: I make a MOTION that the Hot Lunch Program, Code 830.3002 be DELETED from the budget.

MOVED and SECONDED.

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There were discussions, pro and con, on the item of the Food Service Program (Hot Lunch Program) by George Baxter, Michael Morgan, Barbara McInerney, Audrey Cosentini, before the Roll Call vote was taken on the Motion to delete this item totally. The MOTION to delete was APPROVED 21 YES; 17 NO; 2 ABSTENTIONS.

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR: (OF THE DELETION)

Baxter, George (D)
 Blois, Julius (D)
 Connors, George (D)
 Cosentini, Audrey (R)
 Costello, Robert (D)
 Hawe, Marie (R)
 Hoffman, Leonard (R)
 Loboza, James (R)
 Lowden, Lynn (D)
 McInerney, Barbara (R)
 Perillo, Alfred (D)
 Perillo, Mildred (D)
 Ravallesse, George (D)
 Ritchie, Mildred (R)
 Rybnick, Gerald (D)
 Sandor, John (D)
 Santy, Jeanne-Lois (R)
 Sherer, Donald (R)
 Signore, S. A. (R)
 Walsh, Peter (D)
 Zimpler, Kurt (R)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

Blum, David (D)
 Carlucci, Leo (D)
 Clark, Linda (D)
 D'Agostino, Thomas (D)
 Dixon, Handy (D)
 Flanagan, William H. (R)
 Fox, John Wayne (D)
 Glucksman, L. Morris (D)
 Goldstein, Sandra (D)
 Hays, George (R)
 Livingston, Jeremiah (D)
 Loomis, Ralph (R)
 Miller, Frederick E., Jr. (D)
 Morgan, Michael (D)
 Nizolek, Christine (D)
 Rose, Matthew (D)
 Wiesley, Vere (R)

ABSTENTIONS:

DeRose, Joseph (D)
 Osuch, Adam (R)

MR. MILLER: We'll go back to the very beginning, then, of the Operating Budget, page 3; I'm not sure we'll be able to finish this this evening and I think we should adjourn at a reasonable hour because we do have tomorrow evening available; but the CHAIR would observe that we do have to have your attention and your cooperation. I don't think we should go beyond 1:00 A.M. in any case, but we do need your complete cooperation and keep in mind that if we do lose a considerable amount of time, we'll be here until a late hour tomorrow, so Mr. Morgan.

MR. MORGAN: Thank you, Mr. President. If I could make just two observations about the Fiscal Committee's work at this point we've made two decisions which we carried through pretty much across the board and they are (1) that there was a cut in Over-time accounts in just about every City Department to the extent of about 10%; and (2) with respect to Conventions, Conferences, Dues and Subscriptions, we cut those accounts 20% across the board, except in particular situations where a particular account was paying for one fee in a specific amount and we were familiar with it.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Page 3 - Code 101.2101 Convention Dues & Conf.	REDUCED TO	\$ 160.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 92,455.00

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

Page 5 - Code 102.0104 Over-Time, Meetings	REDUCED TO	\$ 2,400.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 35,578.00

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<u>BOARD OF FINANCE</u>			
Page 7 - Code 103. (10 sub-accounts)		TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 69,392.00
<u>PLANNING BOARD</u>			
Page 9 - Code 104.2101 Conv. Dues & Conf.		REDUCED TO	\$ 320.00
104.2102 Dues & Subscriptions		REDUCED TO	\$ 400.00
104.2201 New Equipment		REDUCED TO	\$ 400.00
		TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 125,100.00
<u>SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY</u>			
Page 9 - Code 105.0000		TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 5,445.00
<u>BOARD OF TAX REVIEW</u>			
Page 11 - Code 106. (2 sub-accounts)		TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 700.00
<u>ZONING BOARD</u>			
Page 13 - Code 107.0104 Over-Time, Meetings		REDUCED TO	\$ 550.00
107.2102 Dues & Subscriptions		REDUCED TO	\$ 180.00
		TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 14,271.00
<u>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</u>			
Page 15 - Code 108. (/ sub-accounts)		TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 15,832.00
<u>BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS</u>			
Page 17 - Code 109.0104 Over-time Meetings		REDUCED TO	\$ -0-
109.0301 Stationery & Postage		REDUCED TO	\$ 25.00
109.0401 Advrtg. & Printing		REDUCED TO	\$ 50.00
109.0501 Telephone & Telegraph		REDUCED TO	\$ 50.00
109.0601 Genl. Matl. & Supplies		REDUCED TO	\$ 50.00
109.2101 Conven. Dues & Conf.		REDUCED TO	\$ -0-
109.2102 Dues & Subscriptions		REDUCED TO	\$ -0-
		TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 175.00
<u>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD</u>			
Page 19 - Code 110.2101 Conv. Dues & Conf.		REDUCED TO	\$ 80.00
110.2201 Dues & Subscriptions		REDUCED TO	\$ 80.00
Page 21		TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 32,306.00
<u>TRANSIT DISTRICT</u>			
Page 23 - Code 111. (5 sub-accounts)		TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 11,682.00
<u>SEWER COMMISSION</u>			
Page 25 - Code 112. (5 sub-accounts)		TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 16,480.00
<u>HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION</u>			
Page 27 - Code 113.2101 Conv. Dues & Conf.		REDUCED TO	\$ 80.00
113.2102 Dues & Subscriptions		REDUCED TO	\$ 160.00
		TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 62,649.00

MR. MORGAN: The Fiscal Committee recommended that on page 29, Commission on Aging, that Code.114.0102 Part-Time Help be reduced from \$7,700.00 to \$6,000.00. At this point, Mr. President, I had planned to yield the floor to Mr. Livingston.

MR. MILLER: Mrs. Clark, I think could address herself to that, Mr. Livingston. We're dealing with the code number 114.0102 Part-Time Help, Commission on Aging, and the Fiscal Committee has recommended that that be reduced from \$7,700.00 to \$6,000.00.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Mr. President, I would like to speak against this cut. I've always felt that our Fiscal Committee represented a very broad section of this Board and I honestly feel that our Fiscal Committee has done a very good and responsible job. However, Mr. President, I feel that there has been a mistake made with this account. The cut that the Fiscal Committee made will affect the driver for Sunday church attendance. I submit to you and to this Board that our elderly citizens have a right to live the sunsets of their lives in dignity. We have passed an awful lot of money. I would like this Board to reconsider the Fiscal Committee's recommendation.

MR. MILLER: So you, then, Mr. Livingston, are making a MOTION to restore this item to what it was when it came from the Board of Finance; rather than \$6,000.00 you want it \$7,700.00, is that correct? Is there a SECOND to that MOTION? MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. SIGMORE: I personally do not like to see anything taken away from our senior citizens. I think they've been good citizens down through the years. They worked very hard as Mr. Livingston said. In the sunset of their lives, I don't like to see them deprived of anything and I think the budget for the Commission on Aging should be taken as it is, completely, without any cuts.

MR. BAXTER: I would like to support the motion to restore the money to \$7,700.00. I have received numerous calls from people who have been in favor of this restoration and I feel that the older people need this. Thank you.

MRS. SANTY: I, too, would like to echo a definite YES to restore these funds. We must think of our retirees on fixed income first and foremost.

MRS. HAWE: I agree with Mrs. Santy. I think our senior citizens suffer the most in these times of inflation and I think for this small amount to put back into enable them to have rides on Sunday, I support this motion, Mr. Livingston.

MR. LOOMIS: I MOVE the question.

MR. MILLER: The MOTION to move the question is CARRIED. Now, we'll vote on the MOTION made by Mr. Livingston to restore this item 114.0102 to \$7,700.00. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. MORGAN: They didn't even give me a chance to withdraw the Fiscal Committee's recommendation, Mr. President. This is not a subject that came up when we had the Commission on Aging in to talk to us, and I was surprised to learn of their plight. And believe me, the members of the Fiscal Committee did not intend to deprive anyone of any help. We do, however, have two other small cuts in this account.

COMMISSION ON AGING

Page 29 - Code 114.2101 Conv. Dues & Conf.	REDUCED TO	\$	160.00
114.2102 Dues & Subscriptions	REDUCED TO	\$	80.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	102,508.00

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FAIR RENT COMMISSION

Page 31 - Code 115. (6 sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 29,821.00

PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES COMMISSION

Page 33 - Code 116. (6 sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 16,650.00

MAYOR'S OFFICE

Page 35 - Code 201.0103 Over-Time REDUCED TO \$ 500.00
201.0305 Photo-Copy Supplies REDUCED TO \$ 6,000.00
201.0801 Transportation REDUCED TO \$ 4,000.00
201.2101 Conven., Dues & Conf. REDUCED TO \$ 11,200.00
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 134,495.00

CULTURAL EVENTS

Page 35 - Code 202.0000 TOTAL APPROVED \$ 10,200.00

SUNDRIES

Page 35 - Code 203.0000 REDUCED TO \$ -0-

TOWN AND CITY CLERK

Page 37 - Code 210.0103 Over-Time REDUCED TO \$ 450.00
210.2101 Conv. Dues & Conf. REDUCED TO \$ 120.00
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 168,008.00

PROBATE COURT

Page 39 - Code 220. (6 sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 12,150.00

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

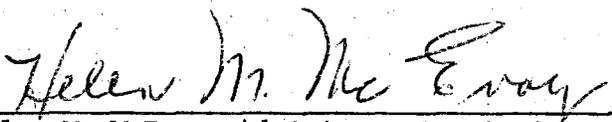
Page 41 - Code 230.0103 Over-Time REDUCED TO \$ 540.00
230.5402 Settltmt. Non-Cont. Claims REDUCED TO \$ 60,000.00
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 255,211.00

REGIONAL LEGAL SERVICES

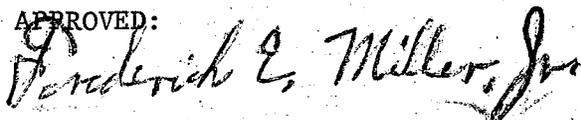
Page 41 - Code 231.0000 TOTAL APPROVED \$ 12,000.00

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 a.m. The PRESIDENT said the meeting will start at 8:00 p.m. sharp on Thursday, May 13, 1976, so that they may complete the budget.


Helen M. McEvoy, Administrative Assistant
and Recording Secretary

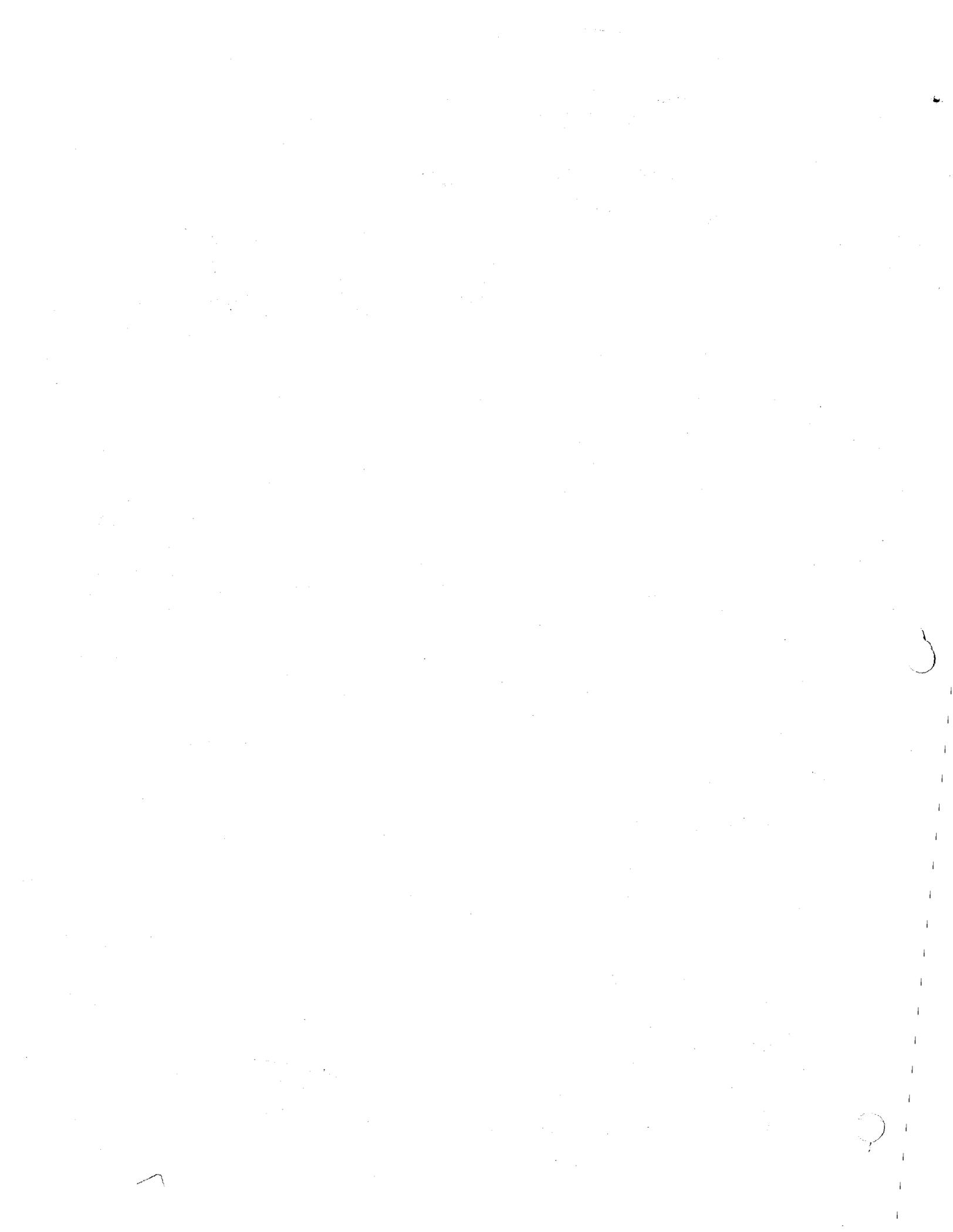
APPROVED:



Frederick E. Miller, Jr.,
President
14th Board of Representatives

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL ADJOURNED MEETING HELDTHURSDAY, MAY 13, 1976 ON BUDGET14th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVESSTAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A Special Adjourned Meeting of the 14th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Thursday, May 13, 1976, pursuant to a "CALL" from the President, Frederick E. Miller, Jr., in the Legislative Chambers of the Board, second floor, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Conn.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:28 P.M. There were no caucuses.

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

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken by the Clerk, Linda D. Clark. There were 37 present, and 3 absent. Those absent were: Christine Nizolek, Adam Osuch and Kurt Zimble. (At 9:05 p.m. George Baxter left, and at 9:50 p.m., George Connors left. At 10:00 p.m., Kurt Zimble came in. At 11:00 p.m. Handy Dixon left.)

The PRESIDENT declared a QUORUM.

PAGES: Cynthia Goldstein, daughter of City Representative Sandra Goldstein, and she is a student at Newfield School.
Sandra Gross, also a student at Newfield School.

CHECK OF THE VOTING MACHINE: Mr. President stated we would not test the voting machine because the mechanic did not come to repair it as had been expected today.

MR. MORGAN, CHAIRMAN of the FISCAL COMMITTEE continued with the Operating Budget:

MR. MORGAN: Last night I planned at the conclusion of our meeting to say a few words about our Committee's deliberations, but the lateness of the hour restrained me, and I am sure that I speak for our entire Committee in expressing my thanks to the Board of Finance for their tremendous assistance through our deliberations in the person of their Staff Analyst, Lois Lirtzman. She did a terrific job and she deserves our thanks. Now that I've gotten a chance to say a few nice things about Lois, let's begin on Page 43, the Commissioner of Finance.

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

Page 43 - Code 240.0103 Over-Time	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 59,460.00
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BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

Page 45 - Code 241. (9 sub-accounts)	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 127,046.00
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BUREAU OF DATA PROCESSING

Page 47 - Code 242. (8 sub-accounts)	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 405,561.00
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BUREAU OF PURCHASES

Page 49 - Code 243.2102 Dues & Subscriptions.	REDUCED TO	\$ 225.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 98,684.00

CENTRAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Page 51 - Code 244.0102 Part-Time Help	REDUCED TO	\$ 100.00
244.0103 Over-Time	REDUCED TO	\$ 500.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 84,184.00

PAYROLL DEPARTMENT

Page 53 - Code 245.0101 Salaries	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 15,336.00
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ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Page 55 - Code 250.0102 Part-Time Help	REDUCED TO	\$ 2,000.00
250.2101 Conven. Dues & Conf.	REDUCED TO	\$ 600.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 192,830.00

MR. LIVINGSTON: On Part-Time Help, the Tax Assessor's Office, Page 55, being a member of that Committee, and not being able to attend the meeting, I would like to know the rationale of cutting the appropriation in half. This is the Tax Assessor's Office and if we are to maintain our Assessor's office, I would like to know, through you, Mr. President to Mr. Morgan, of the rationale of the Committee's thinking for cutting that in half.

MR. MORGAN: There are three people who are retiring from this office in the next few months and it is anticipated that there are going to be vacancies and extra money and so we felt they did not need to have this account fully funded.

MR. LOBOZZA: I don't understand that if there's going to be vacancies in the Civil Service jobs, how can something that's Part-Time Help, which wouldn't come under Civil Service, reflect on this?

MR. MORGAN: Because they'll be adding to the full time staff. There will be extra money inside the salary account created by the vacancy that can be transferred down.

MR. LOBOZZA: Still I can't understand it, there's going to be money, we're talking about transfers, why not cut the salary account rather than cut the part-time help account? This is the point, if there's going to be vacancies and we've had many problems with people being put on probation, or temporary employment, and things like that, if they're going to have excess money in this account, then cut the salary account itself rather than cut the part-time help.

MR. MORGAN: No, I don't think you can do that because you don't know how much to cut the salary account. For example, one of the deputy tax assessors is retiring and let's say he's paid \$1,800 a month, just as an arbitrary number. If that position remains vacant for two months, well then you've got \$3,600. to cut out of that account, but if it remains vacant for three months, then there's \$5,400; and if it doesn't remain vacant at all, then you don't know what amount to cut from the salary account at all.

MR. LOBOZZA: The question still stands, how does that reflect on the part-time help account?

MR. MILLER: Well, I think he's answered as best he could, Mr. Livingston?

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MR. LIVINGSTON: Through you, Mr. President, I would like to know if there are any CETA personnel in the salaries account or the part-time help?

MR. MORGAN: No.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: In addition, Mr. President, they obviously need the money that they have in the salary account since they had to have an addition there of \$14,000 some odd dollars, so it's obvious that they're using the money for full-time help. It was just their part-time estimate was incorrect.

MR. HAYS: Yes, I seem to recollect in Committee that the department did not use its over-time money last year and that was a contributing factor.

TAX COLLECTOR

Page 57 - Code 260.0102 Part-Time Help	REDUCED TO	\$ 2,500.00
260.0103 Over-Time	REDUCED TO	\$ 1,620.00
260.2101 Conv. Dues & Conf.	REDUCED TO	\$ 136.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 137,679.00

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

Page 59 - Code 270.2101 Conv. Dues & Conf.	REDUCED TO	\$ 120.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 156,289.00

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Code 280.0000 GENERAL INSURANCE	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 140,000.00
281.0000 WORKMENS COMPENSATION-MEDICAL	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 175,000.00
282.0000 WORKMENS COMP. LEGAL AWARDS	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 129,730.00
283.0000 GROUP INSURANCE	TOTAL APPROVED	\$1,575,000.00
284.0000 SOCIAL SECURITY	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 695,000.00
285.0000 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP. CONTRIB.	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 180,000.00
290.0000 ACTUARIAL PROFESSIONAL SVCE.	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 12,500.00
291.0000 CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES	TOTAL APPROVED	\$1,148,000.00
292.0000 CUSTODIAN PENSION RESERVE FUND	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 360,000.00
293.0000 MEDICAL BENEFIT CUST. RETIREES	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 2,600.00
295.0000 MISC. - PENSIONS	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 900.00
	TOTAL.....	\$4,418,730.00

PUBLIC WORKS - ADMINISTRATION

Page 63 - 301.0103 Part-Time Help	REDUCED TO	\$ 2,500.00
301.0103 Over-Time	REDUCED TO	\$ 2,700.00
301.2102 Dues & Subscriptions	REDUCED TO	\$ 180.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 271,708.00

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Page 65 - Code 302. (5 sub-accounts)	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 14,387.00
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MR. MORGAN: Page 67, Bureau of Highways and Maintenance Division Highways, Code 310.0103 Over-time has been reduced to \$3,600 from \$4,000; and Code 310.0612 Fall Leaf Pick-Up has been reduced to ZERO from \$25,000.

MR. MILLER: I have a few people wishing to speak; why don't you explain first, Mr. Morgan.

MR. MORGAN: By way of explanation, it was the feeling of the Committee that rather than having just a pick-up in the Fall devoted exclusively to collection of leaves, we should have a full-scale pick-up for yard debris and everything that so many of our constituents have talked to us about in the past; and so, in order to encourage the Public Works Department to initiate such a program, we decided that the most effective way to do it was to eliminate the account and have them come back with a complete proposal, a more comprehensive proposal, and what we think is a more desirable proposal.

MR. LOBOZZA: Right on line seasonal help .310.0107, I think we're all well aware of the improprieties in the use of this account in this past year in the Public Works Department using it to hire someone. I'd like to make a MOTION now that we delete this totally from the budget.

MR. MILLER: A SECOND to that MOTION, Mr. Loboza, has been made. MOVED and SECONDED by Mr. Signore We're open for discussion on that MOTION to eliminate this \$4,000 Seasonal money from the budget.

MR. HAYS: I believe the point that Mr. Loboza's making is well understood by us. However, I think that his proposal is not the solution. I think the solution is for the department to use the account properly. I think that the account provides employment for a lot of people that do good service to our City and I propose to retain the account intact and would suggest that we send a message to the Public Works Department to use it properly.

MRS. SANTY: I would like to speak against the Motion. I feel that these are the summer employees that we use that I've seen in the Public Works Dept. in the last few weeks' work. I think we need these services and I speak against that Motion.

MR. SCHERER: Yes, I'd also like to speak against that Motion, pointing out that much of the Seasonal Help in the Public Works Dept. comes from Federal and State and local grants through CTE and Neighborhood Youth Corps. However, there are a number of college-age people who don't quality under the guidelines of Neighborhood Youth and are able to get jobs in the Public Works because of this Seasonal Account. I think we have to look toward that group also of young people who need jobs in the summer and that's why we have to keep this amount in.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I would like to say I am speaking against such a cut, but I would like to preface it by saying that Mr. Loboza's point is very well-taken, the first part of his point, and that is that there have been improprieties in the use of that account. Now the improprieties are being taken care of through a new policy in the Personnel Department which forces .. forces is a funny word, since it has been mandated in our Charter for many years since 1952 as a matter of fact, everyone to hire Seasonal Help through using different kinds of tests; therefore, whether they be performance or written, or what-have-you, and that will be determined by Personnel in relation to the needs of the particular department, so that the thing that was wrong .. the thing that went wrong with the Seasonal Account, is in the midst of being corrected. The Public Works Dept. certainly needs their seasonal employees, especially in the Bureau of Highways and Maintenance, so I don't think that we should cut that account.

MR. BLUM: I'd like to speak against that Motion in reference to the fact that there are many young people who look forward to get this job, especially those coming from college and so on. Thank you.

MR. LIVINGSTON: I'm going to speak in favor of that Motion. My reasonings are let these people come back to us and ask for special appropriations when we can deal with and straighten out all the problems we have in mind. This account has been misused.

MR. LOBOZZA: Right, Mr. Miller. Thank you, Mr. Livingston. Everybody seems to think here that we're putting children out of jobs. We're not. There was \$5,000 in that account last year, and they were paying a man with an annual salary of better than \$13,000 until it was stopped. So you tell me if they were let to go on, to continue to do what they were doing, how much would have been left for Seasonal Help, for hiring college children, and things like that. This account definitely was misused, and I think the way to teach somebody a lesson when they misuse certain funds is to take it away from them and make them come back and justify it before this Board where they need 27 votes.

MR. HOFFMAN: I'd like to speak in favor of the deletion of this as well, but I think for some other reasons. I feel that Commissioner Rotondo has seen the error of the way there in doing what he did, what Mr. Loboza referred to. However, I believe that this account has been abused prior to this administration. I think we all know that. I think we all agree to that, and therefore, I, too, would support the deletion of this from the budget.

MR. LOOMIS: Yes, I'd like to speak against the Motion by Mr. Loboza. In our deliberations with the people from the Public Works Dept., it was apparent there were problems not only in this line, but in several other lines throughout this department's budget. Now this has been addressed to by the Board of Finance, and they plan in the very near future to authorize an audit management study of the entire Public Works Department. I think it's a little unfair of us, and premature of us, to start making our own judgments as to what should be done here, and just starting to X out various lines without any idea of the impact of what these cuts are going to be. There is a plan, there is a program, to take a comprehensive over-all look at the department and to make objective recommendations as to what corrections should be made, and I think it's incumbent upon us to review those, and then make those changes when they become appropriate; and not add to the very deep cuts that have already been made by the Board of Finance already, so for these reasons I support Mr. Hays and Mrs. Goldstein and vote against Mr. Loboza's Motion.

MRS. McINERNEY made a MOTION to MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED and CARRIED.

MR. MILLER called for a vote on Mr. Loboza's MOTION to delete \$4,000 Seasonal 310.0107 from Page 67, and the MOTION was LOST.

MRS. SANTY: Can we go back to Leaf Pick-up. We passed a Resolution in April, and I'd like to know what is going to happen to this program. I'm getting many, many calls in my district; and I feel that if we delete this now, it's going to look like we don't care. I hope that Commissioner Rotondo will come back for an appropriation. I know we had something in the mail. For \$80,000 I would like Mr. Morgan to elaborate further on this appropriation.

MR. MORGAN: I personally have supported Mrs. Santy's Resolution for a Spring clean-up and I know that Commissioner Rotondo is going to be coming to us on the Fiscal Committee for an \$80,000 appropriation for exactly that purpose.

MR. MORGAN (continuing): And it's a complete clean-up that we need and not just a project devoted only to picking up leaves in the Fall. We need the same kind of program that I understood you were proposing in your resolution, but I'd also like to see it implemented in the Fall.

MRS. SANTY: May I answer that no, our resolution said yard debris and leaves. We did not say anything about a total clean-up.

MR. MORGAN: Well, we're not proposing that they pick up discarded refrigerators or....I stand corrected.

MRS. SANTY: What are we going to do about this appropriation?

MR. MILLER: Well, the recommendation of the Fiscal Committee is that this \$25,000 be completely deleted. If someone wishes to make a Motion to put, to leave that sum in; you made a MOTION to that effect, Mrs. Santy? SECONDED by Mr. Signore. And you wanted to speak, Mr. Signore?

MR. STIGNORE: I would like to leave in the budget that \$25,000, because come the Fall, I want to have at least the \$25,000 sitting there and then we can't have the excuse to say they don't have the money for a clean-up; and if they need additional money in addition to the \$25,000, they can come and request it.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, I would like to say that I was one of the dissenters on the Committee in the deletion of the \$25,000 in funds for two reasons. One, because I think although I'm aware that \$25,000 is not enough for a Fall lawn and leaf pick-up, it requires more than just \$25,000, I want that account open and vital, so that the Commissioner must do it, and must come to us to ask for the remainder of the money. And, secondly, because I don't believe that Stamford could afford a total debris household furniture kind of pick-up which was what the Committee wanted when they deleted this sum, so that's why I was against deleting the \$25,000.

MR. PERILLO: In answer to Mrs. Santy, the Commission is before the Board of Finance tonight for the approval of that \$80,000 bucks for the spring clean-up. I'm sure it will be on our agenda for next month; and true, as Mrs. Goldstein says, that \$25,000 will never do a fall leaf clean-up. Let them come in for a total appropriation like they did for the Spring clean-up.

MR. HAYS: I would agree with Mr. Perillo in that I speak in favor of sustaining the Committee's recommendation. I feel that it's not prudent on our part to leave \$25,000 in an account which doesn't satisfy the purpose of that account. This Board has offered a Resolution in a recent meeting for a clean-up and as Mr. Perillo said, some action and response to that resolution will be coming to this Board, probably this next regular meeting. We don't need this account at this time. Let's wait and see what the proposal is and then provide the funds if we support the proposal.

MR. DeROSE: My initial reaction was to speak out against the deletion of these funds. Somehow or other, I feel that we may very well convey the message that we are not interested in a clean-up should we take this out. I see no harm in the Public Works Department coming in for additional funds if this \$25,000 is not enough and request another \$50,000 or so, just to add to this account to get the job done. Thank you.

MRS. SANTY MOVED the QUESTION. SECONDED and CARRIED.

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MR. MILLER: We'll vote now on the MOTION which was to restore the \$25,000 for Fall leaf pick-up, 310.0612 code. A YES vote is for the \$25,000; a NO vote would be opposed to that. All those in favor, say AYE; all those opposed NO. The CHAIR is in doubt. We'll take a DIVISION, using the machine. Oh no, the machine can't be use because it is not functioning properly. We'll take a STANDING vote. Would those members voting for the motion to restore the \$25,000, please RISE? 17 YES votes. Would those members voting no, please rise? 12 NO votes. The MOTION is CARRIED by a vote of 17 YES; 12 NO. The \$25,000 will be included.

MR. RAVALLESE: I hope we push this thing along. This is going to be an all-night affair. We won't get it all in. They're arguing for pennies and big money they let go through.

BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS & MAINTENANCE-DIVISION HIGHWAYS

Page 67 - Code 310.0103 Over-Time

REDUCED TO \$ 3,600.00
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 952,467.00

DIVISION OF EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Page 69 - Code 311.0103 Over-Time

REDUCED TO \$ 4,500.00
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 171,768.00

DIVISION OF STREET CLEANING

Page 71 - Code 312.0103 Over-Time

REDUCED TO \$ 1,000.00
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 254,348.00

STREET LIGHTING

Page 71 - Code 313.0000

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 695,000.00

SNOW REMOVAL AND FLOOD EMERGENCY

Page 73 - Code 314 (7 sub-accounts)

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 225,000.00

DIVISION OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Page 75 - Code 320 (13 sub-accounts)

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 795,920.00

MR. HOFFMAN: May I ask why we didn't, and I'm sure, Mr. Morgan, you're not delighted to hear this and I don't mean to be picky about why did you leave that over-time account as is?

MR. MORGAN: They needed it. If you'll notice, they transferred \$7,000.00 into it during the last year because in maintaining the 16 municipal buildings in Stamford, they had substantial need for Over-Time Help.

MR. HOFFMAN: But did they indeed take that \$7,000.00 from the account just above it, Salaries, and put down in the Over-time, is that correct?

MR. MORGAN: That's right, because there were vacancies in the department.

MR. MILLER: Are we now going to Page 77, Mr. Morgan?

MR. MORGAN: Yes, page 77, gas and oil and repairs. Gas was cut from \$65,000 to \$60,000, making a new total of \$201,000.00.

MR. SIGNORE: What is the rationale for the cut on the gas?

MR. MORGAN: The rationale, Mr. Signore, is that as you know, the Board of Finance is reviewing the Car Allowance in the City and it was our feeling, after reading the letter of transmittal from the Board of Finance, and also discussing this with some of the various departments, fewer cars will be entitled to make use of the City gas pumps, and therefore we will require less gasoline for City employees.

MR. SIGNORE: What about the possibility of gasoline increases, price increases? What about if they reinstate the original people who were receiving the gas originally, probably not all of them but probably a majority of them will be back on gasoline.

MR. MORGAN: Well, the possibility exists but I think that given the fact that there will be fewer people at the pumps, our savings will be greater than, whatever the possible price increase may be. We cut it only from \$65,000 to \$60,000 instead of cutting it any further than that. We thought this was a reasonable cut in light of the new policy for car and gasoline allowances that's going to be implemented by the City.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Mr. Morgan, do I understand that we are leaving the oil account intact? Now, I would have to make sure we're talking about oil for automobiles. Now if we're saying we're going to cut the gasoline account because we're going to eliminate cars, then I can't see the reasons for leaving the oil account intact. And to come up with a figure, to cut it percentagewise the same that you have, I would like to MOVE that we cut this account to \$7,000.00.

SECONDED by Mr. Loboza and Mr. Sandor.

MR. LIVINGSTON: I would like it to reflect the same cut that's being, that has been done in the gas account.

MR. MORGAN: I'd just like to point out that our cut of \$5,000 in the gas account is only a 9% cut, and Mr. Livingston is proposing a much greater percentage cut in reducing oil from \$11,000 to \$7,000. I'd also like to make the observation that last year, the City did not use the full \$80,000 that was appropriated for gas, which is one of the reasons we cut it to a smaller amount but that oil expenditures were close to the \$11,000 that's requested here, and so we think in the first instance, the amount the Fiscal Committee is recommending, \$60,000, is reasonable; and in the second instance, the \$11,000 that was proposed and which we keep the same, is also reasonable; and certainly if Mr. Livingston had attended the meeting, he would have had an opportunity to discuss this with the members of the Public Works Department.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Mr. President, through you to Mr. Morgan, any of us who drive automobiles, it's very reasonable if we're going to eliminate cars we can and we're using the rationale we don't have to spend as much money in gas, we do not have to spend the same amount of money that we've been spending on oil. I'm making a MOTION to cut the Oil account \$3,000 and I believe it reflects the same as it does on the gas account.

MR. MILLER: So you're withdrawing the previous Motion then, and if there's no objection by anyone, that will be withdrawn and the present MOTION made by Mr. Livingston is to reduce the oil from \$11,000 to \$8,000. Is there a SECOND to that MOTION. MOVED and SECONDED. Any discussion: Mr. Wiesley?

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MR. WIESLEY: Through you to the Chairman, is there not something else in this other than oil, like batteries or something like that?

MR. MORGAN: I believe there's lubrication, grease, and related things. Anything other that would be under Repairs.

MR. MILLER took the vote by DIVISION and the MOTION was CARRIED 16 YES; 15 NO votes on 322.0000 Oil to be reduced to \$8,000.00 from \$11,000.00.

GAS, OIL, REPAIRS - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Page 77 - Code 321.0000 Gas	REDUCED TO	\$ 60,000.00
322.0000 Oil	REDUCED TO	\$ 8,000.00
323.0000 Repairs	REDUCED TO	\$ 130,000.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 198,000.00

BUREAU OF ENGINEERING

Page 79 - Code 330. (6 sub-accounts)	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 525,827.00
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URBAN RENEWAL SERVICES

Page 79 - Code 331. (2 sub-accounts)	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 25,269.00
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MR. LOBOZZA questioned the Salary account on page 79, 330.0101, especially as relating to Mr. Soldano's temporary transfer at a higher salary to the Incinerator and how it affected the salary account.

There was a small amount of discussion on this and MR. RYBNICK pointed out that Mr. LoboZZa's questions would pertain to the current budget (75-76) and not the one being worked on now, 76-77.

DIVISION OF BUILDING INSPECTION

Page 81 - Code 332.2101 Conv. Dues & Conf.	REDUCED TO	\$ 400.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 266,789.00

BUREAU OF SANITATION

Page 83 - Code 340.0103 Over-Time	REDUCED TO	\$ 800.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 61,484.00

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Page 85 - Code 341.2201 New Equipment	REDUCED TO	\$ 1,800.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 485,243.00

MR. LOBOZZA: Through the CHAIR to Mr. Morgan, the Sewage Treatment Plant. I'd like to know if the Salary account reflects the recommendation of the Engineering Study that was done down there on the amount of personnel they need to operate the plant?

MR. MORGAN: I believe that it does.

MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY SEWERS

Page 87 - Code 342.0103 Over-Time	REDUCED TO	\$ 7,200.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 88,909.00

MRS. SANTY: Through the CHAIR, Mr. Morgan, answer why they reduced it?

MR. MORGAN: This is consistent with our policy of making an across-the-board cut of 10%, except in cases where we felt that we could make a greater cut.

SANITARY INCINERATOR

Page 89 - Code 343.0103 Over-Time	REDUCED TO	\$	52,500.00
343.Maintenance of Buildings	REDUCED TO	\$	15,000.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	986,782.00

SANITARY MULTI-PURPOSE INCINERATOR

Page 91 - Code 344.0103 Over-Time	REDUCED TO	\$	8,800.00
344.1801 Maintenance of Buildings	REDUCED TO	\$	3,000.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	162,900.00

MR. BLUM: I'd like to question Mr. Morgan in reference to the water. The water I saw that with the Sewage Treatment Plant, now I see it with the Sanitary Incinerator. Why this water bill? Why are they looking for water when you're going to have water through the Sewage Treatment Plant?

MR. MORGAN: This is because this is a start-up situation and they told us they needed this kind of money to get the water required to start the project. This is, in their professional judgment, the amount of money that they need for a reasonable operation.

MR. PERILLO: This is a different operation altogether. This water is used for cooling system for the Incinerator itself. The Sewage Treatment Plant is not in full operation to supply the water at this time. When it does go to full operation, this account will be almost next to nothing.

SANITARY PUMPING STATION

Page 93 - Code 345. (12 sub-accounts)	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	110,970.00
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DIVISION OF COLLECTION

Page 95 - Code 350. (10 sub-accounts)	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	1,132,711.00
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LANDFILL AND REFUSE REMOVAL

Page 97 - Code 351.0103 Over-Time	REDUCED TO	\$	900.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	384,463.00

HURRICANE BARRIER MAINTENANCE

Page 99 - Code 360. (8 sub-accounts)	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	36,927.00
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MR. MILLER: There seems to be a desire for a brief recess and the CHAIR will declare a five-minute recess.

RECESS started at 9:35 P.M. and ended at 9:50 P.M.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Page 101 - Code 410.0103 Over-Time	REDUCED TO	\$	70,000.00
410.1201 Maintenance of Equipmt.	REDUCED TO	\$	3,000.00
Page 103 - 410.2101 Conv. Dues & Conf.	REDUCED TO	\$	400.00
Page 105	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	5,232,509.00

DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC

Page 107 - Code 420.

TOTAL APPROVED \$ -0-

DOG WARDEN

Page 109. (8 sub-accounts)

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 34,351.00

PAGE 111:

Code 430.0000 Civilian Specialists	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ -0-
Code 431.0000 Community Based Youth Services	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ -0-
Code 432.0000 Police Legal Advisor	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ -0-
Code 433.0000 Crime Reduction	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ -0-
Code 440.0000 Police Pension Fund	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 800,000.00
Code 441.0000 Med.Benefit Police Retirees	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 8,000.00
Code 442.0000 Insurance Police Retirees	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 5,000.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Page 113 - 450.2101 Conv. Dues & Conf.

REDUCED TO \$ 560.00

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TOTAL APPROVED \$3,649,160.00

MR. LOBOZZA made a MOTION that 450.0101 Salaries be reduced by the amount of salary allocated to Hawley Oefinger, Superintendent of Communications. Comments and explanations, etc., were made by Mr. Morgan, Mr. Miller, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Loomis, Mr. Flanagan, Mrs. Cosentini, Mr. Zimblar; and the matter of vacancies existing in the salary account of the Fire Department.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON the MOTION to delete \$21,438 from the FIRE DEPARTMENT's Code 450.0101. The MOTION was LOST by a vote of 12 YES; 22 NO; 2 ABSTENTIONS; (4 ABSENT), as follows:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR: (OF DELETION)

Blum, David (D)
Flanagan, William H. (R)
Glucksman, L. Morris (D)
Hawe, Marie (R)
Hays, George (R)
Hoffman, Leonard (R)
Lobozza, James (R)
Lowden, Lynn (D)
McInerney, Barbara (R)
Sandor, John (D)
Sherer, Donald (R)
Zimblar (R)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

Blois, Julius (D)
Carlucci, Leo (D)
Clark, Linda (D)
Costello, Robert (D)
D'Agostino, Thomas (D)
DeRose, Joseph (D)
Dixon, Handy (D)
Fox, John Wayne (D)
Livingston, Jeremiah (D)
Loomis, Ralph (R)
Miller, Frederick E., Jr. (D)
Morgan, Michael D. (D)
Perillo, Alfred (D)
Perillo, Mildred (D)
Ravallese, George (D)
Ritchie, Mildred (R)
Rose, Matthew (D)
Rybnick, Gerald (D)
Santy, Jeanne-Lois (R)
Signore, S. A. (R)
Walsh, Peter (D)
Wiesley, Vere (R)

ABSTENTIONS:

Cosentini, Audrey (R)
Goldstein, Audrey (D)

MR. RAVALLESE: Mr. Miller, we're going to play games here all night. I'm in favor of adjourning this meeting and come another night. What we are doing here is wasting all this time.

MR. MILLER: Well, I think we could come back tomorrow night, but I don't think anybody wants to do that. Let's give our attention to Mr. Morgan and try to get finished.

HYDRANTS AND WATER SUPPLY

Page 115 - Code 451. (3 sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 410,000.00

PAGE 115:

Code 452.0000 Investigation of Fires	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 200.00
Code 460.0000 FIREMEN'S PENSION RESERVE FUND	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 690,000.00
Code 461.0000 MEDICAL BENEFIT FIRE RETIREES	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 4,500.00
Code 463.0000 INSURANCE - FIREMEN RETIREES	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 5,000.00

BELLTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT - VOLUNTEER

Page 117 - Code 471.0000 (with sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 67,800.00

NEW HOPE FIRE DEPARTMENT (GLENBROOK) - VOLUNTEER

Page 119 - Code 472.0000 (with sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 103,483.00

LONG RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT - VOLUNTEER

Page 121 - Code 473.0000 (with sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 112,000.00

TURN-OF-RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT (2 STATIONS) VOLUNTEER

Page 123 - Code 474.0000 (with sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 179,688.00

SPRINGDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT - VOLUNTEER

Page 125 - Code 475.0000 (with sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 95,000.00

STAMFORD EMERGENCY SERVICE

Page 127 - Code 480. (18 sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 36,757.00

STAMFORD AMBULANCE CORPS

Page 129 - Code 481. (13 sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 30,150.00 *

(Note: * Approved with stipulation this account be audited.)

MR. MORGAN: Page 129, The Stamford Ambulance Corps, this remains the same at \$30,150.00, although I should note that in our letter of transmittal, Mr. President, our Committee passed this with the understanding that the Internal Auditor will be going over the books of the Stamford Ambulance Corps because of the increase in the appropriation.

MRS. PERILLO: Yes, Mr. President, through you, I'd like to ask Mr. Morgan, is this a volunteer group, and we're going to pay them a salary? Then they are no longer a volunteer group. The salary is going to be quite high for them.

MR. MORGAN: They have paid ambulance drivers; numbers of the Volunteer Fire Departments also have paid drivers for their ambulances.

MRS. PERILLO: They never put in money before. Where were they getting the money for the salary prior to this?

MR. MORGAN: The reason that it was increased is that they went from 12-hr. to 24 hr. service, and in order to have paid drivers, they asked the City for a contribution and that's what this request is.

MRS. PERILLO: This is a kind of high salary for a contribution, isn't it?

MR. HAYS: Thank you, Mr. President. Through you to Mrs. Perillo. The Stamford Ambulance Corps until last June did not offer service during the day time to well over one-third of Stamford's geography; and during the day time, almost one-half to a number of people that equal to almost one-half its population; those people had to depend on ambulance service from the other fire departments of our City.

Commencing about last June, they dug into their account that was collecting money for them to buy a new ambulance with, and started paying drivers so that they could offer full-time service to what we call "NORTH STAMFORD". It's that area covered by the two Turn-of-River Fire Department stations and the Long Ridge Fire Department.

They will have to continue to accrue monies to replace their ambulance with. It has to be replaced every few years so they need to depend on their donations for their capital as the volunteer fire departments of our City do. They've asked the City this year to allow them to continue their full-time service to this vast number of people in this large area by including this sum of monies for salaries for their drivers.

MRS. PERILLO: Yes, I'm not against what they are doing. They are doing a good job. I am against the high salaries and I have received many calls on the high salaries that these men will be getting. I also received a lot of other information pertaining to monies they have. I'm against this large amount of salary for them and if it does get past, I think we should have an audit of the books to just show how much money they do have, because I have information that they do have money, and they are looking to buy property and have their own building and that's what they are accumulating money for. It may be the wrong information. I don't know but this is the feeling.

MRS. McINERNEY spoke at great length, giving many statistics regarding the Stamford Ambulance Corps, its services, its territory, etc.

Mr. Flanagan, Mr. Loboza, and Mrs. Santy spoke on the matter also.

HARBORMASTER

Page 129 - Code 482.0102 Part-Time Help TOTAL APPROVED \$ 1,840.00

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Page 131 - Code 510.2101 Conv. Dues & Conf. REDUCED TO \$ 240.00
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 388,642.00

SMITH HOUSE SKILLED NURSING FACILITY

Page 133 - Code 520.2101 Conv. Dues & Conf. REDUCED TO \$ 360.00
Page 135. TOTAL APPROVED \$ 836,677.00

MR. MORGAN had stated that the Fiscal Committee also recommended cutting Code 520.0103 Over-Time for Smith House from \$24,000 to \$21,600.00, but after some discussion, and a MOTION to restore to \$24,000 made by MR. BLUM, and SECONDED, a vote by DIVISION, with 19 YES votes, and 11 NO votes.

Mr. Blum, Mr. Signore, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Glucksman spoke in favor of the restoration of the suggested cut.

Mr. Morgan did point out that the Board of Finance made a cut in this account also, stating it was done because they knew the Smith House Addition would not be operational for the entire fiscal year; and that by the time the Fiscal Committee received the matter for consideration, it was obvious that there would be further time lapse before the facility would be in use.

SMITH HOUSE RESIDENCE

Page 137 - Code 530. (8 sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 35,700.00

GENERAL HOSPITALS

Page 139 - Code 540.0000 TOTAL APPROVED \$ 45,000.00

OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Page 139 - Code 541.0000 TOTAL APPROVED \$ 1,000.00

MR. HOFFMAN: I'd like a question answered by Mr. Morgan, please. What are the General Hospitals and what are the Other Institutions that are here in the budget?

MR. MORGAN: Occasionally the Welfare Department has to make a payment to a nursing home, a rest home, or to a hospital for people in emergency situations and that's what these funds represent in both instances.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Page 141 - Code 550.0102 Part-Time Help REDUCED TO \$ 1,000.00
550.2101 Conv. Dues & Conf. REDUCED TO \$ 400.00
Page 143 TOTAL APPROVED \$ 373,556.00

CODE ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

Page 145 - Code 551.2101 Conv. Dues & Conf. REDUCED TO \$ 80.00
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 75,727.00

DRUG FORENSIC LABORATORY

Page 145 - Code 552. (2 sub-accounts) TOTAL APPROVED \$ 14,347.00

MR. HOFFMAN: I would like to speak to deleting the Salary Account 551.0101 by a total of \$41,146. My rationale for this is in the back. It shows the Supervisor who receives \$17,722 and there are two Housing Inspectors \$11,712.00. This is department #551 and the employee numbers are 4564, 4565 and 4536. Now the reason that I'm asking the Board to consider deleting this amount is because I believe that this particular Code Enforcement Task Force which has the responsibility of providing tenants with suitable housing, adequate heat and hot water has not done its job.

I think that you'll all recall several months ago HUD came into the City and said that there were a number of buildings where people were living were not fit for human habitation and so therefore they were considering eliminating the HUD funds that were available to the City. (Mr. Hoffman spoke on at length on this subject, and made a MOTION to delete \$41,146.00) MOVED. SECONDED by Mr. Sandor and by Mr. Blum.

MR. LIVINGSTON pointed out that if indeed a legitimate complaint existed on certain individuals, that's a personnel matter and competency, etc., should be handled on an individual basis, but to cut the salaries with no assurance that they could ever be restored was something he would like Mr. Hoffman to comment on.

MR. HOFFMAN replied that he had spoken to Dr. Gofstein about this particular matter, voiced his complaints, and that he'd been told that perhaps the department did have "civil service psychosis", but Mr. Hoffman felt that Dr. Gofstein would not eliminate this department but might be able to make it function more properly if the cuts were made.

MR. FLANAGAN commented on the remarks regarding HUD and some of the Urban Renewal buildings alleged to be unsafe by HUD inspectors. The buildings turned out to be almost impossible to demolish, taking four days to knock down, and that the Health Dept. had no choice but to accept the HUD inspectors' allegations as to violations.

MR. GLUCKSMAN said he was against the cut, that he felt the employees could be made more accountable and that we should not cut off our noses to spite our faces.

MR. HOFFMAN asked if he could rescind his Motion as other members had suggested and approve it on the basis that the Health and Protection Committee look into this particular matter.....

MR. MILLER: Well, that is a separate matter, Mr. Hoffman; you can withdraw the MOTION but you know we don't pass the budget contingent on what the Health and Protection Committee will do.

MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, then my Motion will stand.

MR. MILLER: There is an insufficient number for a Roll Call vote, so we will take a Division. The MOTION is LOST; there are 9 YES vote; 18 NO votes.

PUBLIC SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM

Page 147 - Code 560.2101 Conv. Dues & Conf.	REDUCED TO	\$	80.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	393,815.00

HEALTH PROTECTION FOR PAROCHIAL AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Page 149 - Code 561. (11 sub-accounts)	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	583,136.00
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LEAD PAINT POISONING PROGRAM

Page 151 - Code 570.	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	-0-
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S.H.A.P.E.

Page 151 - Code 571. (2 sub-accounts)	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	25,410.00
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HEALTH AIR POLLUTION

Page 153 - Code 572.	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	-0-
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WOMENS, INFANTS AND CHILDRENS (W.I.C.)

Page 153 - Code 573.	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	-0-
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MRS. SANTY: Speaking on Page 147, Public School Health Program, Mr. Morgan, I think it in very poor taste, in fact, I wouldn't even go along with the Board of Finance's reduction. How do you expect these professional gals to go to these conventions and continue their educations, if you have \$80.00 for 22 gals? No. 1. That's the first question.

On Pages 147 and 149, Stationery and Postage. Did you compare why one is \$2,500. and the other is \$8,000.00?

MR. MILLER: Aare you suggesting, Mrs. Santy, that we increase the stationery and postage account for the public school health program?

MRS. SANTY: No, I'm saying that we should decrease the other one. How did you arrive that you felt that this was fair, \$2,500, your letting it stay?

MR. MILLER: Well, Mrs. Santy, that's how it came from the Board of Finance, so they couldn't increase it, and if Mr. Morgan wants to comment on it, he can. You know they couldn't give us any more so they kept what the Board of Finance had done.

MRS. SANTY: Then another question is .0801 Transportation. 560.0801 \$10,600 was appropriated for 75-76 but was never used because Dr. Gofstein refused to give it to the nurses. My question is, at this time, to Mr. Morgan, I want to know how this will go back to the General Fund, when and how can we keep accountability of this fund?

MR. MORGAN: It automatically goes back to the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year, all unexpended monies by any City Department go back to the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year.

MRS. SANTY: On Page 149, 561.5203, Training School, would you please explain that because under the Public School System, there isn't this allocated?

MR. MORGAN: IT's contractual courses.

MRS. SANTY: Well, why wasn't this contractual with the public schools. This is the type of complaints I'm getting.

MR. MORGAN: I believe it's totally reimbursable and I also think it may be contained in one contract and not in another.

MRS. SANTY: I would at this time MOVE to cut \$8,000.00 to \$2,500.00 comparable to the public schools.

SECONDED by MR. Hoffman.

Mr. Hays, Mrs. McInerney and Mr. Morgan and Mr. Miller commented on the matter of stationery and postage for the public and private school accounts.

MRS. COSENTINI: Well, of course, when I was on the Board of Education, we had the whole health program under our jurisdiction, so now with the new operation, I'm not sure how they do divide the responsibility. I know there was a time when there was confusion as to jurisdiction in some of the areas. How this has been resolved I'm afraid I cannot answer. The only information I have is that there are 45 private and parochial schools in terms of buildings; If that adds to the correspondence, I'm not sure, even though the pupils are far fewer. In of course the public schools there are 24 buildings to which correspondence may go, but I don't really think that's an adequate answer.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, I would like to observe that we cut nothing from this account because the entire program was totally reimbursable from the Federal Government, and that is why we didn't even compare the \$8,000 to the \$2,500 or what have you.

MR. MILLER took a vote on Mrs. Santy's MOTION to reduce to \$2,500, and the MOTION was LOST.

DRUG LIBERATION PROGRAM

Page 155 - Code 580.0000 TOTAL APPROVED \$ 150,000.00

PARK DEPARTMENT

Page 157 - Code 610.0103 Over-Time REDUCED TO \$ 9,000.00
610.1203 Maint. of Radio Equip. REDUCED TO \$ 1,000.00
610.1401 Rental of Equipment REDUCED TO \$ 1,500.00
Page 159 TOTAL APPROVED \$ 542,002.00

TERRY CONNERS SKATING RINK

Page 161 - Code 620.0103 Over-Time REDUCED TO \$ 900.00
620.0107 Seasonal REDUCED TO \$ 45,000.00
620.1805 Genl. Maint. of Grounds REDUCED TO \$ 50.00
620.2102 Dues & Subscriptions REDUCED TO \$ 120.00
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 211,038.00

BOARD OF RECREATION

Page 163 - Code 650.0103 Over-Time REDUCED TO \$ 900.00
Page 165 650.2101 Conv. Dues & Conf. REDUCED TO \$ 220.00
650.2102 Dues & Subscriptions REDUCED TO \$ 80.00
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 396,291.00

MR. GLUCKSMAN: Mr. Morgan, please, was this Over-time cut here rated on your percentage again?

MR. MORGAN: Yes, that's right, 10%.

MR. GLUCKSMAN: Was this discussed with the Board of Recreation?

MR. MORGAN: In what respect?

MR. GLUCKSMAN: As to the need.

MR. MORGAN: They looked at the print-out and it seemed that they could, based on past usage that it could adequately stand a 10% cut. You'll note that the Seasonal account was left intact and that is what I think is really the critical account here.

MR. LOBOZZA: I think there's an apparent problem here in the Board of Recreation Over-Time account because there are employees that we have contractual obligations with that have not received overtime salary, and I just know that there's money owed many people; and it's just been brought to a head recently and I wouldn't like to see the account cut because we're going to probably come in with an emergency appropriation to straighten this problem out really.

MR. HAYS: MR. Loboza, through the President, I believe you're referring to our current year's budget, and not this budget we are now passing judgment on for the next year. Thank you, Mr. President.

MR. MORGAN: All right, we're only Page 167 PROJECT MUSIC - BOARD OF RECREATION.

MR. CARLUCCI: I'd like the record to show that I'll be leaving the floor and will not participate in any vote concerning the Project Music budget. (Mr. Carlucci left the floor at 11:12 p.m. and returned at 11:28 p.m., after this matter was completed.)

MR. MILLER: All right, thank you, Mr. Carlucci is leaving the floor and will not participate in any vote concerning the Project Music budget.

MR. LOBOZZA: I'd just like to question why Mr. Carlucci left the floor now in a vote on this; he's a school teacher and he stayed on the floor for the discussion on the school budget yesterday.

MR. MILLER: That's his business, Mr. Loboza.

MRS. PERILLO: Yes, I see Project Music has seasonal employees. How many employees is that?

MR. MORGAN: I can't respond to that. I know there are 325 people participating but I'm not sure how many seasonal teachers there are.

MR. DeROSE: Mr. President, I believe I have the answer to that, there are 16 on the teaching staff.

MRS. PERILLO: Do they all get paid?

MR. DeROSE: Yes, I'm certain that they do.

MR. MORGAN: No, there's one exception, one teacher volunteers his time.

MR. LOBOZZA: Do we have any idea of what rate of pay they receive per hour, per week, or how many hours they contribute for how much pay, anyway of finding out what the pay scale is there?

MR. MORGAN: No.

MR. RAVALLESE: Who is the one teacher that volunteers his service? We'd like to commend him. We commend him.

MR. MORGAN: Anthony Truglia.

MRS. PERILLO: I just would like to say that in the Board of Education budget book we have over \$734,000 in Music. I think that's a lot of music. I don't see why we need PROJECT MUSIC. I don't think all of these people going there are underprivileged people. I think I'm right on that, or is it after school? O.K., I stand corrected.

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<u>PROJECT MUSIC - BOARD OF RECREATION</u> Page 167 - Code 651. (6 sub-accounts)	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 29,070.00
<u>DOROTHY HEROY RECREATIONAL AREA</u> Page 169 - Code 660. (12 sub-accounts)	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 23,625.00
<u>ETHEL KWESKIN THEATRE</u> Page 171 - Code 661. (7 sub-accounts)	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 35,340.00
<u>RECREATIONAL YOUTH CENTER</u> Page 173 - Code 662. (8 sub-accounts)	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 10,800.00
<u>STERLING FARMS-CULTURAL ARTS</u> Page 175 - Code 663. (6 sub-accounts)	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 9,980.00
<u>BELLTOWN FIELD RECREATION BUILDING</u> Page 175 - Code 664. (5 sub-accounts)	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 1,530.00
<u>E. GAYNOR BRENNAN, SR., MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE</u> Page 177 - Code 670.0103 Over-Time	REDUCED TO	\$ 200.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 133,354.00

MR. MILLER: Mr. Carlucci returned to the floor just before we took up Belltown Field Recreation Building above, Code 664.

MR. HOFFMAN: Mr. Moran, is clothing one of these contractual obligations in Code 670. Brennan Golf Course?

MR. MORGAN: Yes, it is.

<u>FERGUSON LIBRARY</u> Page 181 - Code 710. (23 sub-accounts) Page 183	TOTAL APPROVED	\$1,730,000.00
<u>STAMFORD MUSEUM AND NATURE CENTER</u> Page 185 - Code 720.0000	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 243,000.00
<u>FORT STAMFORD</u> Page 187 - Code 730.0000	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 2,400.00
<u>YERWOOD CENTER</u> Page 187 - Code 740.0000	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 20,000.00
<u>ROGERS SCHOOL - COMMUNITY CENTER ORG.</u> Page 187 - Code 741. (3 sub-accounts)	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 8,000.00

MR. SIGNORE: I have a question on the YERWOOD CENTER, Page 187. On that particular item, I thought that was a United Fund Agency. Can Mr. Morgan enlighten me on this particular item for \$20,000 for Yerwood Center?

MR. MORGAN: This is a contribution from the City to support the programs at the Yerwood Center.

MR. SIGNORE: Is that done for other Centers in the City?

MR. MORGAN: What other Centers?

MR. SIGNORE: Italian Center, The Jewish Center, Glenbrook, etc.

MR. MORGAN: I don't think that the Italian Center, the Jewish Center, or the Glenbrook Center are similar operations as the Yerwood Center. You have to ---- the Yerwood Center is supported by a number of Federal grants, local corporations, including my employer contributes some money to this; and that is not the case for the Italian Center or the Jewish Center. I think that perhaps the name might be misleading. We're really talking about kinds of different operations really.

MR. SIGNORE: What makes them different? They're both non-profit organizations.

MR. MORGAN: Well, at the Italian Center, the members pay dues, do they not, Mr. Signore?

MR. SIGNORE: I thought the Yerwood Center paid dues also. I was of the opinion they paid dues also.

MR. MORGAN: Not to the same extent, and there also aren't Federal funds involved. The Italian Center, for example, Mr. Signore, does not receive Federal fundings, does it?

MR. SIGNORE: Why does one receive Federal funds and the other doesn't?

MR. MORGAN: Different kinds of programs.

MR. LOBOZZA: How is this different from the Glenbrook Community Center.

MR. MILLER: I think that's a rather rhetorical question, but if Mr. Morgan wishes to respond, he can. Anything else, Mr. Loboza?

MR. LOBOZZA: Really, I would like that question answered. The Glenbrook Community Center is not like the Italian Center. It's more or less on a par with this, and I don't understand how we can give \$20,000 to one Center and not give money to the other. We also gave them a building, if I'm not mistaken.

MR. MORGAN: The Glenbrook Community Center is a City building.

MR. LOBOZZA: So was the Yerwood Center before they started.

MR. MORGAN: The Yerwood Center was private.

MRS. PERILLO: Yes, Mr. Miller through you to Mr. Morgan, I would like to ask if he is familiar with the transaction that was signed between the City at the time the West Main Street Community Center, since then they have changed the name. I believe they are supposed to pay us a dollar a year. We are not obligated from what I can tell, from the reading of the agreement, that we are to fund them in any way, too, and I would like this deleted, the whole \$20,000.

MR. MILLER: Are you making a MOTION?

MRS. PERILLO: Yes, I am, Sir.

MR. MILLER: Moved and SECONDED.

MR. PERILLO: Looks like my mother did my homework, too. Yes, I was involved when we did sign a lease with the West Main Street Community Center and if I remember it correctly, they will not get City assistance. They shall be self-sustaining and I don't see why we have to start now.

MR. LIVINGSTON: A number of questions have been raised. I'm not going to try.. I'm going to try and answer as many of them as I can, because I am familiar with the Yerwood Center.

No. 1. Yerwood Center is not the Italian Center, or the Jewish Center, or the Glenbrook Center.

No. 2. There is a program so that the Center can be fully utilized that participating members, some of the participating members do not pay any dues whatsoever. I, too, am familiar with the lease that Yerwood Center has with the City of Stamford. It was an exchange of properties based on Yerwood Center contributing \$1.00 at the time of that lease. I don't believe it's one dollar per year, however. There's something very critical that's happening and the critical thing is this. Because the time the Center was built to the present time, a number of things happened. A number of things happened.

It deals with our national economy, our State economy, as well as our City economy. These funds will be used to promote programs that serve the people in the area. One of the reasons why this kind of undergirding, financial subsidy is needed from the City is because of the use of the facilities by more people than was anticipated in our current budget from what they are getting from the United Way and from the facilities that are there. What should happen, should they just stand idly by and succumb to dust and rot because they are not being used?

I will end my statement with this because of Yerwood Center, there has been a great uplifting of that entire neighborhood. The monies that are being asked for are almost minute if we are to say that they should not have \$80,000; the Board of Finance made that very clear, and they left it at \$20,000. Our Fiscal Committee felt that the \$20,000 was justified. I would like to offer an AMENDMENT to this, and that amendment would be to, instead of eliminating it completely, I would like to amendment to go to \$12,000.

MR. MILLER: The AMENDMENT is not in order unless the original proposer of the complete deletion would accept it. Is that amendment accepted?

MRS. PERILLO: Mr. Miller, my MOTION still stands: delete the \$20,000.

MR. MILLER: All right, have to vote on that first.

MR. FLANAGAN: It's so long ago that I raised my hand and so much has been said that I don't know that I can contribute too much to it. Oh, I was going to mention that as far as the Glenbrook Community Center, the building was given to the community and it did not require any fund-raising. The Yerwood Center required a substantial amount of fund-raising. There was a substantial amount spent on construction, so that the nucleus of the old Stevens School is there, that's true, but the amount that was contributed by the people that supported the Center, it was extremely large, it's my understanding. I don't have the exact numbers, but the construction costs ran higher because of delays in

MR. FLANAGAN (continuing): starting construction and the amount raised by the community was less than anticipated and this is creating a budget pinch on their program which hopefully will be straightened out in the next year or two.

MR. WIESLEY: Let me throw some light about Yerwood. Now the difference between Yerwood and Glenbrook and the rest of the centers is that Yerwood is very definitely a United Way-supported Agency, the others are not. Then, as Mr. Flanagan said, the building program got out of hand. It cost considerably more and they ended up and they've mortgaged this to the tune of well over \$250,000. They pay about \$3,600 a year interest. The United Way Drive did not raise enough money to give the total amount they asked and as I recall, they got something like \$116,000 or \$126,000, I don't remember exactly from the United Way out of an original request that was over \$200,000. The United Way held a meeting with all of the agencies with the idea in mind that could they all cut their sum and they would not agree to cutting because they felt they definitely in this case, they weren't their brothers' keepers. And their cause was just as important as anybody else's cause, and that the Yerwood Center should find a way with the Board of Directors of the United Way to find out how to raise this money for this temporary period of time and it is a temporary period of time.

They went back and they have some of the industries in town who've agreed to come up with some additional funds on a one-time basis. They were going to go to the City to get some money from the City. I had never heard the figure and I don't know how to qualify the \$80,000 but that's the reason I'm sure that it's it. But that's really why it's there, is Yerwood can't carry itself yet. It's too big. There have been lots of questions brought about as they can't really man their pool, they've tried a membership drive, it a volunteering deal, and it varies with a family that can afford to pay a certain fee and a family that can't doesn't pay anything, and the next family and the next family can pay a dollar, whatever it might be. It's that kind of a voluntary membership fee that they try to get. It needs our support. It's a beautiful center. It's just large and it's going to take some real programming which I think is underway, but they have asked the City to give them some money and I think we should consider giving them some money because it's going to do a lot of good, and it shouldn't be closed down. As to a recommendation on the \$80,000, I could say \$50,000, and be just as right, but(end of tape, some dialogue lost here.)

MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, I'd like to speak in opposition to the deletion of this particular amount. I have a very dear friend who is a member of the Yerwood Center who has told me about the very fine programs that are there. I have met some of the leaders of the Yerwood Center, who are very fine and outstanding citizens of this particular City, and I would only hope that this small amount would be certainly paid back manyfold if indeed this Center can continue to do the job that it was meant to do. Thank you.

MR. WALSH: I just want the members to realize that there is quite a difference of property and buildings that the City gave the Yerwood Center and the City gave the Glenbrook Community Center. It's almost three times the size of Stevens School.

MRS. McINERNEY: Yes, I have three questions I'd like to ask through the CHAIR. First, I guess I need a refresher. I'm not sure what property was exchanged for the present Yerwood Center. What the City had before; and my next question is what was the amount that Yerwood Center received through the Community Development Act earlier this year; and third, can funds somehow be obtained through John Brown's CTE Program? I know that the State is always giving money for recreation areas. There could be some money come through him, as it did to operate the old "Y" pool.

MR. MORGAN: I don't believe so. I think that the CTE.....

MR. MILLER: There were three questions. I don't think Mr. Morgan can answer the first one. He wasn't around for the details.

MR. MORGAN? I yield to Mr. Livingston on the first one.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Answering the first question, you would have to go back to the time when the West Main Street Community Center launched its fund-raising drive and that was quite some time ago. What happened was there were a number of pledges made. West Main Community Center at that time was very encouraged into launching into building of a new center that would have been established on the property that is adjacent to Downer Funeral Home on West Main Street. What happened during that time was, for reasons that the Board of Education gave, they made a decision to close Stevens School, the Mayor, the Honorable Mayor at that time, Julius Wilensky, in his wisdom, recognized the money that West Main Community Center had raised and where they were going to invest it on that small lot with the river during a certain season flooding a portion of the property, the Mayor at that time in his wisdom recognized that if the Board of Education would no longer be using Stevens School, the Administration approached Yerwood Center and their Board of Directors were asked would there be a possibility of exchanging properties so that the monies that were raised could be better invested to serve the needs of the community.

We went through, I could imagine, practically a year of public hearings and different debates and it was decided by the 12th Board of Representatives that this exchange was proper. I would hope that I answered that part of your...

MR. PERILLO: Yes, I could understand all the feelings on this West Main Street Community Center, but remember we did sign a contract and did say no City assistance. Now, was that just another piece of paper that we file and the Hell with it all?

MRS. McINERNEY: Mr. President, I don't think they finished answering the other two questions.

MR. MILLER: I don't think Mr. Morgan can give you all the details on the original agreement, Mrs. McInerney, and there's nothing can be done about that now, anyway.

MRS. McINERNEY: If I might ask, how much of the Community Development Act earlier this year went to Yerwood Center. I do believe there was an amount in there, but I don't know what it was; and my next question was couldn't they apply under John Brown's CTE for money as they do I believe for South End who have some monies from that program?

MR. MILLER: Mr. Morgan, can you respond to that?

MR. MORGAN: To the second question, I believe this Yerwood Center has someone who does its own Federal fund grant applications, distinct from the operations of CTE. And so far, I don't think that there are separate operations, although there might be a possibility for some overlap. I don't believe any exists. There is no possibility Mr. Livingston informs me that there could be an overlap. They are indeed separate operations. The answer to your other questions, as I recall, there was, I believe, some money in the Community Development Program, but I don't have that budget with me, and I don't recall the exact amount, but this additional money is required to maintain the Yerwood Center's operation for the coming fiscal year.

MR. SIGNORE: I want to say that I've been at the Yerwood Center. It's a very beautiful building. The black people of our community should be very proud of that building. And I think they should work very hard to try to make it a very huge success. Dr. Yerwood is a very wonderful woman. She's done a tremendous amount of work for the black community in this town. However, I am very apprehensive in that being it's a United Way Fund agency, I am afraid that other United Fund agencies, when they get in a bind financially, will come running to the City looking for some funds to help them over a hump, and I think if we set a precedent here tonight, we're going to have a very serious problem in future years. Thank you.

MR. HAYS: I MOVE THE QUESTION, Mr. President.

MR. MILLER: The MOTION to MOVE THE QUESTION is CARRIED. Now we'll vote on the MOTION to delete the \$20,000 which was made and SECONDED. There is not a sufficient number desiring a Roll Call Vote. We'll take a Voice vote. The MOTION is LOST. A DIVISION is requested. The MOTION to delete is LOST with a vote of 20 NO votes and 9 YES votes.

MRS. PERILLO: Since this Board is so generous with donations, I would like to recommend that they donate \$20,000 to the Italian Center and \$20,000 to the Jewish Center.

MR. RAVALLESE: And the Glenbrook Community Center; the Day Care Center at Yerwood got a big donation with the HUD Program.

MRS. McINERNEY: Yes, I'd like to tack a stipulation onto the last vote. I would like to say, I would like it to be for only one year.

MR. MILLER: It is that's what we just voted, but it could come back next year, and we can't control that now.

STAMFORD DAY CARE CENTER ADMINISTRATION

Page 189 - Code 750.

TOTAL APPROVED \$ -0-

COMMUNITY RETURN

Page 191 - Code 760.0000

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 6,000.00

PAGE 191:

Code 790.0000 Summer Youth and Recreation

TOTAL APPROVED \$ -0-

Code 791.0000 Neighborhood Youth Corps

TOTAL APPROVED \$ -0-

Code 792.0000 Youth Service Bureau

TOTAL APPROVED \$ -0-

Coxe 793.0000 HUD 701

TOTAL APPROVED \$ -0-

MRS. McINERNEY: Through the CHAIR, I'd like to ask Mr. Morgan exactly what type of program COMMUNITY RETURN is?

MR. MORGAN: I would like to yield to Mr. Fox for this.

MR. FOX: I would be happy to answer that for Mrs. McInerney, COMMUNITY RETURN is a fairly new program which works with people coming out of the prison system; and it attempts to obtain for these individuals, jobs within the community. That's its primary purpose. It also works with them in an attempt just to help them readjust to our community, and I think, having worked with it for several months now, I think it's a very, very important program. A very worthwhile program. I wholeheartedly support it and I would suggest that this Board do likewise.

MR. MILLER: There's not supposed to be any communication by a Board member with anyone else while we're in session. If there are messages to be given, they should be sent down to the floor. Thank you, Mr. Fox. Mrs. Clark?

MRS. CLARK: Yes, Mr. President, I'd like to speak in full agreement with this program. I have actually seen the program in operation with certain people that I do know. The program does work directly with the person who has just come out of prison or a correctional institution, whichever you care to call it. I have seen it do wonders with certain people that I have stood on my job and heard certain people say that they were incorrigible. I have seen this program actually help these people have faith in themselves, have confidence in themselves, and be able to adjust to the world today and be better for society.

BOARD OF EDUCATION - Page 193 - was done yesterday.

PAGE 195:

Code 910.0000 PRINCIPAL, CONSOLIDATED CITY BONDS	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 8,985,000.00
Code 911.0000 INTEREST, CONSOLIDATED CITY BONDS	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 4,853,545.00 *
Code 912.0000 BOND EXPENSE	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 45,000.00
Code 920.0000 PARKING AUTHORITY DEBT	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 161,000.00
	TOTAL...	\$14,044,545.00

Note *

The Interest on Consolidated City Bonds should be changed to \$4,853,545.00 (a reduction of \$84,700.00) and the reason is because of the advantageous rate of interest that the City got on its recent sale of bonds! The Grand Budget Total is \$81,048,166.00.

MR. MILLER: The CHAIR would inquire of the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee as to whether we need to stand at ease for a while to make sure we have the proper figures because we do have to have a final vote on the RESOLUTION including the CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET and the OPERATING BUDGET and I want to be sure we have the proper figures before we take that vote.

MR. MORGAN: I'd appreciate five minutes.

MR. MILLER: All right, we'll stand at ease for five minutes. Take your seats. The meeting will again COME TO ORDER. The record will indicate there are 35 members of the Board present. We are now ready to vote on the RESOLUTION which is the formal adoption of the CAPITAL and OPERATING BUDGETS, and it is required that this RESOLUTION for adoption receive 21 votes. It appears that there are not 35 present. Will the CLERK please CALL THE ROLL to determine who is present.

THE CLERK, MRS. LINDA D. CLARK, took the Roll Call, as below:

ATTENDANCE: PRESENT

Blum, David (D)
Blois, Julius (D)
Clark, Linda (D)
Cosentini, Audrey (R)
Costello, Robert (D)
DeRose, Joseph (D)
Flanagan, William H. (R)
Fox, John Wayne (D)
Goldstein, Sandra (D)
Hawc, Marie (R)
Hays, George (R)
Hoffman, Leonard (R)
Lobozza, James (R)
Loomis, Ralph (R)
Lowden, Lynn (D)
McInerney, Barbara (R)
Miller, Frederick E., Jr. (D)
Morgan, Michael (D)
Perillo, Alfred (D)
Perillo, Mildred (D)
Ravallese, George (D)
Ritchie, Mildred (R)
Rose, Matthew (D)
Rybnick, Gerald (D)
Sandor, John (D)
Santy, Jeanne-Lois (R)
Sherer, Donald (R)
Signore, S. A. (R)
Walsh, Peter (D)
Wiesley, Vere (R)
Zimbler, Kurt (R)

ATTENDANCE: ABSENT

Baxter, George (D)
Carlucci, Leo (D)
Connors, George (D)
D'Agostino, Thomas (D)
Dixon, Handy (D)
Glucksman, L. Morris (D)
Livingston, Jeremiah (D)
Nizolek, Christine (D)
Osuch, Adam (R)

ROLL CALL at 12:20 A.M.:

Present: 31
Absent 9

MR. MORGAN: Thank you, Mr. President, I'd like to introduce a RESOLUTION whereas the Board of Finance has transmitted to the Board of Finance its recommended budget for the ensuing year commencing July 1, 1976 and ending June 30, 1977 for final action by the Board of Representatives, be it hereby resolved by the City of Stamford that the itemized estimate of receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year 1976-1977 in the budgets as submitted by the Mayor and as acted upon by the Board of Representatives in the amounts of \$3,742,843.00 in the Capital Projects Budget and \$81,048,166.00 in the Operating Budget, and it is hereby accepted, adopted and approved and specific appropriations are hereby made for each of the several items in the amounts appearing in the columns of budgets under the heading Board of Representatives recording the approval or other action of this Board.

MR. MILLER: You're making a MOTION that that be adopted? Is there a SECOND to that MOTION? MOVED and SECONDED. The Question is on adoption of this Resolution. All those in favor say AYE. I'm sorry, Mr. Morgan, did you have something?

MR. MORGAN: Just a POINT OF INFORMATION, Mr. Miller. Since the hour is late, if there are any arithmetic errors, I do not believe there are, can we approve this contingent upon the running of a tape tomorrow once again?

MR. MILLER: Yes, the question is on adoption of this Resolution. The MOTION is CARRIED with one NO vote...two NO votes, 27 YES votes. I believe there are a couple of members who wish to make comments, but the vote was 27 yes, 2 no. Oh, I'm sorry, we have 31 present, so it's 29 YES; 2 NO. Oh, 28 YES, 3 NO.

MR. RAVALLESE: The taxpayers are going to be very disappointed. I don't think they got a fair shake, Mr. Miller.

MRS. McINERNEY: Yes, through the CHAIR, I'd like to ask Mr. Morgan's Committee, the Fiscal Committee, to send a directive to the Controller of this City to comply with Section 485 concerning allotments and that reads that on or before the 10th day of June of each year, the Controller shall certify to the Head of each Department, Board, or Agency the funds appropriated to that department, board, or agency for its purposes for the ensuing fiscal year. The head of each department shall then prepare four quarterly allotments of the appropriation within the appropriation granted. Such allotments shall provide sufficient funds for services to be performed by that department, board or agency in the respective quarters of the fiscal year. All allotment proposals shall be sent to the Mayor for his approval on or before the 20th day of June of each year. After he has approved the allotment proposed, the Mayor shall file them with the Controller and they shall control the allotment, the allocation of funds for the respective quarters. If during the year, the head of any department, board or agency desires to alter its quarterly allotment, he may file with the Mayor a revised schedule of quarterly allotments for the remaining quarters. If, in the course of any allotment revision, it shall appear to the Mayor that a transfer from one appropriation to another is required, such transfer may be made if approved by the Board of Finance. I would like to hope that the Fiscal Committee would request this in hopes of getting better accountability of all the monies that we spent tonight.

MR. MILLER: Well, Mrs. McInerney, the Fiscal Committee would only be requesting that the Controller do what he's supposed to do, but do you have knowledge that the Controller has not been complying with Section 485?

MRS. McINERNEY: Presently, I do not have knowledge, but I think it would be nice. I know we have very many things in our Charter and on our Code of Ordinances that are not enforced and I think that this would be one way to get a sure foothold on what is happening in the City for the coming year.

MR. MILLER: Thank you, Mrs. McInerney. Mr. DeRose?

MR. DeROSE: Mr. President, I know the hour is late and most of us are tired, but as Majority Leader of this Board, I would just like to make a very brief comment, and that is that I would like to commend Mike Morgan and the entire Fiscal Committee for the manner in which they tackled this most difficult task.

It is by far perhaps the largest task that we are confronted with during the tenure of any Board, and an awful lot of work had to be done in a short concentration of time. Often this Committee went into the wee hours of the morning with their deliberations, and their debates. Many difficult decisions had to be made, and this could only be done through considerable research.

And last, but not least, I think we ought to take note that the majority of that group is made up of people who are newly-elected members of the Board of Representatives, and they were confronted again with this very difficult task. And I think they did an admirable job; and in conclusion, I would like to thank them for a job well-done. Thank you.

MR. SIGNORE: I agree with Mr. DeRose on this particular item, and I want to say that I, too, commend the Fiscal Committee for the wonderful job they've done; and I'm sure that next year the same Committee will do the same good job that they've done this year, and I hope that they can possibly save the taxpayers a few more mills next time around. Thank you.

MR. MILLER: Thank you. The CHAIR would like to note the Fiscal Committee headed by Mr. Morlan had a very difficult task as the Committee always does at this time of year, and you have my personal thanks; and if there are no further comments and no further business, the CHAIR will ADJOURN this meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 1051
ADOPTION OF THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGETS
FROM JULY 1, 1976 to JUNE 30, 1977

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance has transmitted to the Board of Representatives its recommended Budgets for the ensuing year, commencing July 1, 1976 and ending June 30, 1977, for final action by the Board of Representatives,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD that the itemized estimate of receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year 1976-1977 in the Budgets as submitted by the Mayor and as acted upon by the Board of Representatives, in the amounts of:

\$ 3,742,843.00 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

\$81,044,672.00 OPERATING BUDGET

BE AND IT IS HEREBY accepted, adopted and approved, and specific appropriations are hereby made for each of the several items in the amounts appearing in the columns of budgets under the heading "Board of Representatives" recording the approval, or other action, of this Board.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on MOTION, duly SECONDED and CARRIED, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:26 a.m.

Helen M. McEvoy

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

APPROVED:

Frederick E. Miller, Jr.

Frederick E. Miller, Jr., President
14th Board of Representatives

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