

MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1981

16TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A Special meeting of the 16th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1981, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board in the Municipal Office Building, Second Floor, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 11:06 a.m. by the President of the Board, Sandra Goldstein.

ROLL CALL: The Clerk of the Board, Annie M. Summerville, called the Roll. There were 36 present and 4 absent (Bowlby, Fasanelli, Hawe, Anthony Conti). The Chair declared a quorum.

CALL OF THE MEETING: The Chair read the Call of the Meeting as follows:

I, SANDRA GOLDSTEIN, President of the 16th 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:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1981

AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING

LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS, SECOND FLOOR

429 ATLANTIC STREET

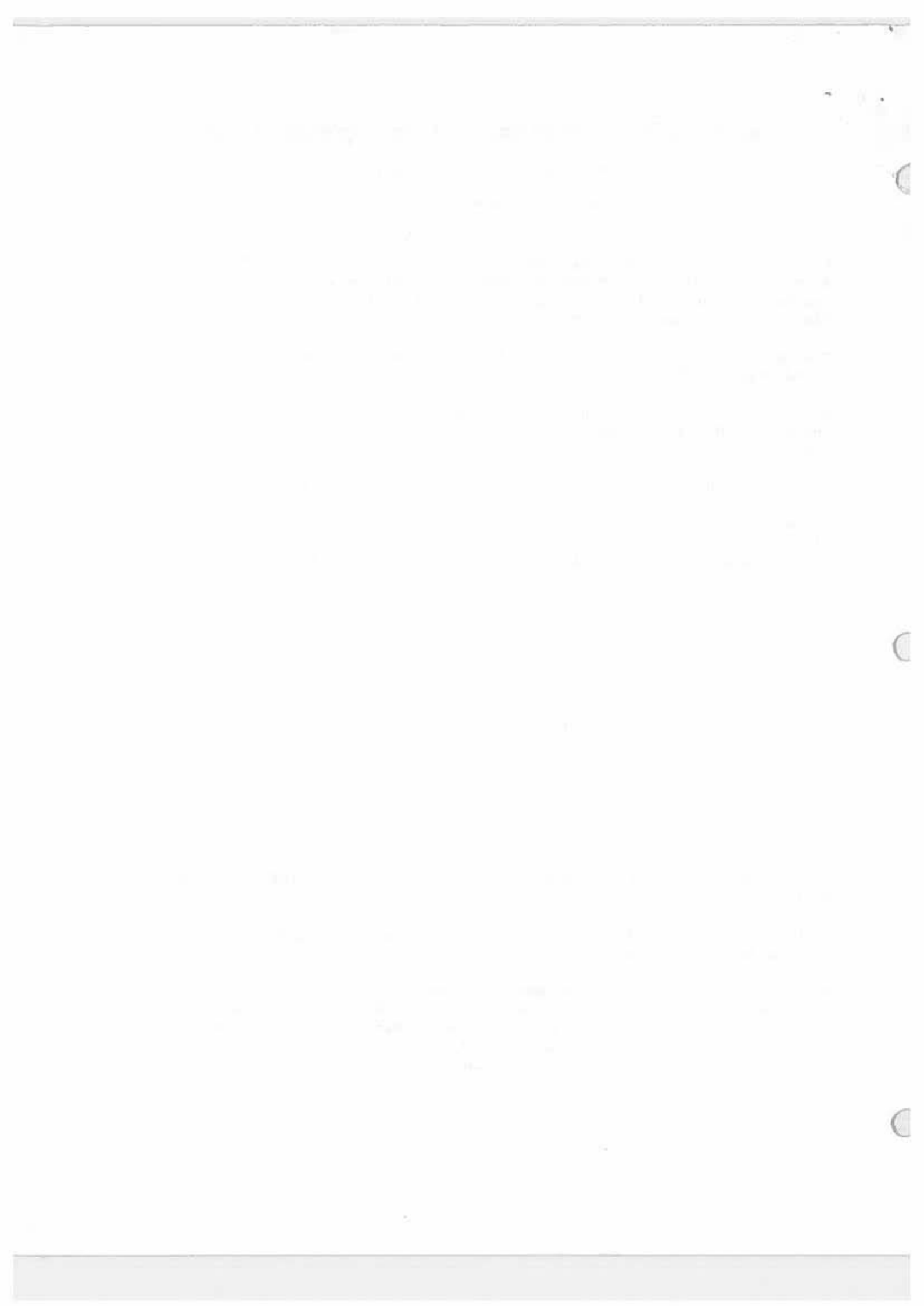
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for the following purpose:

To consider the matter of Reapportionment as per Section 103 of the Charter of the City of Stamford.

CHECK OF THE VOTING MACHINE: The voting machine was checked by the Board members and found to be in good working order.

MR. HOGAN, Co-Chairman of the Reapportionment, gave the report of his Committee which stated that the Reapportionment Committee held a Public Hearing on November 17, 1981 and met to vote thereafter. The Committee by a 3 - 2 vote, voted to recommend that the Board consider both plans; the Leyland Plan and the Cunningham Plan.



MRS. GUROIAN, Co-Chairman of the Reapportionment Committee MOVED that the Board adopt the Plan known as the Cunningham Plan. SECONDED by many.

MR. HOGAN MOVED that we substitute the Leyland Plan for the Cunningham Plan. SECONDED by many.

MR. RYBNICK made a MOTION to MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 30 YES, 6 NO.

The Chair stated the question which was to substitute the Leyland Plan for the Cunningham Plan. The MOTION to substitute the Leyland Plan for the Cunningham Plan was DEFEATED. The vote was 36 OPPOSED, NONE in favor.

The MOTION to adopt the Plan known as the Cunningham Plan was brought to a vote. The MOTION was to adopt the Cunningham Plan. The vote was 20 NO, 15 YES, 1 ABSTENTION. The MOTION was DEFEATED.

MR. BLUM MOVED that the matter of reapportionment be brought to the 17th Board and that both plans be used as a basis with the concept of neighborhoods considered. SECONDED by MR. BLAIS.

MRS. GUROIAN MOVED to substitute for the previous MOTION, the following MOTION: SECONDED.

WHEREAS, the overwhelming support from the public has been for a neighborhood redistricting plan;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives form a Redistricting Committee of the Board consisting of four (4) Democrats and four (4) Republicans to consider modification of the Cunningham Plan based on the neighborhood concept.

MR. ZELINSKI stated that if both the main motion as stated by MR. BLUM and the substitute as stated by MRS. GUROIAN are defeated, he will propose that the Board adopt a motion that all plans be used as a basis for the work of the 17th Board.

MR. BLUM WITHDREW his main MOTION as did the Seconder.

Discussion proceeded on MRS. GUROIAN'S motion.

MR. FLOUNDERS urged adoption of MRS. GUROIAN'S motion because it was clear through the public hearings that the neighborhood concept be the crux of Reapportionment.

MRS. McINERNEY supported MRS. GUROIAN'S motion and urged her follow Board to support the neighborhood concept. She further stated that if the matter isn't handled fairly, the Courts will decide.



MISS RINALDI spoke against the motion because of her belief that the new Committee's hands should not be tied by any specific plan. In the interest of bipartisanship, she MOVED to amend the main motion by deleting the words Cunningham Plan. MOTION to amend SECONDED.

MRS. GUROIAN accepted the amendment. MOTION was CARRIED.

The Chair read the main MOTION which was:

WHEREAS, the overwhelming support from the public has been for a neighborhood redistricting plan;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives form a Redistricting Committee of the Board consisting of four (4) Democrats and four (4) Republicans to consider a plan based on the neighborhood concept.

ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN: The vote was 34 in FAVOR, 1 OPPOSED (MR. O'BRIEN), 1 ABSTENTION (MR. RYBNICK): MOTION CARRIED.

The Meeting was ADJOURNED at 12:00 p.m.

By Annie M. Summerville  
Annie M. Summerville, Clerk  
16th Board of Representatives

APPROVED:

Sandra Goldstein  
Sandra Goldstein, President  
16th Board of Representatives  
City of Stamford, Connecticut

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