

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1982

17TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A regular monthly meeting of the 17th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1982, 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 8:40 p.m. by the President Jeanne-Lois Santy, after both political parties had met in caucus.

INVOCATION: Rev. Robert O. Weeks, St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
471 Mansfield Avenue, Darien, CT. 06820.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: President Jeanne-Lois Santy.

PAGE: Stephanie Parris, Junior at Stamford High School.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Stephanie.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Madam President, may we have a Recess at this time. **SECONDED.**

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made for a Recess. **Seconded. All in favor of a Recess, please say Aye. Opposed? We'll Recess.**

(Recess from 8:42 - 10.40 p.m.)

PRESIDENT SANTY: I'm calling the Meeting to order. I have buzzed the Caucus rooms. Someone has knocked on the door. Mrs. Maihock, would you please call the Roll to determine if we have a quorum or not, to begin this Meeting.

ROLL CALL: Acting Clerk Audrey Maihock called the Roll. 40 Members present.

CHECK OF THE VOTING MACHINE: President Jeanne-Lois Santy. We do have a problem tonight with the machine because it is not typing on the read-off section. We are going to have to go a little bit slower. Has everyone voted yes? I don't think we are going to be able to use the machine tonight. Please, all Representatives, vote no. Has everyone voted no? Would everyone please abstain? At this time, I would like the Tellers, Reps. Weiderlight and Stork, we're not going to be able to use the machine; we will use the machine to vote but you will have to count the lights. You're going to have to count the machine. Mr. Zelinski, would you see if your abstention button...thank you.

MR. STORK: Madam President, I talked with Mr. Wiederlight about this and he concurs that if we are indeed, going to be counting the lights, please let our fellow Board members know that we are the only two going to be counting the lights.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Representatives Stork and Wiederlight will be our Tellers tonight for all the official votes. I cannot clear the machine so you are going to have to check your votes very, very carefully and make sure that how you vote is recorded up there by your name. That's very important but I'll announce that before each vote. We'll just play it by ear; we'll go to the first vote; we may have to have Roll Call votes.

MR. BLUM: Inasmuch as this machine is not properly working, I don't think this is....

PRESIDENT SANTY: We'll wait for the first vote, Mr. Blum and just play it by ear. No more discussion on that.

At this time, I accept with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Guroian as Parliamentarian and I would like to thank her for the additional contribution that she made to this Board in that capacity, and at this time, it is my pleasure to appoint Rep. John Hogan as Parliamentarian who will continue as he has done in the past to serve this Board so well.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late Frances O'Brien Adams, a native of Stamford, a Community leader and the most public-spirited citizen. She served on the Human Rights Commission and was involved in many Community activities - submitted by Rep. B. Conti.

For the late Thomas Joseph Conti, a 24-year-old Stamford boy, son of Rose Perry Conti and the late Patsy Conti - submitted by Rep. B. Conti.

For the late mother of Dr. Ralph Pesiri - submitted by Rep. John Zelinski,

For the late Edna DeGaetani, mother of Rep. Barbara DeGaetani - submitted by Rep. John Zelinski and Rep. Robert DeLuca.

For the late Dr. Alexander Bellwin - submitted by Rep. John Zelinski.

For the late Rita B. Bundock, wife of Robert Bundock. She served for many years as administrative secretary at Northeast Utilities and is remembered by many for her creative ceramic art - submitted by Rep. Audrey Maihock.

For the late Leslie H. Warner, distinguished business and Community leader in our City - submitted by Rep. Audrey Maihock.

For the late Dr. Robert H. Abrahamson, highly respected Stamford surgeon and medical examiner - submitted by Rep. Audrey Maihock.

For the late Ernest P. Bushmiller, creator of the popular comic strip "Nancy" - submitted by Rep. Audrey Maihock.

For the late Margaret Wahl, Commissioner on Aging - submitted by Rep. Dennis White. and Rep. Marie Hawe.

For the late Geraldine Ross, Stamford secretary of the SCLC Chapter - submitted by Rep. Annie Summerville.

For the late Samuel Gruber, long advocate and lawyer for the Civil Rights struggle - submitted by Rep. Annie Summerville.

For the late Dominick Rillo who will be sorely missed by his family, friends and neighbors - submitted by Rep. Annie Summerville.

Condolences to Ms. DeGaetani and Mrs. Conti on the loss of their relatives. We all feel your pain and share with you, and our prayers are with you and all the other members of this Board - submitted by Rep. Barbara McInerney.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: (Continued)

For the late Samuel Clark, husband of Mae Clark; a friend, neighbor and constituent - submitted by Rep. Jerry Livingston.

For the late Evelyn Connors who resided on Courtland Avenue - submitted by Rep. James Dudley.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE - Chairwoman Jeanne Lois-Santy.

MRS. McINERNEY: I Move that the Minutes of the Steering Committee be Waived.  
SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor, please say aye. Opposed? We will now continue.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

A meeting of the STEERING COMMITTEE was held on MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 1982, in the Democratic Caucus Room, Second Floor, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic St., Stamford, Connecticut. The meeting was called for 7:30 P.M., and the President called it to order at 7:40 P.M. when a Quorum was present.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

Jeanne-Lois Santy, Chairwoman	Paul Dziezyc	Paul Esposito
Barbara McInerney	Walter Gaipa	John Zelinski, Jr.
John J. Boccuzzi	Audrey Maihock	Jeremiah Livingston
Annie M. Summerville	John Roos	Michael Wiederlight
Robert "Gabe" DeLuca	Donald Donahue	John J. Hogan, Jr.
Anthony Conti	Sandra Goldstein	Mary Lou Rinaldi
Philip Stork	Gerald Rybnick	Handy Dixon (S. Costello)
Burtis Flounders	Lathon Wider, Sr.	Bobby Owens (of ADVOCATE)
Cady Vos, Mayor's Exec. Aide	Brian Ward, WSTC	Peter Blais (8:05)

(1) CHARTER REVISION MATTERS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was the one item appearing on Tentative Steering Agenda.

(2) FISCAL MATTERS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were 14 of the 16 items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. One item was removed from the Agenda, being the last item relating to a resolution to fund the continuation of Neighborhood Preservation Program. One item was moved to Personnel Committee, being the resolution concerning medical benefits for 3 Youth Planning and Coordinating Agency employees.

(3) PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS

ORDERED HELD IN COMMITTEE was the first item appearing on Tentative Steering Agenda, being the matter of rebate for cancelled game at Scalzi Park. The other five items were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued):(4) HEALTH AND PROTECTION MATTERS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were five items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. ORDERED Held in Committee were three items (a) Drug paraphernalia sold to minors; (b) ordinance re satellite transmission facilities; (c) rooming houses that are not protected with fire escapes and fire alarms. Ordered removed from the agenda was the first item, fire alarm system for the Municipal Office Building. Of the items ordered on the agenda, one was a new one wherein the matter of burglar and fire alarm connections to a central City terminal was separated into two items, the second being proposed by Reps. Gershman, Maihock, Bonner and McInerney.

(5) LEGISLATIVE AND RULES MATTERS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were nine items from the Steering Agenda and Addenda. Ordered Held in Committee were three items (a) Undesirable pornographic material being available to minors; (b) resubmission of traffic and parking ordinance; and (c) annual pick-up of household and yard debris.

(6) PERSONNEL MATTERS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were the three items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda, plus the item transferred from Fiscal, the resolution re medical benefits for Youth Planning and Coordinating Agency.

(7) PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda, being LeRoy Place acceptance as a City Street.

(8) TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

There were no items.

(9) PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

ORDERED off the agenda were the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda, being Mr. Blum's requests concerning Review by Community Development regarding audit policy per Finance Board Policy #6-1; and the matter of personnel policies in SCDD.

(10) URBAN RENEWAL MATTERS

There were no items.

(11) EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT MATTERS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were four of the five items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. The other item was ordered held and off the agenda, being Rep. Gershman's request for detailed information on tax abatements granted for 1980 and 1981.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (Continued):(12) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MATTERS

There were no items.

(13) APPOINTMENTS MATTERS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were five names on the Tentative Steering Agenda being Joseph White, Paul Carignan, Ralph Gofstein, Michael Minotti, and Michael Feighan. Ordered Held in Committee for the next month were five others, being Patricia Wilson, Robert Fields, C. Raymond Grebey, Jr., Allen Kaltman, and Edmund Miller.

(14) PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were nine of the ten items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Ordered removed from the agenda was the item concerning Sec. 8-4 and 8-5 of the Code on Containers, type and location.

(15) HOUSE COMMITTEE MATTERS

There were no items.

(16) RESOLUTIONS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were the five resolutions appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and Addenda.

(17) COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

There were none.

(18) PETITIONS

There were none.

(19) COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS and INDIVIDUALS

There were none.

(20) OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

(21) NEW BUSINESS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda to form a Coliseum Authority Liaison Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to appear before the STEERING COMMITTEE, upon Motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Following this Steering Committee Meeting, the President, Jeanne-Lois Santy, convened a SPECIAL MEETING of the Board.

JEANNE-LOIS SANTY, CHAIRWOMAN  
Steering Committee  
17th Board of Representatives

JLS:HMM

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MR. CONTI: I'd like to ask for a Suspension of the Rules to bring an item out-of-order and act upon it tonight because it is quite timely and we may stand to lose the money that would be coming to Stamford. That would be under Legislative and Rules; For final adoption for Stamford Green and Augustus Manor. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There is a Second to Suspend the Rules. We will proceed to a vote. All in favor of Suspending the Rules, please say aye. Opposed? Let's use the machine and see how we make out. Mr. Stork and Mr. Wiederlight, all in favor of Suspending the Rules, we need two-thirds vote. Mr. Stork and Mr. Wiederlight, I'll wait for your tally.

MR. STORK: 24 yes, 15 no, 1 not voting.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Wiederlight, do you agree?

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Yes.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I'm sorry, the Motion to Suspend the Rules has been DEFEATED. A 27 vote was necessary. We will now continue with the Agenda.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE - Co-Chairmen John Roos and Jeremiah Livingston

- (1) PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE MEMBERS OF THE 13TH CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION of the City of Stamford, by Co-Chairmen Jeremiah Livingston and John Roos.

MR. ROOS: Madam President, the Charter Revision Committee met August 14th, 19th, 20th, 26th and 27th and September 2nd and 9th. Thirty (30) candidates were interviewed. Mr. Livingston and I would like to thank the members of the Committee for the time, diligence and interest they contributed.

I present the names of the following persons to serve on the 13th Charter Revision Commission. Individual resumes have been furnished to all representatives and they will be presented alphabetically. Also I would like to add that the Committee also wishes to express its appreciation to all the candidates interviewed. The caliber of these dedicated people is very high indeed and Stamford should be proud of them.

Be it further resolved that the following be appointed members of the 13th Charter Revision Commission: Michael J. Cacace, Neil J. Carey, Estelle Feinstein, Lillian Filardo, Mark F. Katz, Trumbull King, Alan Ketcham, Elizabeth Luther, Daniel McCabe, Ralph J. Murray, Hugh O'Connell, Stuart M. Robbins, Bruce Spaulding, John Santariga and John Timbers. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Roos. There're several Seconds. At this time, I would also like to thank the Committee, the Co-Chairmen, Mr. Roos and Mr. Livingston and the Committee for the many hours and all the time that it took away from their business and their family to interview these candidates. It is much appreciated by this Board.

Is there any discussion on the Slate as presented? No discussion, we are going to move right to the question. We will now proceed to a vote by use of the machine. Let's make sure we can use the machine. I don't think we can clear it, but let's vote and see if the vote comes out the way you want it to vote.

All in favor of the Slate as proposed by Mr. Roos, use the machine.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE (Continued)

PRESIDENT SANTY: Make sure your vote has tallied right on the board. Has everyone voted?

MR. STORK: Madam President, I get 20 - 20.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Wiederlight concurs with Mr. Stork. 20 - 20; a 21 vote is needed for passage.

MRS. McINERNEY: Madam President, at this time, I would like to offer the following Slate as candidates for the Charter Revision Commission. The Republicans met earlier this evening, and we, as a Republican Caucus, felt that the City would best be served by the strongest, most knowledgeable Slate of Republican candidates our Caucus can bring forth to serve the citizens of our Community and work together with the Democrats and the Unaffiliated name that has been selected, to provide a workable, streamlined Charter for the City of Stamford, and I would like to offer the names which are being suggested as our Slate this evening: Neil Carey, Daniel McCabe, Trumbull King, Bruce Spaulding, Ralph Murray, Elizabeth Luther, David Cunningham, Michael Cacace, Estelle Feinstein, Lillian Filardo, Mark Katz, Hugh O'Connell, Stuart Robbins, John Timbers and John Santariga and I would like everyone to realize that the names of this Slate did not change with the exception of the Republicans who we feel are stronger and could best represent the City of Stamford and provide us with a workable Charter. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that. Several Seconds.

MR. DeLUCA: I would like to echo the comments of Rep. McInerney that we appreciate the fact that the Charter Revision Committee put many hours interviewing the candidates and they came up with a Slate which they felt was presentable and beneficial to everyone. However, in our Republican Caucus Room, we felt that there was one name that would really add a little more strength to the proposed Charter Revision Commission. As Rep. McInerney stated, we do not even think of the idea of changing any Democratic names; we agree with the Democrats.

MRS. HAWES: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the question, please say aye. Opposed? We're going to Move the question. We are now going to use the machine. Make sure that your vote is the same on the machine as you wish to do. All in favor of the Slate as presented by Mrs. McInerney? Has everyone voted?

MR. STORK: Madam President, 20 yes, 20 no.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Wiederlight concurs. We have 20 yes, 20 no. We do not have a Commission as this time.

MR. BLUM: In the interest of the hour, noting the fact that you made a change and we had some feelings in regard to your Slate.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mr. Blum, who are you addressing as you and your?

MR. BLUM: The Republicans.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Please use that word.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE (Continued)

MR. BLUM: I would like to present a Slate that I feel may be the Board can accept.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Fine, Mr. Blum, continue.

MR. BLUM: My Slate is Michael Cacace, Neil Carey, Estelle Feinstein, Lillian Filardo, Mark F. Katz, Trumbull King, Alan Ketcham, Elizabeth Luther, Daniel McCabe, Ralph Murray, Hugh O'Connell, Stuart M. Robbins, David Cunningham, John Santariga and John Timbers. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion has been made and the Slate has been announced by Mr. Blum. Several Seconds. Any discussion?

There's has been a Motion made to Move the question. SECONDED. All in favor of Moving the question, please say aye. Opposed? I no, we will Move the question. We will use the machine. We are now voting on the Slate as proposed by Mr. Blum. Mr. Blum, I notice there is one change in the Slate you presented for clarification. We are now voting on Mr. Blum's Slate. Has everyone voted?

MR. STORK: Madam President, 30 yes, 10 no.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Wiederlight, do you concur.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Yes.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Fine. Mr. Roos, as Co-Chairmen, you and Mr. Livingston, you want to read the names of the Commission since it is your Committee. Read the names of Mr. Blum's Slate.

MR. ROOS: Michael J. Cacace, Neil Carey, Estelle Feinstein, Lillian Filardo, Mark F. Katz, Trumbull King, Alan Ketcham, Elizabeth Luther, Daniel McCabe, Ralph J. Murray, Hugh O'Connell, Stuart Robbins, David Cunningham, John Santariga and John Timbers.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Roos, and again I thank the Committee.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Madam President, I want to convey to the Board that through the efforts of Mr. Roos, myself and the rest of the Committee, we did present what we thought was a Blue Ribbon Panel and I want Mr. Roos to know that it was a joy working with him on this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, and again thank the Committee members.

MR. CONTI: At this time, I would like for Suspension of the Rules to again bring out the Augustus Manor and Stamford Green. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's a Motion made and Seconded to Suspend the Rules. All in favor of Suspending the Rules to consider the two tax abatements as mentioned by Mr. Conti, please say aye. Opposed? We need two-thirds vote. We'll have to use the machine. We can use the machine now. Make sure your vote is the same. We are now voting on Suspension of the Rules; 27 votes are needed.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Madam President, I have 27 yes and 13 no.

PRESIDENT SANTY: 27 yes and 13 no.

MR. STORK: No, Madam President, it changed again, I have 28 yes now.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE (Continued)

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Wiederlight, would you concur? It's 28. The machine is locked now. 28 yes, alright.

MR. STORK: And 12 no.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion to Suspend the Rules is PASSED.

UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:

MR. CONTI: Under Legislative and Rules, Article #7 and for the sake of expediency, I would go into the Legislative and Rules meeting or the Public Hearing. We'll bring this right up. In favor of the amendment, it was 6 - 0 for both portions; Stamford Green and Augustus Manor.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We have to take one at a time, Mr. Conti.

(7) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE GRANTING TAX ABATEMENT FOR 90 ELDERLY STAMFORD GREEN submitted by Mayor and Community Development Agency. Request for publication is on Agenda of Special Meeting of August 30, 1982.

MR. CONTI: I so Move. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Several Seconds. Any discussion?

MR. ZELINSKI: First of all, I though I was going to give the Report but that's immaterial. Second, the amendment that the L&R Committee did vote on was not unanimous. It was 6 in favor and 1 against and I would bring to the attention of my colleagues, that they should have received in the mail over the weekend a memo from Nancy Mitchell, pertaining to that amendment which is Section 8.8(a) which is just making a change in the definition that was proposed that evening of our L&R Committee meeting by Community Development, and first, I think, the correct procedure would be to take a vote. Was the Motion to approve the amendment first?

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion was to approve the final adoption of the proposed ordinance.

MR. CONTI: As amended. I'm sorry, I did not say that before. As amended. SECONDED

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to as amended. Seconded. I will accept that as a correction. Several Seconds. We are addressing it as amended as received in the mail. We are now having discussion as the ordinance was presented as amended. Any discussion on that?

MR. BLAIS: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's a Motion to Move the question. Is there a Second? Several Seconds. All in favor of Moving the question, please say aye. Opposed? Would the nos please raise their hand. We need 27 votes. We're voting on Moving the question. 27 votes on Moving the question. We will now go into debate.

MR. DeLUCA: We'd just like to recommend that we approve these two tax abatements before us this evening.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, we're voting on #1. One at a time, Mr. DeLuca.

UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:ITEM #7 LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE

MR. ZELINSKI: Just to make some facts known to the Committee, we did have a Public Hearing on the night of September 8, and the six (6) people that did attend the meeting, most of those, as a matter of fact, 90% were in favor; there were none against. The other person did have some comments pertaining to the whole system of tax abatement. However, I think it is noteworthy that we had representatives of the Commission on Aging that did take the time to come for a Public Hearing, and express, Madam President, there's a lot of talking, I can't even continue; a little order, please.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I would ask the Representatives, the ones that are sitting in their seats, to please give the speaker your attention.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you, Madam President. As I was saying, representatives of the Commission on Aging did come and take the time to voice their concern; that is Christal Truglia and also former member, Ann McDonald. There is a great dire need for senior citizen housing in our City and, unfortunately, because of the economic conditions that exist in Stamford at the present time, the only way the developers can build this type of housing is with the tax abatement that is afforded by the Federal government and this will be the last opportunity for Stamford and the whole United States to take advantage of this particular program because it ends, and I would sincerely urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this; they have received numerous literature I'm sure from various community agencies, community housing coalitions, Council of Churches and Synagogues, and I would really think that we have to look at the bigger picture. I know that there are some representative that have concern as far as the concept of tax abatement, but, again, we have to look at the bigger picture and that is, do we jeopardize senior citizen housing because of a principle of tax abatement. As I said, this is the last opportunity we'll have and I don't think that Stamford should lose it because it won't be you and I losing it, it will be the senior citizens out there who are in dire need of housing that would be affordable, and I sincerely hope that my colleagues will vote to approve this this evening. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Zelinski. It was just brought to my attention and it is very difficult without the use of the machine tonight, that there were enough votes to Move the question, 'cause it's only two-thirds; we should be Moving the question and I would, at this time; we only needed 27; as I understand, Mr. Wiederlight and Mr. Stork, there are only 8 voting no? There were 6 voting no.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: You had some votes off the Floor, Madam President. If you needed 27 positive votes, we counted 9 negative votes and there were quite a few people in the Caucus rooms.

PRESIDENT SANTY: This is going to be the problem. I should have buzzed. We are going to Move again to Move the question since there is some question and I want to remind you all it is very difficult for the Tellers so please, take your seats. We are going to move right to a vote to Move the question. You are going to have to please take your seats and be in seats for the votes tonight. It's very difficult without this machine; it's very difficult for Mr. Wiederlight and Mr. Stork. We need 27 votes to Move this question on the final adoption of the ordinance for Stamford Green. All in favor of Moving the question, please say aye. Those opposed, raise your hand. The question is Moved. There are 33 positive votes, 7 negative votes.

We're going to move right to the question. We're going to use the machine on final adoption of the proposed ordinance granting tax abatement for 90 elderly units at Stamford Green. Please use the machine.

UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:  
ITEM #7 LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT SANTY: 21 votes are needed. Has everyone voted. Has everyone voted? I repeat. Mr. Blum, you'll have to give us your vote if it's not calculated. Mr. Blum is a yes vote. Mr. DeLuca is a yes vote. Please vote again and see if you can use your machine. Mr. Blum, Mr. DeLuca, would you try to vote? We need 21 votes. Mr. Blum, yours is registered? I'm going to close the machine now. Mr. Wiederlight and Mr. Stork, if there is non-abstention and not a yes vote and not a no vote, it counts as a no vote; not-voting.

MR. STORK: 32 yes, 7 no, 1 not-voting.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The ordinance is adopted.

(7A) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE GRANTING TAX ABATEMENT FOR 105 ELDERLY UNITS AUGUSTUS MANOR - submitted by Mayor and Community Development Agency. Request for publication is on Agenda of Special Meeting of August 30, 1982.

MR. CONTI: For final adoption proposed ordinance granting tax abatement for 105 elderly units Augustus Manor as amended. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second? Several Seconds. That happens to be 7A on your Agenda.

MR. BLUM: Madam Chairman, we just lost last week, a valued lady who fought for senior citizen housing. I stand ready to vote for this senior housing, but I'd like this housing or those, that contractor and the Mayor to think of calling this house the Margaret Wahl Senior House. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Blum, that suggestion is taken, but it is not pertinent to what we are discussing at this time.

MR. DeLUCA: I'd like to Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion made and Seconded to Move the question. I would ask all the people in the Caucus Rooms to please take their seats. All in favor of Moving the question, please say aye. Opposed? Would the no votes please raise their hands? All not in favor of Moving the question, please raise your hands for our Tellers. We are now voting on Moving the question. If you are opposed to Moving the question, please raise your hand. Raise your hands high, ladies and gentlemen, Because I do not see all the Members in their seats; all in favor of Moving the question, raise you hands? We need 27 votes. We are Moving the question.

The question is for final adoption the proposed ordinance granting tax abatement for 105 elderly units Augustus Manor. We will use the machine. Has everyone voted? I am closing the machine.

MR. STORK: 31 yes, 8 no, 1 not-voting.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I concur.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The ordinance is adopted.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Co-Chairpersons Paul Esposito and Marie Hawe

MRS. HAWE: The Fiscal Committee met on Wednesday evening, September 8th. Present were Committee members Betty Conti, Burt Flounders, Joe Franchina, Sandy Goldstein, John Hogan, Jerry Livingston, Co-Chairperson Paul Esposito, and myself.

I would like to Move the following items on the Consent Agenda: Item 6 and 7.

PRESIDENT SANTY: #4 is not on Consent.

MRS. HAWE: Item #6.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Any objections to #6? #6 is on Consent.

MRS. HAWE: Item #7.

PRESIDENT SANTY: #7 is on Consent.

MRS. HAWE: Item #9.

PRESIDENT SANTY: #9 is on Consent. Mrs. Hawe, we're back to #9, there is some question.

MRS. HAWE: Take 9 off.

PRESIDENT SANTY: 9 is off Consent.

MRS. HAWE: Item #10.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Off Consent.

- (1) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAFT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MASTER CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.  
This will save at least six weeks of time for each yearly allocation to be in effect over past years. Submitted by Mayor Clapes 6/17/82. Held in Committee 7/12/82 and 8/2/82.

MRS. HAWE: This item was Held last month so the Board members could review the copy of the Master Contract. On July 27th, we were notified that a copy was available in our office for any representative who wished to review it. The City received several grants through the Department of Human Resources which include the municipal allocation, some Day Care money, Dial-a-Ride and Summer Busing. If this is passed, we will have this Master Contract on file with the State, and when the City wishes to file for each of these separate grants, our Board will then have to pass a program design and financing plan for each one. We, however, won't have to sign a new contract each time. This will save time and effort on the State level and expedite the receiving of our grant.

Although the City technically has an option to sign this Master Contract or not, the State is quite strong in its request that we abide by its new policy of requiring Master Contracting. Fiscal voted 5 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention and I so Move. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second? Several Seconds.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

PRESIDENT SANTY: Before you speak, Mrs. Conti, Mr. Tarzia has left the Meeting; we now have 39 members present.

MRS. CONTI: Thank you, Madam President. I wish to speak against this item and I would call the attention of the Board members to page 5, paragraph 16 under Safeguarding, and I will read it, "The provider, which is the City of Stamford, will safeguard all funding by providing either insurance fidelity or surety bonds in such amounts naming such parties as shall be satisfactory to the Commissioner of DHR. The provider further agrees that DHR is held safe and harmless from any claims, suits or demands that may be asserted against it by reason of any after-omission of the provider, sub-contractor or employees in providing services hereunder including, but not limited to, any claims or demands for malpractice."

And, I would remind my fellow Board members that the City is self-insured and you will be throwing on the taxpayers of Stamford, the burden for any possible malpractice or any other problem that should arise out of any of these...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Conti, there's several questions of where you are reading from?

MRS. CONTI: Page 5 of the Master Contract.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Conti.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I'd just like to point out to my colleagues that this is a standard hold-harmless agreement which is found in almost all contracts that are signed.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Wiederlight. Any further discussion?

MR. BONNER: I have a question, Madam Chairman. By signing this Contract, this allows the City to obtain funds from the State; what exposure does it give to the City of Stamford? Does it make it possible for the Mayor to expose the City of Stamford to funds without the approval of the Board of Representatives?

MRS. HAWES: No, any funds that the City wishes to apply for, has to go through this Board. We have the option to vote on; just by filing this Master Contract does not get us any funds. We have to submit a special program design and financing plan for any funds that we wish to get and this Board has to review that.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Any further discussion? We will move right to a machine vote. We are now voting on item 1 under Fiscal, request for approval of draft resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Master Contract with the State of Connecticut, Department of Human Resources. Has everyone voted? We're voting on #1 under Fiscal, You still <sup>have</sup> time; make sure that your vote is the same on the machine.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Madam President, Point of Information. I can't understand why we are using this machine if we can't take the vote; it's not registering. You are using a machine vote, but we don't know who the pros and cons are; there's no record.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: It's easier this way than to count the hands.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

PRESIDENT SANTY: This would be easier than counting hands. We're going to have to keep a report.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: For the matter of the Minutes, how are you going to record the yes and no votes? I'd like that for information, please.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There is no way to do it with the machine.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: I would rule that what we are doing is invalid; we shouldn't do it this way.

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, it's not invalid.

MRS. McINERNEY: The point that Ms. Summerville making is very important because our votes have to be reduced to writing in compliance with the Freedom of Information within a very short period of time, so we do have to keep an accurate account of the voting record of this Board and its actions tonight; so, the procedure that we've been using is not really valid.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Your votes<sup>are</sup> recording on the screen but there is no way of it printing. Obviously, we are going to have to go<sup>to</sup> a Roll Call vote on every vote.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Madam President, is it possible to have two people use the sheets and record the machine and then turn them in? They could put down the item and the vote.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I would ask Mr. Wiederlight and Mr. Stork, is that possible to use the tally sheets on each vote? You could have some help; we do have assistant tellers.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: My suggestion would be that Mr. Stork and I just count the numbers, and somebody else to mark the boxes.

PRESIDENT SANTY: O.K., then I would suggest that our assistant Tellers, Mr. Franchina and Mr. Blais. The four of you get together.

MR. DONAHUE: Madam President, I might suggest that in a vote like the one just taken, the Chair could call for a voice vote and put the burden of no, abstaining, or not-voting on those who wish to do so. If the Chair is in doubt, then the second method can be used. The Chair can also reverse the procedure if the overwhelming majority is voting yes or no, and as I say, place the burden on those who wish to vote no, abstain, or not-vote.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I don't think it's a question of placing a burden, but I think that's easier and I think it will expedite matters a lot sooner.

MRS. HAWE: Can I just mention to the people who are marking on the sheet, that up on the Board, Mr. DeLuca and I are in different places than are on the sheet; they should take that into account.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, and I hope that that's going to be resolved by the next meeting. Has everyone voted on 1 of Fiscal by the machine?

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

MRS. SUMMERVILLE: I don't want to sound complicated but I know what is going to happen after this Meeting tonight; I know everybody wants to get out and I know who's responsible for these Minutes and these votes. I do not feel comfortable for someone taking the tally and someone taking the vote. I think to expedite time, the persons who are in opposition raise your hand, and the Tellers write them down. The persons in favor, everybody knows who's here; 39 present, 37 present; if you are on the Floor and I hope you can stay on the Floor for one night. As the person responsible for the Minutes and votes, I feel very uncomfortable with the procedure of the Tellers taking the count and assistant Tellers writing down the names. I feel very uncomfortable with that, and I wouldn't want to see us do that.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We will move right to a voice vote on #1, but I will have to ask the Tellers to list the no votes, abstentions and no-voting because there is no one else to do that. All in favor of 1 under Fiscal, please say aye. All those opposed raise your hand. I would ask that Mr. Blais and Mr. Franchina, if you would just record at this time.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Madam President, if you would only call the names, there is a tape that would help to identify what they are doing.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. McInerney is a no vote, Mrs. Conti is a no vote. Any other no votes? Are there any abstentions? Mrs. Perillo is an abstention, Mr. Perillo is an abstention. Are there any not-voting? Mr. Dudley is not on the Floor. Mr. Dudley voted. He voted and he left the...no further discussion. When I announce the vote by the bell and you're not in your seat, it will count as a no vote. It has PASSED by a vote...all those in favor, I'm going to have to have you raise your hand. I have to announce the vote. Now I need the Tellers to count these hands. Item 1 under Fiscal. I have to announce the votes. There were two no votes and there were two abstentions. #1 under Fiscal has PASSED by a vote of 35 yes, 2 no, and 2 abstentions. There are 39 members present.

MRS. McINERNEY: Madam President, this seems to be a very important issue that we facing, the fact that the machine isn't working and the votes are inaccurate; and perhaps, in the future going over the Minutes, some of the things that we've voted in favor of might be invalidated; so, I would like to make a suggestion that we Recess until Wednesday evening at 7:30. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that? Seconded. We will now move to a vote. All in favor of Recessing to Wednesday at 7:30, please raise your hand. Tellers, please count. A majority vote is needed, which is 20 votes. Please raise your hands high if you would like to Recess to Wednesday at 7:30. The voting is closed if your hands are up. How many votes, Mike?

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I have 14.

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, we needed 20; there are 39 members present. We will continue.

- (2) \$ 13,300.00 - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FROM GRANTS DIRECTOR, SANDRA GILBANE 6/24/82 TO BE FUNDED FROM TAXATION TO REPAY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DUE TO CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES ENUMERATED IN MAYOR CLAPES' LETTER 3/25/82. Board of Finance approved this item previously; and it was withdrawn at Board of Representatives level. Held in Committee 8/2/82.

Above also referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.

HELD IN COMMITTEE.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

MRS. HAWE: This is to repay the Federal Government for funds never used for a Tot-Lot on Division Street. The Fiscal Committee, in addition to our meeting last Wednesday, also held a meeting on Wednesday, September 1, concerning this matter. Present at that meeting in addition to myself, were Co-Chairperson Paul Esposito, John Roos, Sandy Goldstein, and John Hogan. Also present were Reps. Annie Summerville and Jim Dudley; Mayor Clapes, Grant Officer Sandy Gilbane, City Attorney Jack Smyth of the Corporation Counsel's office, Planning and Zoning Director, Jon Smith, former Corporation Counsel Leonard Cookney, and Attorney Richard Tobin representing the Stamford Advocate.

After much lengthy discussions, the following facts emerged: In the fall of 1977, CHIF, that is the Connecticut Housing Investment Fund, indicated its intent to file for a grant for a Tot-Lot on Division Street. In February of 1978, the Board of Representatives approved the grant resolution. On January 5, 1979, Connecticut Newspapers wrote to the Mayor asking to buy a small piece of land on Tresser Boulevard where they wanted to build their headquarters. On that site, there existed a playground consisting of a basketball court and various preschool age equipment. CNI, which is Connecticut Newspapers, proposed to relocate the basketball court on the other side of Tresser Boulevard and to relocate the preschool playground equipment to the Plaza deck of St. John's Towers.

On January 24, 1979, Patrick Grosso wrote the Mayor approving the concept of the sale but asking for specifics as to how Connecticut Newspapers would be willing to replace the facilities to be removed with an eye to servicing the Clinton Avenue area and beyond. The Connecticut Housing Investment Fund had applied for the grant previously mentioned for the Tot-Lot on Division Street. It had been approved and they had gotten commitments from the neighbors in that area to maintain the park. However, CHIP was having trouble getting a local match for this project. At this point, Connecticut Newspapers agreed to purchase the property on Division Street in order to locate the facilities there, provided the City approved the sale of the land that it needed on Tresser Boulevard.

The property in question on Tresser Boulevard that the Advocate wished to purchase for its building, had originally been assessed for \$110,000. In July of 1979, Connecticut Newspapers paid for an appraisal of the property and that appraisal came in at \$98,000. When the matter of the sale of the City land on Tresser Boulevard to Connecticut Newspapers went before the Board of Finance, the Board of Finance agreed to the concept but felt that \$98,000 was too low. The Board of Finance hired their own appraiser, and this appraiser appraised the property in question at \$230,000.

The agreement reached with Connecticut Newspapers was that the price would be \$230,000. However, Connecticut Newspapers would receive a credit of \$25,900; this amount represented the cost of reallocating the basketball court to the other side of Tresser Boulevard and also the cost of the Division Street property, and this agreement was approved when we approved the ordinance. We approved this ordinance on March 24, 1980, ordinance #414.

When the grants that had been applied for were received, the money from the grants was given to Connecticut Newspapers and this was also agreed to in the ordinance. The amount received was \$13,300 from the Federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

MRS. HAWE: At this point, it appeared that the question of whether the site was appropriate arose, and then in November, 1981, the State Department of Environmental Protection sent the Mayor a note saying that there had been an onsite inspection of this site on Division Street and questioning why wasn't a park built there.

In January, 1982, the State sent another letter to the City saying that we had two weeks to build a park or else we had to give the money received, the \$13,300, back to the Federal Government. The money that was received came from the Federal Government but it was conduited through the State so the State was sending us these letters saying that we had to give the money back to the Federal Government.

However, in April, 1982, we received another letter from the State Department of Environmental Protection and this letter said that the Federal Government would not take the money back; that they want us to build a park. Since then, the Grants Officer has spoken verbally with the people from the State and now they say they will take the money back. We found it very difficult to determine who was at fault in the utter confusion of events that took place and it was the feeling of the Committee members present that night, that it would be counter-productive and probably fruitless to try to determine this. However, some very real problems remain: 1. We have two conflicting letters from the State; one says that they will take the money back, and one says that they won't. And the second thing is that there is no replacement for the playground facilities lost to the children of the area.

Our Committee, therefore, has the following recommendations: 1. We have asked the Grants Officer to request from the State written clarification as to whether or not the money will be accepted if, indeed, we vote to return it. Therefore, the Committee's vote is to HOLD this matter in Committee pending receipt of a letter from the State telling us whether or not they will even accept the money back; and second, we would also like this matter referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee so that that Committee can look into it and determine if there is a possible alternative site on the West Side for the location of this Tot-Lot.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe. Since Parks and Recreation is the Secondary Committee, I think that suggestion is very well-taken. First to speak on this is Mr. Blum. Mr. Blum, you know it's being held?

MR. BLUM: I'd like to ask a question. Inasmuch as she gave a report of what took place, I'd like to ask one question. What happened to the \$13,300 that was received from the Federal Government?

MRS. HAWE: It was given to Connecticut Newspapers. When we passed the ordinance #414, we passed it in March of 1980, page 2 of the ordinance says, "The sale is approved contingent upon Connecticut Newspapers complying with the conditions set forth in a letter dated August 15, 1979, from the Planning Board to Mayor Louis A. Clapes." And that letter, part of the conditions of that letter, was that the money when received from the Federal Government, would be given to Connecticut Newspapers; so there appears to be nothing...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Blum, I will allow you one more question.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

PRESIDENT SANTY: It's being Held in Committee for further discussion. It's going to be assigned to Parks & Rec Committee also and it would be more appropriate, I think, that you attend those meetings and ask your questions.

MR. BLUM: I will. Are there any other funds that are owed to the Connecticut Newspapers Incorporated?

MRS. HAWE: It is the contention, it appeared to be from the meeting the other night, that Connecticut Newspapers feel that they are owed an additional, I believe, it's \$6,150. That is their contention. If that is the case, it would have to come before our Board for that appropriation. As of now, no one has requested it.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe. You have heard Mrs. Hawe's report. Will you continue with #3, Mrs. Hawe. I would ask the Representatives to please take their seats and give Mrs. Hawe your attention.

- (3) PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN PROGRAM DESIGN AND FINANCING PLAN UNDER THE CITY'S MASTER CONTRACT WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.  
Submitted by Sandra Gilbane, Grants Director 8/19/82, and Mayor Clapes 8/19/82.

MRS. HAWE: This is to apply for the Block Grant allocation. This program is the design and financing plan that we spoke about under item #1. We now have voted on the Master Contract. There's no definite figure yet for this allocation, but it is assumed that it will be close to the \$95,000 received last year. The City intends, or it would like to use this allocation, to underwrite its current programs of Outreach, Health counseling, blood pressure, and some transportation for the elderly. Fiscal voted 5 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention and I so Move. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to Mrs. Hawe's Motion? Seconded. Any discussion? We will move right to a vote. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are voting on #3 of Fiscal. I would ask all the Representatives who are in favor of this Motion to say aye. If you are not in favor of it, I want you to raise your hand whether you're an abstention or a no vote. All in favor, please say aye. All opposed, please raise your hand. Mrs. McInerney is a no vote on #3, Mrs. Conti is a no vote, Mrs. Guroian is a no vote. All the rest are yes votes and Mrs. Perillo is an abstention.

- (4) \$161,477.00 - PUBLIC WORKS - SEWAGE TREATMENT - Code 339 FEDERAL GRANT - CLARIFIER STUDY - Additional appropriation requested by Mayor Clapes 8/24/82 to study the effect of Secondary Clarifiers - a federally-sponsored and funded research project to determine if a third clarifier should be constructed, Funding by Federal Environmental Protection Agency. City to contribute 63.5 days of Ms. Semon's time; also enclose proposed budget for 8/16/82 to 8/15/84, CONTINGENT ON BOARD OF FINANCE APPROVAL 9/14.

Above also referred to Environmental Protection Committee.

MRS. HAWE: We are being asked to approve this allocation Contingent on the Board of Finance approval. Several years ago, the firm of Crosby Young and Associates had a Federal grant to test a piece of equipment. They approached the City of Stamford and it was tested here. This piece of equipment was successful and it is now used throughout the country and it is known as the "Stamford Baffle."

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

MRS. HAWE: Since then, they, along with Mrs. Semon of our Sewage Treatment Plant staff, and people from Rexnoid Company, have come up with two designs to improve the clarifiers at the Sewage Treatment Plant. This grant will enable these designs to be tested here in Stamford. The benefits from this could be the following:

1. If the designs works, it will negate the need for a third clarifier which might be needed in five or six years. Second, if the designs work, they would improve the effluent quality not only here but throughout the entire industry; and 3. the equipment bought with this grant would become ours permanently.

Fiscal voted 7 in favor and none opposed and I so Move. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that? Several Seconds. Any discussions?

MRS. HAWE: They will not attempt to get a patent, but if it's successful, they will just let it be used throughout the industry for other sewage treatment plants.

MR. BLAIS: You mean the City of Stamford is going to spend money for something that may develop a patent and they don't want a cut on the use of that?

MRS. HAWE: The City of Stamford is not going to be spending money. It's a Federal grant in order to test these designs to improve the clarifiers and it would be given to whoever needs it in treatment plants throughout the country to use it to improve the quality of water if successful; improve the quality of the effluent coming out of the plant.

MR. BLAIS: First of all, they are going to be spending Federal money, but second of all, there is no such thing as a free lunch. It is going to cost the City of Stamford manpower and other things; and if it is going to cost us and there are revenues to be developed, I think the Committee should look into it a little further.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blais.

MR. DeLUCA: Just a few questions to the Co-Chair of Fiscal. I see we have a \$131,000 for professional consultants; do we have anyone in mind at this time as to who the consultants are and whether or not they are going to be under contract similar to Stu Shydlo or Barry Schwartz for the streetscape?

MRS. HAWE: This money would go to the firms of Crosby Young & Associates and also Rexnoid; the two companies who have helped to develop these designs. They are the only <sup>ones</sup> along with Ms. Semon who developed the designs and they will be receiving those fees.

MR. DeLUCA: I have to agree with Peter Blais that is something misleading about this whole thing; like you say, the City is not going to be spending any money, but I look at the last sentence and the letter we received from the Mayor that the City will contribute 63.5 days of Ms. Semon's time. During the time that she is contributing, there is money that the City is really paying out whether you want to believe it or not. 63.5 days, say she makes \$150 a day, roughly \$9,000 they are talking about, or is someone going to be replacing her during the time that she is working with these consultants?

MRS. HAWE: We took note of that, too, and we asked Ms. Semon about that. She said that the great majority of that time will be her own. It will be weekends and her time off that she will be using for this.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe.

MR. DeLUCA: In other words, she is going to be weekends.

MRS. HAWE: Correct, that's what she said.

MR. DeLUCA: Is somebody going to keep track of this here, because 63.5 days at \$150 a day still...Will someone be monitoring this here that she is really going to be doing it on weekends, or we just take her word for it?

MRS. HAWE: I don't know. I would have no problem taking her word for it.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. DeLuca.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Move the question, Madam President. **SECONDED.**

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motion made and Seconded to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the question, please say aye. Opposed? The no votes, please raise your hands. I wish my Tellers would be here to count. All no votes, please raise your hands. Five, all in favor of Moving the question, we better have your hands; 26 are needed. The Motion to Move the question has been passed. We are going to Move the question. You are going to have to keep your hands up for the next vote. Before we go on to the vote, may I have the vote on the Environmental Protection Committee on this amount.

MRS. MAIHOCK: The Environmental Protection Committee consisting of Audrey Maihock, Dennis White and Marie Hawe voted in the affirmative 3 to 0 on this item.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are now going to Move. All those in favor of #4 under Fiscal \$161,477.00 Public Works Sewage Treatment Code 339 Federal Grant Clarifier's Study, please say aye. All those opposed, or abstentions, please raise you hands. Mrs. Perillo abstention? Mrs. Perillo is a no vote. Mr. Blais is a no vote. Mr. Blum is a no vote. Mr. Dudley is an abstention. Ms. Summerville is an abstention. Any other abstentions or no votes? It has PASSED. Mr. Wiederlight, may I have the count on that? The vote was 34 yes, 3 no, and 2 abstentions.

- (5) PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO APPLY FOR \$100,000 FOR NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES for which State funds have already been reserved. AND AN ADDITIONAL \$500,000 IS FOR VARIETY OF PROGRAMS including housing, rehabilitation funds, historic streetscape improvements, weatherization, neighborhood clean-up, relocation and demolition of unsafe structures, per Mayor Clapes' letter 8/19/82.

Above also referred to Public Housing and Community Development Committee.

MRS. HAWE: The Fiscal Committee has voted to approve the first part of this #5, which is the resolution for \$100,000. At our meeting last week, we asked Community Development staff to divide this resolution in two and over the weekend, I believe, we all received the two resolutions in the mail; so, the one that the Committee would like to vote on tonight is the one that has to do with the \$100,000 for the Neighborhood Housing Services of Stamford.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

MRS. HAWE: The other resolution for the \$500,000 we would like to Hold in Committee pending receipt of additional information. This \$100,000 application to the State is the matching State funds; the City appropriated \$100,000 at budget time and this is the matching State funds for this. The Committee voted 6 in favor and 1 opposed, to approved this resolution and I so Move. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you. Several Seconds. Mr. Wider, Public Housing and Community Development Committee, do you have a report on this?

MR. WIDER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. The Public Housing and Community Development Committee met on Friday, September 10th, and discussed this item and we voted 3 - 0 to concur.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Wider. Any discussion?

MR. WHITE: What's this \$100,000 going to be used for; this part of the application?

MRS. HAWE: This is for the Neighborhood Housing Services and if you would like a description of the program, I could get it for you in a minute. Neighborhood Housing Services is a combination of city involvement, private involvement, and actually the main thing that they do is coordinate revitalization of the West Side and the South End in terms of housing and rehabilitating housing. It's a private non-profit corporation. It was founded in January of this year. There are various people from the public and private sector on their Board.

MR. WHITE: The \$500,000 I like; the variety of programs including rehabilitation funds, and so on; that's fine. That part is being Held in Committee. The \$100,000, what is that for? Does that involve rehabilitating housing and so on? If you are going to take old houses and rehabilitate them, fine. It's not going to be involved in tearing down a mass of houses and putting up some sort of rabbit warren of concrete and brick and so on. Is that what it is?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Owens, would you like to comment?

MR. OWENS: Yes, I'd like to clarify some information for Dennis. I happen to be on the Board for Neighborhood Housing and what the organization is all about is trying to instead of doing a spot type situation like Neighborhood Preservation does; go out and get a house and a block and they put it together, whatever; Neighborhood Housing Service, what we are going to do is try to go in a block or an area type situation, and clean-up an area where you can actually see what's going on as far as housing goes, and we have banks that have already donated money into this and we have also submitted for these funds coming from the City. It's a corporation, at this point, of the private sector and the Community. We have Community people on this Board. The \$100,000 is necessary to keep the project going at this point. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Owens.

MS, SUMMERVILLE: I, too, would like to know for what exactly is the \$100,000 which was matched by the City, we already appropriated out; is it for salaries, trucks, cars, tricycles or what?

MRS. HAWE: We don't have a copy of their actual budget. I can't tell you dollar-for-dollar what's its for,

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Do you have any idea what the larger portion is for? Maybe Public Housing would know. They met and voted in favor.

MRS. SAXE: What we are doing now is requesting that this grant be given to the City. That's what we're asking to do at the present time.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Thank you. Because of the questions here tonight and because of some of the questions that Fiscal is not able to answer, such as a budget and more in-depth plans, I would Move that we Hold this item in Committee for another month until we do come up some more answers and some more information.  
SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made by Mrs. Gershman to Recommit this to Committee and it has been Seconded. We are now addressing that Motion.

MR. BOCCUZZI: If I read this appropriation right, this is to get the State's money, is that correct?

MRS. HAWE: That's correct.

MR. BOCCUZZI: We've already taxed the people of Stamford \$100,000 at the budget time, and this is the second-half from the State. I can't see why you should put it back in Committee. This \$100,000 is due us; we already appropriated our half. We can still get a report of what it is going to be used for. The time to have decided if we wanted to have this program at all, or look into the matter of how the money was going to be spent, should have been at budget time when we were appropriating the City's money or the taxpayers' share. I think now the thing to do is get the share from the State and ask Fiscal to get a report, or Community Housing and Development get a report as to the breakdown of the \$200,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You're speaking against sending it back to Committee? That's what we are addressing now.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Right.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Donahue, we are speaking about Recommitting this back to Committee.

MR. DONAHUE: I would speak against Recommitting this back to Committee. This is a Neighborhood Housing Services fund. It is a joint effort between the State, local government and private corporations which sets up a revolving account in a series of low-interest loans in the South End-West Side target area to try to provide for funds so that people can upgrade the housing stock that's already in place through low-interest loans. We know, of course, it is almost impossible to get loans for something like that on the regular market; so what this attempts to do is to improve the housing stock we already have and keep it in place and allow owners of property to remain there.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Donahue.

MR. WIDER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I'm concerned about an organization established in our Community here and people know so little about it. The real thing is that they are now helping people on the West Side to rehabilitate their homes and to get mortgages; this is what they want the money for. The money is to rehabilitate homes. Now they are beginning in the Stillwater, Spruce Street area.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

MR. WIDER: If you want to know about the office, it is next door to Carlton Deb. Stop in and talk to them and they will show you some of the projects. The projects are now going on so we will only be holding up an organization that is putting forth effort to help us maintain some of our housing and some of our citizens, too. I don't think we should put it back into Committee. I think we should be pushing it out of Committee. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are now speaking on sending it back to Committee.

MRS. McINERNEY: I Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made to Move the Question which is to Recommit it back to committee. All in favor of Moving the Question, please say AYE. Opposed? The Motion is APPROVED to Move the Question.

We will now move to a vote on the main question which is sending it Back to Committee as Moved by Rep. Gershman. This is Item #5 under Fiscal. All in favor of sending back to committee, please raise your hands. Mrs. Guroian is not for sending it back; for sending it back is Mrs. Conti, Mrs. McInerney, Mrs. Gershman, Mr. Bonner. The Motion to send Back to Committee has been DENIED: 34 No, 5 Yes. We will now move back to discussion and voting on the Main Motion.

MRS. HAWE: I found the information. Mr. Donahue was correct. The money goes into a revolving loan fund. In addition, the Neighborhood Housing Servies has also raised over \$250,000 in private contributions from the corporate community. This money does go into a low-interest revolving loan fund.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are now speaking to the main Motion, the approval of #5 under Fiscal.

MRS. CONTI: Thank you, Madam President. Actually, this program, it called for not only loans but there are also some outright grants involved and perhaps, the Board members don't realize but there is no means test here. Quite frequently, we have landlords that could be multi-millionaires, they could have milked this property dry and have created a slum, and then come and apply for this money and the only protection that the tenants have is that the landlord has to sign an agreement that he will not resell the property for five years and during that five-year period, he can increase the rents annually from anywhere to 69% depending upon what kind of an agreement is made with this Neighborhood Housing group.

I feel that this program will only create more slums. It will encourage the wealthy absentee landlord to milk their property dry with high rents, let them go into slums, then have someone else pay for their rehabilitation, then after five years either convert to a condominium or sell the premise outright leaving these poor people who are supposed to be helped by this program, without a place to live. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Conti.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Thank you, Madam Chairman. The rental subsidies to which Mrs. Conti refers is the second part of this program. We're discussing the \$100,000 portion of the program which is a grant due from the State. I don't really think at this point, we need to discuss the rental subsidy.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Flounders.

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MR. LIVINGSTON: That was precisely the point I was going to make, Madam President. I will speak on this \$100,000. It should be passed; for me to say it should be passed just because it is right, I'm sure most of us know that. There is an over-riding need for this service and I'm hoping that we will go along with it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Livingston.

MR. WIDER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. We have a task force in the City of Stamford that is going to see that everything that Mrs. Conti said doesn't happen. This is one of the reasons that we have this service. We do have something to see that the landlord, if he uses the money, he doesn't go up on the rent to excess and he will keep the place up; that's a stipulation. It is in the contract when he signs it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Wider.

MR. BONNER: Thank you, Madam President. We have \$100,000 that the City has raised. We have \$100,000 that will come from the State and the feeling is that we should get the \$100,000 from the State. The State is not in a much better situation, maybe they are in not as good a situation financially as Stamford is. We keep going back to the State for money yet every report we get indicates the State has their own troubles. This may be a well and a good program, but what control do we have? Are we getting the money just because it's \$100,000, or do we have some control? I think that sometime or other here, we should receive a report on what has actually happened. What programs have actually been constructed under this kind of a program? I haven't heard anything yet about what has been done under this program. It's always let's get the money and do the program, but what have we done; what have we constructively done so far along the lines that would indicate that this is a good program? Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Bonner.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Move the question. **SECONDED.**

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the question, please say aye. Opposed? We are going to Move the question which is the approval of #5 under Fiscal, proposed resolution authorizing application to apply for \$100,000 for Neighborhood Housing Services. All in favor, please say aye. All opposed, please raise your hands. Opposed; Mrs. Conti, Mr. Bonner opposed. Any abstentions? Mrs. Guroian a no vote. Mrs. McInerney an abstention. I would ask the Tellers to keep track of that; we have 3 no votes and 1 abstention. It has PASSED by a vote of 35 yes, 3 no and 1 abstention; the \$100,000.

- (6) \$ 8,171.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Code 556.1110 SALARIES - early periodic screening and diagnostic treatment - additional appropriation requested by Mayor Clapes 8/1/82. To be reimbursed by State. (Board of Finance approved this during 1982/83 budget deliberations, but it was rejected by Board of Representatives) Board of Finance approved 8/12/82.

Above also referred to Health and Protection Committee

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH 2 NO VOTES, B. MCINERNEY AND M. PERILLO AND 1 ABSTENTION, J. DUDLEY.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

- (7) \$ 1,200.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Code 550.3711 Laboratory Supplies - Additional appropriation request from Mayor Clapes 8/1/82 - to be reimbursed by individual area physicians and local agencies using Group A streptococci service of Health Department. Board of Finance approved 8/12/82.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH 1 NO VOTE, M. PERILLO.

- (8) \$ 12,815.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - Group 41.1110 Salaries - additional appropriation requested by Mayor Clapes 8/2/82. (Board of Representatives denied this item at 7/12/82 meeting) Board of Finance approved at their June meeting, also August 12.

Above also referred to Personnel Committee

MRS. HAWE: This is the additional funding needed for a clerk-typist II position which is required to process the bills for the burglary and fire alarm fees. Fiscal voted 5 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention and I so Move. **SECONDED.**

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second? **Seconded.** Mr. Stork, Secondary Committee report please.

MR. STORK: Yes, Madam President. Personnel concurs 6 to 0.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Any discussion on #8 under Fiscal?

MRS. McINERNEY: Madam President, when this item was voted down two months ago, it was felt that at that particular point in time, that it was not necessary to hire somebody full time to fill the position of this nature. And, since we have handled this account, the Mayor has written a letter to department heads indicating his displeasure with reinstatement of salary dollars for the budget and I would like to quote from that, "That as was discussed in last week's department head meeting, the financial constraints facing the City in fiscal year 82/83 are very severe. Since sufficient funds have not been set aside in the contingency to cover anticipated labor contract increases for those positions remaining in the budget, I am not able to support reinstatement of salary funds cut from the budget by the legislative boards. I urge you to explore using volunteers from Volunteer Action Center."

However, I feel strongly that this Board made its feeling known earlier that this money should not be reinstated and I certainly hope that it sticks to its initial vote two months ago or whenever it was defeated.

PRESIDENT SANTY: July 12, 1982, Mrs. McInerney.

MR. BLUM: Madam, question; Madam President, through you I'd like to ask the Republican leader, we receive from the Mayor a request asking for each one of these additional appropriations. I don't really understand how he could be sending a letter to the idea of what you just said. Does he really mean what he says that he is going to put a freeze on salaries when he asks for an additional appropriation for this amount of money. Through you, I would like to ask that question of the Minority leader or to the Republican leader.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blum.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

MRS. McINERNEY: Thank you, Mr. Blum. I cannot presume to speak for the Mayor, however, I did read from a letter which was dated July 13, written by the Mayor and I think that might stand for itself.

MR. BLUM: Certainly, <sup>with</sup> every additional appropriation, a letter does come from the Mayor asking for those funds so what does he really mean? What does he really mean? Does he mean that letter of July 12, or does he mean for the additional funds? I know I put you on the spot, but that's what's what.

MRS. McINERNEY: As I indicated, I cannot speak for the Mayor.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. McInerney.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Thank you. I would like to speak in defense of this appropriation. While being on the Personnel Committee and my own personal feeling is that we must hold the line on salaries and we must not increase them; in this particular one instance, I do feel that it would benefit the City. Through this particular position, as I understand it, there will be about \$100,000 in billing coming into the City. It is a part-time position as I understand it, and the rest of the time is already spoken for in the Police Department. If I am wrong, please correct me. As I further understand, this function is now being handled by a very over-worked staff and not being adequately handled because they don't have time. This particular position I would support.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Gershman. Mr. Stork, would you give your Secondary Committee report to this, the vote.

MR. STORK: I did already. 6 in favor and none opposed. We concurred.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion made and Seconded to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the question, please say aye. Opposed? Would the no votes please raise their hands. Two no votes. How many no votes, Tellers? No votes to Moving the question: Mrs. Guroian, no. We're just voting on Moving the question now. All in favor of not Moving the question, please raise your hands high. Mrs. Conti, not Moving the question, Mr. DeLuca, Mrs. Guroian, Mrs. McInerney, Mr. Roos, Mr. Bonner and Mrs. Perillo. Mr. Wiederlight, is that six?

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: That's six, Madam President.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We're going to Move the question. We'll proceed right to a vote on #8. We need 26 votes. All in favor of Moving the question, raise your hands. Tellers, please count. Raise your hands high if you want to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the question, please raise your hand. We need 26 votes. Mr. Stork, do you have the number? Please raise your hands high; it's an important vote on Moving the question. Leave your hands up there. Sufficient number to Move the question 32. We are now going to Move the question. The vote on #8 under Fiscal, \$12,815 Police Department salaries. All in favor of #8, please say aye. Tellers, please pay attention. All in favor of #8, please say aye. All opposed or abstaining, raise your hands. Mrs. Guroian is a no vote, Mrs. Conti is a no vote, Mr. DeLuca is a no vote, Mrs. Signore is a no vote, Mrs. McInerney is a no vote, Mrs. Hawe is an abstention. Tellers, I hope you're counting these. Mr. Roos is a no vote. Mrs. Maihock is a no vote, Mr. Bonner is a no vote, Mrs. Santy is a no vote, Mr. Blais no vote. Mrs. Perillo is abstaining. Mr. Dudley abstaining. All in favor, please raise your hands. We need two-thirds. We need 26 affirmative votes.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

PRESIDENT SANTY: Raise your hands if you are in favor of this appropriation. Keep your hands up there. Mr. Blum, raise your hand a little bit higher.

The Motion is DEFEATED 24 yes votes; it needs 26.

- (9) \$ 8,000.00 - BOARD OF RECREATION - Group 66.2720 ELECTRICITY (Cubeta Stadium) - additional appropriation requested by Mayor Clapes 8/1/82 due to transfer of responsibility for electricity at Cubeta Stadium from Public Works Department to Board of Recreation without the necessary funds. Board of Finance approved 8/12/82.

Above also referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

- (10) \$ 4,166.00 - ZONING BOARD - Code 107.1110 Salaries - additional appropriation requested by Mayor Clapes 8/2/82 to fund a salary increase to Zoning Analyst, effective April 19, 1982 (contract employee). Approved by Board of Finance 5/25/82 but rejected by Board of Representatives July 12, 1982. Board of Finance approved August 12, 1982.

Above also referred to Personnel Committee.

MRS. HAWE: Mrs. Brady's contract expired on April 20, 1982. The Zoning Board has agreed to renew her contract for another year at the annual salary of \$27,000. Her current salary is \$23,540. Fiscal voted 7 in favor and none opposed and I so Move. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion made. Is there a Second? Several Seconds. Personnel Committee report, please.

MR. STORK: Personnel concurs 6 to 0.

MR. DeLUCA: I look at this additional appropriation with interest and amusement. Several months ago, we passed a resolution notifying all unions that in the future, we will be looking at their contracts very cautiously with the idea of only approving minimal salary increases. To look at the salary increase at our Zoning Board Analyst, which is \$3,460 for one year, which amounts to a 14.3% increase, which to me is really fantastic. Here it is we're telling the unions that don't count on an 8% increase, don't count on a 6% increase, but yet we're willing to give someone who is a contract employee, O.K. we're going to give you a 14.3% increase with no qualms. If we approve this tonight, how can we actually sit here and vote on any contract and say no to an 8 or 10% increase. Just doesn't make sense, therefore, I would urge everyone here tonight to reject this.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. DeLuca.

MR. BONNER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. We spend quite a bit of time on these items and this may seem like a small item and it may get very personal, but really it should not be personal. I have to concur with Mr. DeLuca's position. I've gone over, in just the short time I've been here, some of the requests that have been placed, and just for the record, these are the requests; these are the requests

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MR. BONNER: (Continuing) for extra funds. Some of them small, some of them large. Now the total of those, when you add them up are about \$3,500,000 and that's not including the money that we agreed to spend for what was called the "Vets' Park" but was really the Urban Renewal Commission plans which were not sufficient. We called it the "Vets' Park" and that made it look nice and we passed it for \$300,000. There's the Art Center which we've exposed the City. We're talking about \$5 million. The other item is this; that may be we don't get the word, but for instance, Polaroid skipped wage increases, GM holds the price-line on most fleet autos and in fact, reduces some of their costs and 70% of the union agreements that have been made this year in the first quarter, were made flat without raises. Now if we are going to continue to give raises in Stamford of 14% or 12%, if we're going to give raises; if the Education Department is going to give raises of 8% in their area, we might as well forget cost control and just go on. The easiest thing in the world is to come to these meetings and vote yes, yes, yes, but remember there's a penalty to pay for that. Yes, there's many people in Stamford that can afford to pay a few more mills. There are some in Stamford; for instance, I talked to a lady that told me her taxes have gone up from \$2,500 to about \$4,200. Now she can't afford that. We think of the person that needs the salary, but we also have to think of the person that lives in these homes. You know what happens when they do not pay their taxes. Very simple, the sheriff comes down, he moves them out into the street. Somebody comes in and buys their home. A lot of you have not seen that happen. I have seen it happen in the past and it's a very tragic thing to see somebody lose their home they worked at. We have to be careful of taxes. We have to be careful of the fact that there is a limit especially at this time. I think that the unions which are part of Stamford, the union negotiators are part of Stamford, the City negotiator is a part of Stamford and there's a certain amount of money that we have in the pot.

Now if they are going to grant excessive wages, it means there will be less people; somebody will be put out of work. They've got to realize that; we've got to work together and really seriously put a lid on these costs. So this is a small matter but it's part of a big matter. I think we have to consider it in that light. Thank you very much, Madam Chairman.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Bonner.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the question, please say aye. Opposed? Move the question PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. We're going to move right to the question item #10 under Fiscal \$4,166 Zoning Board salaries. All in favor of this, please say aye. All opposed? Tellers, this is going to be a close one. All the yes votes, please raise your hand\$. If you approve this appropriation, raise your hand. 26 votes are needed. Approving it are Mr. Blum, Mr. White, Mr. Livingston, Mrs. Goldstein, Mr. Esposito, Mr. Wider, Ms. Rinaldi, Mr. Blais, Mr. Donahue, Mr. Rybnick, Mr. Dziezyc, Mrs. Guroian, Mrs. Conti, Mrs. Gershman, Mrs. Hawe, Mr. Flounders. Keep your hands up for the count even though I read your names. We need 26 votes. Please lower your hands. All opposed to this appropriation, raise your hand\$. I am going to repeat the names starting over there; Mrs. Perillo, Mr. Perillo, Mr. Dudley, Mr. Boccuzzi, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Franchina, Mr. Gaipa, Mrs. Saxe, Mr. Conti, Mr. DeLuca, Mrs. Signore, Ms. DeGaetani, Mr. Bonner, Mrs. Maihock, Mr. Roos, Mrs. McInerney, Ms. Summerville, Mrs. Santy. These are all no votes. Mr. Owens is abstaining. Tellers, may I have your votes?

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: 18 affirmative, 13 negative.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion has been DEFEATED but we are going to need an accurate vote here. All those in favor of the appropriation, this is just for a count now, please raise your hands, yes, if you are in favor of the appropriation. Raise your hands high. Tellers, please count. All the no votes. There's 16 positive votes. I need all the no votes; raise your hands high. Just a count, Teller, no votes. Abstentions? Mr. Owens abstaining. The abstentions are Mr. Dixon, Mr. Wider and Mr. Owens. The Motion is DEFEATED 16 yes, 17 no and 3 abstentions.

(11) \$ 14,722.50 - VEHICLE MAINTENANCE ACCOUNTS - additional appropriation required to fund vehicle maintenance (other than Public Works, Police & Fire Depts.) for a 6-month period until Fleet Management Study is completed, to be allocated as follows: Board of Finance approved August 12, 1982.

Code 104.2510 Planning Board Vehicle Maintenance	\$	200.00
Code 110.2510 E.P.B.	"	"
Code 110.2662 E.P.B. Tires		\$110.00 <del>360.00</del>
Code 114.2510 Commission on Aging	"	"
Code 280.2510 Traffic Dept.	"	"
Code 281.2510 Parking Div.	"	"
Code 510.2510 Welfare Dept.	"	"
Code 550.2510 Health Dept.	"	"
Code 551.2510 Code Enforcement	"	"
Code 610.2510 Park Department	"	"
Code 650.2510 Board of Recreation	"	"
		\$140.00 <del>350.00</del>
		2,250.00
		62.50
		850.00
		150.00
		1,125.00
		375.00
		6,000.00
		3,000.00
		<u>\$ 14,722.50</u>
		Less cuts above in Code 110...-460.00
		<u>\$ 14,262.50</u>

Above also referred to Education, Welfare & Government Committee

MRS. HAWE: If you recall, the Board of Finance cut the vehicle maintenance accounts at budget time and a study has now been funded to study the possibilities of consolidating the vehicle maintenance for the various departments. This appropriation will give these departments enough money to maintain their vehicles for the first six-months of the fiscal year. Some of these departments received three-months funding at our last Board meeting. If they did, then this month's funding is just for an additional three months. Those who had nothing so far, this appropriation is for six months.

However, the Fiscal Committee voted to reduce this. In the second line down, Code 110.2510 E.P.B., we voted to reduce the amount of \$360.00 to reduce it to \$110.00, and the next line, Code 110.2662 E.P.B. tires, to reduce that from \$350.00 to \$140.00. And the reason for that is Environmental Protection Board had one vehicle; they had requested in the budget to buy an additional vehicle which has now been delivered. However, their first vehicle was destroyed in an accident, so now they have the one new vehicle which will not require as much maintenance, and they will only have to buy two snow tires for it. They won't need all that money for tires. The bottom line as approved by the Committee is now \$14,262.50. Fiscal voted 7 in favor and none opposed and I so Move.  
 SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion? E,W, & G, Mr. Gaipa.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

MS. RINALDI: Since we didn't have a quorum, I make a Motion to waive the Secondary Committee report. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion to waive the Secondary Committee report made and Seconded. All in favor of waiving the Secondary Committee report, please say aye. Opposed? Secondary Committee report waived. Discussion on item #11 under Fiscal.

MR. BLAIS: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Quite frankly, I don't understand what's going on in the Administration. In the Spring when we took the maintenance money out of all the budgets, consolidated them in Public Works; that was the intent of our Board at the time and that's the way we voted, O.K. Yes, we did appropriate additional money for a feasibility study to allow the City how best to accomplish in a long run, a vehicle maintenance program. However, at the same time, we were told that we have a Public Works with a management in it that could do wonders. It looks like from this they haven't done anything in vehicle maintenance. Now, I find that hard to believe. Although the feasibility study to best accomplish an overall comprehensive plan is still underway, I cannot see why Public Works has not moved to maintain vehicles as was directed during the budget deliberations. Therefore, I asked my fellow members of the Board of Representatives not to support this appropriation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blais.

A Motion has been made to Move the question. Is there a Second? SECONDED. All in favor of Moving the question, please say aye. Opposed? Would the no votes please raise their hands to Moving the question. Mrs. Saxe is a no, Mrs. McInerney, Mr. DeLuca, Mrs. Hawe, Mr. Roos, Mr. Flounders. How many is that? Six. The Motion to Move the question has PASSED.

I just have one question for you, Mrs. Hawe. May be I'm not calculating this right. It started with \$14,722.50. You deleted \$250.00 and yet you came with a total of \$14,262.50.

MRS. HAWE: No, the \$110 and \$140 were all that we were leaving in those accounts. We deleted \$460.00.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The total is \$14,262.50. That is what we are voting on right now. All those in favor of this appropriation, please say aye. All those opposed; please raise your hand if you are opposed. Opposed to this appropriation Mr. Blum, Mrs. Perillo, Mr. Blais, Mrs. McInerney, Mrs. Gershman, Mr. Bonner, Mr. Stork. Are there any abstentions? Mr. Zelinski, Mrs. Saxe. The appropriation has PASSED. 30 yes..we'd better count the yes votes on this. All those in favor, please raise your hand. All the yes votes. The Motion has PASSED 27 yes, 2 abstentions and 7 no.

(12) \$ 10,000.00 - TRAFFIC AND PARKING DEPARTMENT - RESOLUTION AMENDING CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING THE SUM OF \$10,000 to the project known as #280.626 VEHICLE REPLACEMENT to be financed by taxation Mayor's letter 7/23/82. Board of Finance approved 5/25/82, but Board of Representatives rejected at July 12th meeting. Board of Finance approved August 12, 1982.

Above also referred to Transportation Committee.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

MRS. HAWE: This money is to replace a van that the Dept. of Traffic and Parking uses to collect the money from the parking meters. The Department had requested in the budget which we passed in May, for a replacement for their van on a schedule replacement basis and the Board of Finance cut out the money for their replacement vehicle. Subsequent to that, there was a fire and the van that they were using was destroyed. As we are self-insured, there was no money to replace the van. We had turned down this appropriation at our July 12th meeting and Mr. Ford sent us a letter and I would like to quote just briefly from it because he really tries to emphasize the importance of this van to their collections and that they really feel it's essential. He says that he believes it's crucial to the continuation of the Parking Division operations. "The vehicle is primarily used for parking meter revenue collection. They are unable to place the cannisters used in collection into passenger vehicles or they would be doing so. Presently, the Department is collecting in an open vehicle which, I believe to be a severe security problem. Also, the vehicle cannot be utilized in the winter due to environmental conditions. Unless we are able to secure a replacement of this vehicle by some means prior to October, the Department will be severely hampered in its ability to continue collections."

The message that they tried to give at the meeting the other night, and which was received, I think, was that it is really dangerous to be collecting this money in an open vehicle, and Fiscal voted 6 in favor and 1 opposed and I so Move.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that? Seconded. Transportation Committee report, Mrs. Goldstein.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Transportation concurs.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Discussion.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Ladies and gentlemen, we have already turned this down twice. I really feel, how many times do we have to turn something down, and take our time? What does Mr. Ford do; keep coming back until we finally say yes? Perhaps he should come back for an appropriation to get some cannisters that would fit in motor cars so that they could collect them undercover.

We have just turned down an appropriation for a salary for a lawyer who has served the City well for less than half of this. We have just turned down an appropriation for a little bit more than this for salary for someone who could collect \$100,000 or more for the City and I really think that we should turn this one down, too, and I so support that move.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Gershman.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you very much, Madam President. Four major points why I believe this item should be turned down. First of all, the point is that which was just mentioned. It was defeated. It was discussed and here we are wasting our time at another meeting to discuss the same item. #2. May I remind my colleagues that the Department of Traffic and Parking is one of the largest budgets in our City, and it really amazes me why in that large budget, they cannot come up with some funds to provide possibly a used van or vehicle if need be, rather than in these times of austerity when we're asking our taxpayers to, shall we say, make the best of the economy, and here we are being asked to appropriate \$10,000 for a new vehicle. I wonder how many of us could afford a new vehicle of \$10,000 in our own budgets.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

MR. ZELINSKI: Next, based on a letter I have dated July 23rd from Mr. Ford, that the Department of Traffic and Parking has 16 vehicles. I repeat 16 vehicles at their disposal and it's really interesting to me why another type of vehicle cannot be used other than one that they're using now? In the original request which was dated April 19th, it mentions that the van was destroyed on April 7. Here we are over 5 months later and it's so crucial but it seems to me there hasn't been any problem as of yet. There hasn't been any robberies or anything else. Thank Goodness, and I really feel they should be able to come up with this type of vehicle other than an open vehicle. Like I said, they have 16 type vehicles; now I'm sure that they could use one of another vehicle rather than come in here and ask the Stamford taxpayers to go on and appropriate, Madam President, there's a lot of undercurrent talks here. If the people want to talk, they can wait their turns.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Representatives, give Mr. Zelinski your attention. There are 9 more speakers to this item.

MR. ZELINSKI: And finally, as I was saying, I think that they should be in a position to collect the funds in the parking meters from a present van or if not, appropriate some funds in another part of their department to possibly purchase a used vehicle; not a brand-new one, and I would sincerely hope that this is the last time that this comes before us and it is soundly defeated.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Zelinski.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Thank you, Madam President. The logic that is thrown around here is sometimes quite incredible. The fact that an appropriation has been previously rejected has nothing to do with reconsidering the appropriation. Sometimes decisions are made for all the wrong reasons. We are well on our way to doing that tonight.

First of all to Representative Zelinski, they should be able to come up with another kind of vehicle. Perhaps they should but they can't because these cannisters will not fit in ordinary vans; they are too large. I daresay to Representative Gershman, that to replace the cannisters would make the \$10,000 for the van look like peanuts. They don't object to using vehicles they have; they simply don't have one. They have one vehicle which will accommodate the cannisters which produce tens and tens of thousands of dollars of revenue for this City. That one vehicle is a dump truck,

Now they take the 100-pound or 50-pound or 75-pound cannisters and they lift them up into the dump truck. They can't wheel them up in the dump trucks. No little fairies are flying around the air pulling them up with cables into the dump truck; they have to lift them up into the dump truck. True, they have done it for five months. They've had it. It does seem reasonable to provide a vehicle to collect all of this money; this is a revenue-generating project we have going here, to provide them with a vehicle that is proper and which will serve this purpose.

Representative Zelinski said they haven't had any trouble yet; nobody's been shot; nobody's been held up. I don't think he wants to wait until that happens. This is a very serious, potentially dangerous security situation. You don't carry hundreds of thousands or tens of thousands of dollars around in a dump truck with everybody out there looking at you putting the cannisters into the dump truck. There is no security and sure we can turn this down again just because it's been turned down before for all the wrong reasons. I urge you to vote for this appropriation. Thank you.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

MR. BOCCUZZI: I don't know if I want to speak after this. Burt, I have to agree with you 100%. I really can't see turning this appropriation down. Burt gave you all the reasons for having a vehicle: security. I have to agree we don't have to wait until somebody gets robbed before we do something. If that were the case, we'd have to wait until we had a fire before we put fire alarms in. It's the same thing. I would like to ask anybody on this Board if they ever tried to pick up a container, say about two gallons full of dimes and throw it up on a truck. I'm sure that they wouldn't like to do that and I'm sure it's not profitable for the City to have somebody collect the money and somebody sit with a shotgun in back of the truck while he's collecting. It seems a bit penny-wise and dollar-foolish. I think the Traffic Department should have this vehicle. If they had another way of collecting which could serve the purpose and not cause problems, I'm sure they would have done it. I really think that all the reasons that people have said for not appropriating this money are reasons for appropriating because it is just reversed.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Boccuzzi.

MR. DONAHUE: Everything that Mr. Flounders said is absolutely correct and Mr. Boccuzzi. I would like to mention one other thing; purchasing vehicles for this kind of work, the person who is designing the specs to go out to bid must design it with the type of service it is going to perform in mind. So, a question had been brought up before, why do we have to spend \$10,000 on a van. That's probably a good figure in today's market for a van of this type; and to buy a smaller vehicle, which may or may not be suitable, might require over the next couple of years for them to replace that vehicle sooner. So they are asking for an appropriate size van to do the job and carry the weight and do the kind of service that it must perform so that in the long run the City will have an appropriate vehicle and they won't be back in here in two years for a second vehicle to replace. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Donahue.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Thank you, Madam President. I'll be very brief. It wasn't that long ago that we had the Pony Express, Wells Fargo, but times have changed. It's no longer feasible to collect these funds on horseback or even in a dump truck, and for us to suggest that we ask our City employees to continue to risk their own bodily health in lifting these cannisters on and off a dump truck, riding around in all kinds of weather on the outside of a dump truck, and to save what? If one person gets hurt or seriously injured, I believe, someone is going to have a healthy lawsuit on their hands. I'm hoping that we move off this issue and we approve it.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Livingston.

MR. DeLUCA: We heard about shot guns, Pony Express, people being injured by lifting up a cannister full of dimes, quarters; I guess Mr. Boccuzzi must have had a lot of experience over the weekend running his Fair there; must have had a lot of change at St. Clement's Fair. I just have one question that disturbs me about this whole thing. The van that they had was destroyed by fire; I would like to know who was responsible. If anyone was responsible, what has happened to the person who was responsible, or how was the van destroyed by fire?

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Hawe, can you answer that?

MRS. HAWE: I don't believe they know how the fire started, but it was destroyed by fire.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe. Mr. DeLuca, do you have anything further to say?

MR. DeLUCA: You mean to tell me that Mr. Ford doesn't know how it happened or what happened, they just walked into the garage and found it that it was destroyed by fire?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Goldstein is Chairman of Transportation.

MR. DeLUCA: It's not a question of whether Jim Ford ....somebody must work for him that...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. DeLuca, I think Mrs. Goldstein has the answer to the question.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: It was an electrical fire, Mr. DeLuca, and, just a week or two weeks or a close proximity of time, the Traffic Department, Mr. Ford had come in to request a new vehicle because that vehicle was so old, and it was denied to him; so that the fact is the vehicle was very old and the fire occurred due to an electrical short circuit and we saw the pictures.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Goldstein. Mr. DeLuca, anything further?

MR. BLUM: I didn't see the picture but it is really something. We sit here talking about pennies and dimes and what the weight of dimes might be, and I don't know what the whole thing is about. I have here handed to me by Mr. Zelinski, a group of trucks and vehicles; four maintenance trucks whatever they may be. I just would like to say time is going on. It's ten minutes to one and I don't know how long we've been on this truck. Let's get the truck bought for Mr. Ford and I hope he uses it well.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blum.

MR. BLAIS: Thank you, Madam President. At this time, I would like to Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the questing, please say aye. Opposed? It's passed unanimously. We are going to Move the question.

MRS. HAWE: Point of Information, Madam President. Can I just say that on the Agenda, there is a blank for the fiscal year; it should be fiscal year 82/83.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe. The blank should read 82/83 fiscal year. We are now voting on item #12 under Fiscal, \$10,000 Traffic and Parking Department. It certainly has been explained to you. All in favor, please raise your hand. We need 26 votes. All opposed, please raise your hand. The no votes: Mr. Zelinski, Mrs. Guroian, Mrs. Conti, Mrs. Gershman, Mr. Stork, Mr. Bonner, and Mr. Perillo no v Mrs. Perillo is an abstention. Mr. Wiederlight, may I have the total of those votes?

MRS. McINERNEY: Mine is an abstention because I missed most of the Pony Express.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. McInerney is an abstention.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

PRESIDENT SANTY: How many abstentions, please? Raise your hands. Two abstentions, Mrs. Perillo and Mrs. McInerney. How many no votes? Raise your hands no votes. Mr. Stork, Mrs. Gershman, Mr. Bonner, Mrs. Guroian, Mrs. Conti, Mr. Zelinski. The Motion has PASSED: 30 yes, 7 no and 2 abstentions.

- (13) \$ 13,000.00 - MAYOR'S OFFICE - Code 201.1110 SALARIES - additional appropriation per Mayor's request 6/30/82, funding Community Development eligible relocation activities to be reimbursed by Community Development Program. (Mayor also transferred \$2,000 from 201.1201 overtime to Code 201.1110 salaries). Board of Finance approved 8/12/82.

Above also referred to Personnel Committee.

MRS. HAWE: According to a letter from the Mayor of July 30, the additional appropriation of \$13,000 is required to retain the services of the Relocation Officer. Since a substantial portion of the Relocation Officer's workload is Community Development Block Grant eligible relocation activities, the \$13,000 additional appropriation request will be reimbursed by the Community Development. Fiscal voted 6 in favor and 1 opposed and I so Move. **SECONDED.**

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion? Several Seconds. Personnel Committee, Mr. Stork.

MR. STORK: Personnel concurred by a vote of 5 in favor, 1 opposed.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Stork.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Madam Chairman, I am in favor of the \$13,000 but I am not in favor of the way the Mayor has submitted it to this Board. I reflect back to some of the things that Mr. Bonner had said tonight. I think that a relocation officer is very needed in this City, but I question the way the Mayor has submitted to us by asking for it to be funded through Community Development. I have never seen that before. It is to my understanding that in order for us to get the grants, someone had quoted a figure of \$29 million that might be jeopardized if we were not to have this position. I question why this has not been brought up before and why hasn't this position been funded the way it is being funded now? I think it is about time that things are stopped being shoved in our face and the Mayor, too, has to realize that things have to be submitted to this Board in a proper form. I come before you not opposing the \$13,000, but I do oppose the way it was submitted by the Administration. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Ms. Summerville.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Thank you, Madam President. A while ago, one of the Representatives read a letter from the Mayor indicating that there will be no more additional appropriations from the various department heads, and lo and behold, we now have an additional appropriation from none other than the Mayor. I'm quite confused. Indeed, I am so confused that I feel I must vote negatively on this appropriation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Wiederlight.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

MRS. HAWE: I'd like to reply both to Ms. Summerville and Mr. Wiederlight. First of all, in regard to what Mr. Wiederlight said about the Mayor wanting to hold-the-line, etc. and then coming in for these appropriations and also in reference to what Mrs. McInerney spoke about earlier, the same thing. On July 30, we all received a letter from the Mayor and if I just might read a little bit from it, it said, "Because of the extremely tight budgetary constraints that the City is faced with, I've begun the necessary actions to place tight controls on spending. I don't not intend to request additional appropriations for salary accounts unless they are off-setting revenues to fund the position or the position is absolutely necessary." He then goes in to speak about three requests which were then before the Board of Finance. It was on their August Agenda and are now before us. One of those is the salary for the Police Department for billing of the fire and police alarms fees, one was for this one we are talking about now and the third one was for a salary for the EPSDT Program which is on the Consent Agenda, so I don't think that there's any conflict there in what he says and sending down these appropriation requests.

Second of all, in regard to what Ms. Summerville said, I don't understand when she says that the procedure is somehow something wrong with it. We cut this money out of the budget at budget time in an attempt to reorganize various departments. If you recall, we cut money out of various salary accounts. The fiscal year started on July 1; this was July when this request was sent down; this request from the Mayor's office. The money is not coming out of City funds now, it is coming out of Community Development funds. Obviously, the Mayor and the Administration felt that it was important enough to get funding from alternate sources to retain the services of the Relocation Officer. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe.

MR. WIDER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. It is really confusing to listen to some of the rhetoric having been involved in this for quite a while. In 1977, we submitted to the Federal Government, a Neighborhood Area Strategy Program to deal with the West Side all the way from Washington Boulevard to Harvard Avenue and in that application, it stated that we must have a Relocation Officer. Two weeks ago or three weeks now, Congressman McKinney released the information that we had received \$29 million dollars to build and renovate houses in the City of Stamford. I don't know how many of you know but the relocation of people has just begun. In order to renovate some of the buildings on the West Side, we are going to have to relocate those people. Someone would have to find a place for them to go and this will be a part of the relocation office and it is demanded by Government Contract that the City have a relocation office. We had money appropriated under Community Development to deal with the Neighborhood Strategy Area for a Relocation Officer. This money is not coming out of any other funds but the fund that it was intended to. I would ask all your support so we can keep going with the preservation of the West Side. We need this Relocation Officer onboard. Thank you so much.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Wider.

MRS. PERILLO: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion made and Seconded to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the question, please say aye. All opposed? Passed unanimously. We are going to move to vote on the question which is \$13,000 Mayor's Office salaries. A two-thirds vote is necessary, 26 votes.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

PRESIDENT SANTY: All those in favor of this appropriation, please raise your hand; keep your hands up high. There are 29 yes. All those opposed, please raise your hands so we have it for the Record. Mrs. Guroian, Mrs. Conti, Mr. Bonner, Mr. Stork, Mr. Wiederlight, Mrs. Saxe. Mrs. Perillo abstention. Mr. Wiederlight, Mr. Stork, may I have the tally?

The Motion has PASSED; 29 yes, 6 no, and 1 abstention. I'm sorry, 2 abstentions. Who is the other abstention besides Mrs. Perillo? 1 not-voting. Who is not voting? May I please have your hand who is not voting. Mr. Conti is listed as not-voting.

- (14) PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF CONNECTICUT'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER FOR THE HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,790 (amount changed per Mayor) pursuant to Section 10-321, State General Statutes.  
Mayor's request 8/26/82.

MRS. HAWE: The amount \$17,000 as stated on the Agenda was incorrect. There was some confusion as to which resolution is the correct one to pass but the correct one is one that was sent down with a cover letter from the Mayor on August 2, 1982, and it contains the figure \$19,790.

The Historic Neighborhood Preservation Project was begun in the Fall of 1978, and it was developed to assist the Community Development Agencies and other public programs with efforts to upgrade the historic environment. They work with Community Development as consultants on historic projects. Community Development projects have to be, according to guidelines, have to be reviewed as to their historic value. This Agency helps to expedite applications to Hartford. They do nominations for the National Register of Historic Places. They work on providing tours of neighborhoods where people can see historic sites. Fiscal voted 6 in favor and 1 opposed and I so Move.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion? Seconded.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Speaking of projects which are reimbursed to us, this is certainly one of them. The money does come from the State Historic Commission through the National Parks Service. I think that, perhaps, many of you are familiar with Renee Kahn and what she has done to preserve a lot of the housing stock in Stamford, and call our awareness to buildings which are stable and can be used for housing and buildings and so forth. And this is part of her project. I urge that you accept the money from the State for this.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Gershman. Any further discussion? No discussion; we will move right to a vote. The figure should be \$19,790, item #14 of Fiscal. We need 21 votes. All in favor, please say aye. Opposed? Will the no votes raise their hands. No votes: Mr. Dziezyc, Mrs. Guroian and Mrs. Conti. 3 no votes. All yes votes, please raise your hands. Mr. Wiederlight and Mr. Stork, will you count the yes votes, please? We are voting on item #14 under Fiscal. There were 3 no votes. We are now voting on approval of this item. Any abstentions? One abstention; Mrs. Perillo. 31 yes votes, 3 no votes and 1 abstention. The Motion has PASSED. Do you want to go back to the Consent Agenda?

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

MRS. HAWE: The following items are on the Consent Agenda: Item #6, \$8,171 for the Health Department, Code 556-1110 salaries Early Periodic Screening and Diagnostic Treatment. Item #7, \$1,200 Health Department Code 550.3711 Laboratory Supplies. I believe that is it.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to the Consent Agenda. Seconded. All in favor of the Consent Agenda, please say aye. Opposed?

MRS. McINERNEY: Madam President, would you please record my vote as no on item item #6, please?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. McInerney is no on #6.

MRS. PERILLO: 6 and 7 both no.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Perillo is no on 6 and 7.

MR. DUDLEY: Abstaining on 6.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Dudley is an abstention on 6.

MRS. HAWE: I would like to ask for a Suspension of the Rules to consider an item not on the Agenda and also to consider it contingent on the Board of Finance approval. To consider a Capital transfer from the Smith House Skilled Nursing Facility air conditioning account, a transfer of \$100,000 to the Smith House Sewage disposal system account. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to Suspending the Rules? Seconded. We're now going to vote to Suspend the Rules.

MR. BLAIS: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I would urge my peers on the Board of Representatives to vote against Suspending the Rules for this particular appropriation. This appropriation represents another one of the Administration's methodologies for ramroding appropriations through this Board. We are told that this appropriation is urgently needed to comply with an order from the State Environmental Protection Board. However, if any of you bothered to look at the order, it came through in the middle of July. July 14 to be exact. In my opinion, the Administration was very tardy in submitting this legislation to us. They should have submitted it for the August meeting so that we would have more time to study it, and in this case, it appears like they deliberately waited to ramrod it through at the last moment; again, we have to appropriate because it's an emergency and I'm sorry, this time I cannot buy it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blais. We are now discussing Suspending the Rules. There is no debate on that, Mr. Blais. I shouldn't have allowed it. We are going to move to a vote on Suspending the Rules. All in favor of Suspending the Rules, we need 26 votes, please raise your hand. I would urge all the Members in Caucus to come out. Mr. Stork and Mr. Wiederlight have been very good this evening. Please help them. Raise your hands. Mr. Wiederlight has 26 positive votes to Suspend the Rules. All in favor of not Suspending the Rules, raise your hand; Mr. Blum, Mr. Zelinski, Mr. Blais, Mr. Perillo, Mrs. Saxe, Mr. Stork, Ms. DeGaetani, Mr. Bonner. The Motion to Suspend the Rules has PASSED. You have anything further to say on that?

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

- (15) \$100,000 - WELFARE DEPARTMENT, SMITH HOUSE SKILLED NURSING FACILITY  
Amend the Capital Projects budget by a transfer from Code 520-183 Air Conditioning East Wing Smith House Skilled Nursing Facility for a Project to be known as Code 520-969 Sewage Disposal System Smith House Skilled Nursing Facility. (Contingent upon Board of Finance approval)

MRS. HAWE: As Mr. Blais mentioned, we have been cited by the State with regard to problems with the sewage system up there. The budget that has already been approved for the correction of the problem is \$225,000 but the bid came in over that. The transfer is from an account for air conditioning of the East Wing. The money that will be taken out of that will leave enough money in the air conditioning account to enable the final design to be done, and it was told to us that they expected to request additional money then for the air conditioning system in next year's budget. Now, the Fiscal Committee voted unanimously to approve the transfer, however, we also voted by a vote of 6 to 1 to present to the Board a Sense-of-the-Board Resolution and what this Resolution does.

It is requesting the Mayor to initiate an additional appropriation request for the air-conditioning for the East Wing of the Skilled Nursing Facility to replace the money being transferred to the sewage disposal system.

We had copies made until the machine broke down. Some of you have copies on your desk tonight but unfortunately, others do not. The Committee in their vote of 6 to 1 felt that it was urgent that the air-conditioning system at Smith House not be delayed in being installed and we would hope that it would be able to be done by next season. If this money is transferred out of here, and not replaced until next budget time, it would be impossible for them to have air-conditioning in the East Wing next summer much to the detriment of the patients up there. I guess we have two votes to take; one is to vote on the transfer which the Fiscal Committee recommended 7 in favor and none opposed and I so Move. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's a Second to that Motion.

MRS. McINERNEY: When the Smith House addition was built and opened back in the middle seventies, the City neglected to insure that the present operating septic system could handle the burden of the extra capacity that was going to be put into the ground up at Smith House, and as an end result, the septic has been undermined and not properly functioning for at least the past three or four years. It's a commitment that the City has to make. They were under order further ago than just July as Mr. Blais indicated. There have been complaints on file with the Health Department about the foul odor coming from Smith House for at least four years. It's a health violation. They've been cited by the City and apparently they are being cited by the State so we do have an obligation to correct the system that exists at that Facility.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. McInerney.

MR. BLUM: Mrs. McInerney very ably has told us part of the story. If you all remember, the Board of Finance had a study of the Smith House relating to other items in which they are in violation of the State Health Department; one of them in which the State Health Code and the City Health Code, was the sewage disposal unit. There's been a lot of leaching going on there as well. This was supposed to be done sometime ago, and as Mr. Blais said, why the emergency; the last minute now? That's what bothers me.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

MR. BLUM: This should have been taken care of quite sometime ago. They knew of it as you said, three years ago, and why wasn't it done then? If the study never came about, and certain people saw things going on there, then may be they wouldn't be before us in this emergency. That's what gets us; it gets me and it is beginning to get Mr. Blais now. This last-minute emergency. The emergency existed three years ago.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blum.

MR. BLAIS: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Yes, Mr. Blum, I agree with you. I think you're right, but you are missing another point because the Administration is using another trick on this Board of Representatives. How many times have we appropriated funds for one purpose and then have the Administration take those funds away and transfer later? This is another instance where even Mrs. Hawe says in her report, is a detriment to the patients. We didn't vote those funds for the sewage treatment project that they propose to do. Again, they had an idea that this work had to be done; they elected to withhold this request for appropriation until the last possible moment. Well, I'm sorry, we've got to stop this. This has been repetitious since I've been on the Board, and at least from what I understand, for a good long time.

Now, if you are concerned about that EPB order, I'm sure 30 days one way or the other is not going to make any difference. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blais.

MR. BONNER: It seems to me that this should be presented to the Board as a requirement for sewer, not a transfer. I think it should be stated in the manner in which the money is going to be used. We can look at it; we can understand that a sewer problem is a real problem and I believe, we would vote for it under those conditions. I don't think it should be presented as a transfer. I think it definitely should be presented as a sewer problem. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Bonner.

MR. WIDER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I'm concerned as Mr. Bonner is. I am also concerned whether this \$100,000 will be enough to correct the condition which they have there. Knowing the cost of correcting that condition, I don't think \$100,000 will do it. I think this will only be a patch. There has to be some pumps put in there and I don't think \$100,000 will do it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Wider.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Thank you, Madam President. I don't really understand what is going on here. We need to fix the septic system up there. We need to fix it now. There's a problem; there's a health problem whether it comes in the front door, whether it comes in the back door, whether the appropriation comes in the side door, it has to be done. A rose by any other name is still a rose and the rose up there must stink by now. So, let's get the septic fixed now; in the springtime, let the proper people come in and ask for the money needed for air-conditioning. That is also a health situation. Air-conditioning among older people who have health problems is not a luxury. It is a vital health necessity. So, let them come in for the necessary money for the air-conditioning when that's needed. Right now the need is to fix the septic system. It's health; it's incumbent upon us to appropriate the money anyway it becomes due whether it be an additional appropriation, a transfer of funds, or a straight appropriation. Let's get on with the proper business. Thank you.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Wiederlight.

MR. FLOUNDERS: I certainly agree with Mr. Wiederlight. The situation as it was described to us in the Fiscal Committee is purely and simply an emergency. The sewage is running down the street and, therefore is an emergency and has to be taken care of. The most expedient way to handle it from their point of view was to transfer the funds so that the money could be immediately available. It wasn't that anyone considered the air-conditioning to be of secondary importance. It was simply an immediate source of funding. I think in an emergency situation, they are perfectly justified in taking that route. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Flounders.

MRS. SIGNORE: Move the question. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion made and Seconded to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the question, please say aye. Opposed. We're going to Move the question. The question is on the transfer of \$100,000 as stated by Mrs. Hawe from the air condition account to the sewage account at the Smith House. I would ask everyone to come into the room. We are voting on the \$100,000. All those in favor, please raise your hands and keep your hands up high. Two-thirds is required; 26 votes. 38 yes. All those opposed, please raise your hands. Mr. Blais. All those abstaining 38 yes, 1 abstention. The Motion has PASSED.

MRS. HAWE: I would like to make a Motion to Suspend the Rules to bring before the Board, a Sense-of-the-Board Resolution. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that? There is a Second. All in favor of Suspending the Rules, please say aye to Suspend the Rules. Opposed? All those opposed to Suspending the Rules, raise your hands. Just 1, Mrs. Conti. Motion to Suspend the Rules has PASSED.

MRS. HAWE: It's a Sense-of-the-Board Resolution as submitted by the Committee.

(16) SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION - REQUESTING THE MAYOR TO INITIATE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST FOR THE AIR-CONDITIONING FOR THE EAST WING OF THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES TO REPLACE THE MONEY BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM.

Be it resolved that the Board of Representatives request the Mayor to initiate an additional appropriation request for air conditioning to the East Wing of the Skilled Nursing Facility to replace the monies being transferred to the sewage disposal system.

PRESIDENT SANTY: And that is submitted by the Fiscal Committee?

MRS. HAWE: By a vote of 6 in favor, 1 opposed

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Second to that resolution? Seconded.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

MR. BLAIS: Move the Question, Madam President. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion made to Move the question. Is there a Second? Several Seconds. All in favor of Moving the question, please say aye. Opposed? Question is Moved unanimously. We are now voting on the Resolution as read by Mrs. Hawe. Any discussion? Sorry, the question is Moved. We are going to Move to adopting the Resolution. All in favor of the Resolution as presented by Mrs. Hawe, please say aye. Opposed? Would the no votes, please raise their hands. Mrs. Conti, Mrs. Guroian; 2 no vote. 37 yes.

MR. BLAIS: POINT OF ORDER: Madam Chairman, at this time, I'd Move for adjournment.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Would you let Mrs. Hawe finish her Committee Report?

MRS. HAWE: It's finished.

ADJOURNMENT:

PRESIDENT SANTY: May we have a Motion to adjourn until another date or recess to another date?

MR. BLAIS: Madam Chairman, I Move that we Recess until the following Monday night at 8 o'clock. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's has been a Motion made to Recess this next meeting until Monday night at 8 o'clock. Steering is Monday night at 7. Following Steering, we finish our Agenda. There's a Second to that Motion? Several Seconds. We are now going to vote on that. All in favor of the Motion as made by Mr. Blais to Recess until Monday night at 8 o'clock, please say aye. Opposed? Tellers, let's count. All those in favor of the Recess until Monday night at 8, please raise your hands. A majority is necessary. The Motion is to Recess until Monday night at 8 o'clock following Steering which meets at 7. We need a majority of those present. There's 39; we need 20 votes. The Motion PASSED. Recessed until Monday night at 8 o'clock.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 A.M., and will meet in adjourned session Monday, September 20, 1982, to complete the agenda.

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