

MINUTES OF TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1983 - SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

The 17th Board of Representatives

Stamford, Connecticut

A SPECIAL MEETING of the 17th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Tuesday, May 10, 1983, pursuant to a "CALL" issued by PRESIDENT JEANNE-LOIS SANTY, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board, 2nd Floor, Municipal Office Bldg., 429 Atlantic St., Stamford, Conn.

The meeting was Called to Order at 8:05 P.M. by President Santy, after both political parties had met in Caucus, the CALL being for 7:00 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by the Rev. Alfred J. Sienkiewicz, Pastor, Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Spirit, 385 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by President Jeanne-Lois Santy.

RECESS REQUEST: A recess was requested for ten minutes by the Democratic Leader John Boccuzzi and agreed to. Recess lasted from 8:10 P.M. to 8:50 P.M.

(There was some difficulty at the start of the meeting, so therefore some portion was not recorded on the tapes. It was repaired and working in a short time.)

ROLL CALL was taken by CLERK ANNIE M. SUMMERVILLE. There were 37 present and 3 absent. Absent were Reps. McInerney (excused-family problem), Rybnick (excused-ill), and Wiederlight. Mr. Wiederlight came in at 8:45 P.M., making 38 present and 2 absent.

The CHAIR declared a QUORUM, with 38 members present.

MACHINE TEST VOTE: President Santy asked each members to vote, in turn, Yes, No, and Abstain, and declared the machine in good working order as of that time.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I will now read the "CALL" of the Meeting:

"I, JEANNE-LOIS SANTY, PRESIDENT of the 17th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, and pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby CALL a SPECIAL MEETING (or meetings) of said Board of Representatives at the following time(s) and place:

Tuesday, May 10, 1983

and

Wednesday, May 11, 1983

at 7:00 P.M.

in the Municipal Office Building, Second Floor, Legislative Chambers,
429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

CALL OF THE MEETING (continued)

"Purpose of the Special Meeting;

"To consider and act upon the CAPITAL PROJECTS and OPERATING BUDGETS for the Fiscal Year 1983-1984 (7/1/83 - 6/30/84), as transmitted by the Board of Finance on Tuesday, April 19, 1983, pursuant to provisions of Chapter 613 of the Stamford Charter."

PRESIDENT SANTY: During this meeting, all votes taken can be passed by a majority of those present and voting, and therefore the only vote needed on individual items will be a majority of those present and voting. However, the vote on the final resolution adopting the Capital and Operating Budgets, which must be filed with the Town Clerk's Office by May 15, 1983, does need the affirmative vote of 21 members, but all other votes are by a majority only.

I extend a Thank You from all of us to the Fiscal Committee, Chairpersons Marie Hawe and John Hogan, members: Bert Flounders, John Roos, Sandy Goldstein, Betty Conti, Jerry Livingston, Joe Franchina, and Don Donahue who accepted the seat on Fiscal temporarily until Jerry Rybnick returns to the Committee. We thank them for their sincere dedication as evidenced by the many, many hours they were away from their families deliberating the budget that they are presenting this evening. Also, a special Thank You to Anne Summerville, who assisted the Fiscal Committee in any way she could, making coffee and refreshments, and doing any errands and being a Gal Friday for them. And also to Ann, who has assumed the Chairmanship of the House Committee while Jerry Rybnick who is still out ill. She is responsible for the physical set-up of the room and for the refreshments that we are going to have for the next couple of evenings.

Before I begin with Mrs. Hawe's report, I also would like to wish Happy Birthday this evening to John Roos, and we are delighted that you are sharing your birthday with us tonight. We have an arduous task ahead of us, and I know we will all attempt to complete the budget process as efficiently and swiftly as possible. Mrs. Hawe.

MRS. HAWE: I, too, would like to echo Mrs. Santy's thanks to the members of the Fiscal Committee, as you said, really did work very long and hard these past three weeks. They deserve much credit for the hours they put in reviewing the budget and the diligence which they have brought to this task. And really, I would like to echo your thanks for the Committee, if I might name them again: Co-Chairperson Hogan, Betty Conti, Don Donahue, Burt Flounders, Joe Franchina, Sandra Goldstein, Jerry Livingston, and John Roos. And the Committee would also like to give a special vote of thanks to Clerk of the Board Annie Summerville, who was so helpful in providing everything we needed in the way of coffee and refreshments to sustain us through those long hours. We could not have done it without her. Also our appreciation to Budget Director Frank Harrison, who attended all of our meetings and was an excellent source of information for us.

MRS. HAWE (continuing): The Budget as it has been transmitted to us by the Board of Finance consists of first, \$141,215,424.00 Operating Budget which includes the Board of Education, and \$10,588,474.00 Capital Budget. Based on the budget, as it now before our Board, before our Board makes any cuts, the tentative mill rates are as follows:

District A, the revised tentative mill rate 27.7, which is a 4.9 increase; District B, the revised tentative mill rate 26.0, which is a 5.3 increase; District C, the revised tentative mill rate 23.6, which is a 6.3 increase; District CS, the revised tentative mill rate 25.3, which is a 5.9 increase; Automobile Tax, revised tentative mill rate 26.2, which is a 6.1 increase. These, I will remind you are only tentative figures because when we send the budget back to the Board of Finance, which we must do by the 15th of May, it is entirely their prerogative to set the mill rates, but these are the tentative mill rates as given to us by the Commissioner of Finance. To reduce the mill rate by one mill, we would have to eliminate approximately \$4 Million from the budget.

In regard to the Mayor's Operating Budget, there are very few new items or new personnel in the budget this year. There are basically three new things and I will mention them here. First, \$194,000 increase in salaries for the Law Department to hire two senior legal secretaries, a legal claims investigator, and three assistant corporation counsels. This is part of a restructuring of the Law Department as suggested by Corporation Counsel Ben Fraser. The Fiscal Committee was very supportive of this request. We really feel that the needs of the Law Department as enumerated by the Corporation Counsel when he came to talk to us were really very great. They are taking on so much more in Planning and Zoning matters, in all sorts of matters that the City is being sued, it appears right and left, and we supported this increase.

Second, three new personnel in the Finance Dept., two of these in connection with the re-structuring of the Payroll System; one of these personnel, the Committee has eliminated, and that is the Clerk-Typist.

And third, a new enforcement officer for the Environmental Protection Board. The salary for this position will be offset by increases in revenues.

The Fiscal Committee felt that the Mayor's Operating Budget as presented to us is basically a tight one. Everyone must realize that since approximately 75% of the budget goes for salaries and related benefits, we cannot expect a major reduction in this budget without laying off staff and reducing services. The major Departments: Public Works, Police and Fire are very tight this year and we strongly feel to further reduce them would do serious damage to these Departments.

There is a new item in the Budget this year, and I would like to explain it so that you will know how we made most of our cuts. The bottom line of each Department is called the Budget Reduction Line, and a reduction in this line will permit each Department to reallocate as it deems appropriate. The Fiscal Committee has recommended cuts in several specific lines, as well as a reduction in most Departments in this so-called Budget Reduction Line. We did this by taking the total budget for a particular department, subtracting all salary and salary-related costs, which are fixed costs, and from the remaining sum we took a percentage cut, which ranged anywhere from one-half to one per cent, depending upon the department and what we thought they could absorb. The reason we did this was that we felt that while the budgets were tight, this small cut could be absorbed through austerity measures.

MRS. HAWE (continuing): Madam President, would you like me to explain about the books that we will be using tonight? O.K.

We will be using three books, but while we are doing the Operating Budget only two books; one is the large blue book and the other one is the large brown book. Later on, you will need the skinny blue book, but that is not until later. But now you will need the big blue one and the brown one. The blue one is called the Mayor's Proposed Operating Budget, and it is the one that you will be using for the most part tonight, and that includes the budget as presented by the Mayor. Now the Board of Finance made very few cuts in the budget, and if you will take the brown book and open it to the first page, I will explain what this book will show to you.

The first page that has writing on it. The pages are not numbered so you will have to think of the number when you turn the pages. Just turn to the first page that has writing on it and it is called at the top "Budget Reductions Made By The Board Of Finance". Everyone has that? These are the cuts that the Board of Finance made. These and only these that are on this page. Now turn over one more page and it says "Mayor's Budget Amendments". Those are changes after the Mayor sends down the budget to the Board of Finance, there are usually a few things that were forgotten, or they want to add or take away, so these are amendments that the Mayor has made and as we go through the blue book, on each page, as it is not printed in that book, there might be one or two changes - many pages there are no changes at all - but when there is a change on a page, I will tell you and you can write it in then and there, so you won't really have to refer back to this brown book, but I am just telling you this so you will know where this information is coming from.

If you turn over one more page, and you have a page with a lot of lines on it, and on the top, it says in small letters "General Budget Summary 1983-1984", these are the figures as they stand now before we make our cuts. You see the "Board of Representatives" column is empty, so these are the current figures as approved by the Board of Finance, and as you turn the succeeding pages, you will see each department listed with the total amount approved by the Board of Finance. That is about all you will need to know about this book. The next section, where it says "Revenue by Department", after the next divider, that lists each department in the City and the revenues that come to the City from that department. And in the back where it says "Budget Salary Listing", that you might want to look at; that is page by page, of each department and the people who work in that department, not by name, but by position and their salaries. That is the information that is contained in that brown book. The blue book is the one that you will be using and when there is a change to be put in it, a Board of Finance change, or a change by the Mayor, I or my Co-Chairperson when he is doing the report, will tell you and you can put it in yourself.

The Fiscal Committee has recommended a cut from the Mayor's Operating Budget, this is excluding the Board of Education. It is from the Mayor's Operating Budget, the Fiscal Committee has recommended a cut of \$50,604.00 total.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Madam President, I make a Motion that the Chairperson of Fiscal read into the records, all those cuts recommended by Fiscal Committee, and after that is done, I recommend that the Board of Representatives approves the Budget as presented to us by the Fiscal Committee, excluding Board of Education.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Boccuzzi, repeat that Motion just once more. I am writing it down, unless you want to have it written for me.

MR. BOCCUZZI: I make a Motion that the Fiscal Committee Chairpersons read into the record all their recommended cuts. After this is done, I Move that we accept the Operating Budget as presented to us from the Chairperson of the Fiscal Committee excluding the Board of Education.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion is made. Is there a Second to that Motion? Several Seconds. First to speak to that Motion is Mrs. Guroian.

MRS. GUROIAN: Will this be calling for a majority vote, Madam Chairman?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, it is, Mrs. Guroian.

MRS. GUROIAN: I object to the fact that it is calling for a majority vote on the basis that it, in a sense, abridges the right of each member to speak on each item in the book. And can only speak on it as it was presented in a package deal. None of us is prepared to speak on this kind of a Motion at one fell swoop and I feel it is an abridgement of the rights of the Representatives in that if they had any items which they wanted to discuss, and which they wanted to forward, the very procedure discourages them from doing so. I think it is an abridgement of the rights of any member of Fiscal who did not vote for each and every one of the cuts to present a minority report, because now just as the Motion was prepared, that member can only present all of his or her recommendations in one fell swoop, and I think it is an abridgement of that person's responsibility, and privilege; and according to our own Rules, every member of every Committee has a right to give a minority report. We are circumventing that without even a two-thirds vote.

I think it is abridgement, an abrogation of responsibility for each and every member to their constituency in that if a constituency wants to know why certain cuts were not made, they are not prepared to answer. I think it is a blanket arrogance on the part of every member of the Fiscal Committee in not being willing to share their input, their knowledge, with the rest of the members only if the members have the chance before motion is made to cut debate, have a chance to ask questions of the Committee.

On these bases, I not only will not vote for this, I won't even participate in a vote for this because I think it is an arrogance never displayed by members of the Board of Representatives before, and I hope I never see it displayed again. I personally have nothing to forward in relationship to cuts, but I certainly want to give every member of this Board the right to forward whatever cuts they feel, or ask whatever specific questions they feel on specific departments, such as we have done in the past; but to propose that not only must we do it as one-package-deal, but we cannot do it by Section; we cannot do it by Department; and certainly not line-by-line, is a jump which I really feel appalled at participating in a vote like this.

If you are going to do this at all, I propose that you include the Board of Education. Why not? Just because it wasn't cut by the Mayor? That's not an argument. It was passed on by the Board of Finance. Include their recommendation. If the Committee, Fiscal Committee of the Board of Representatives has the right to propose every other cut in the Budget, then they have the right to include the Board of Education in that Budget, and I so Move! Include it in the Report. Seconded.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Guroian, you are amending the Motion? Would you please repeat your Motion? Your amendment to the Motion.

MRS. GUROIAN: I amend the Motion by saying that we include Fiscal Committee's recommendation along with the rest; treat them all the same, and vote on the whole thing and get out of here in five minutes and be the laughing stock of the whole City.

PRESIDENT SANTY: That Motion has been made and Seconded. (Seconded again at this point by Mrs. Conti.) Any discussion? No discussion. We will move right to a vote on the amendment.

MR. WIDER: I would like to amend the Motion to restore One Million Dollars back to the Board of Education's budget.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Wider, a Motion has been made and it has been amended, now you are amending the amendment? The Motion is to include in the Motion the Board of Education, Mr. Wider, and I think...what is your amendment again, will you please repeat that?

MRS. GUROIAN: He is out-of-order.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You are out-of-order. Do not speak out-of-order again. Mr. Wider, repeat your amendment.

MR. WIDER: Madam Chairman, I withdraw my amendment.

PRESIDENT SANTY: No other speakers? We are going to move right to a vote on Mrs. Guroian's amendment. We will use the machine. If you are in favor of Mrs. Guroian's amendment, vote Yes. If you are opposed, vote No. Has everyone voted? We may have a problem with the voting machine. Make sure that your light is on. If anyone is not recording up there? Mrs. Hawe, yours is not recording? Please raise your hand if your light is not recording. Anyone else? Mr. Wider? We'll have to see if it records on the paper. Mr. Wider, what is your vote? No. Mr. Wider is a No vote. We'll double-check it on the machine. Mr. Wider, what is your number? #4. Mrs. Hawe is a No vote. What is your number? #39. #39 is a No. Has everyone else recorded? All right. Both Mrs. Hawe and Mr. Wider, your vote is recorded as Abstaining; and not voting at all. We'll have to double-check that. We'll record you both as a No vote.

Mr. Wiederlight is now present, which makes 38 members present. Mr. Donahue, did you vote? (A voice from the floor said that Mr. Donahue did not.) The print-out is recording correctly now. The amendment is DEFEATED: 29 Negative, 5 Affirmative, 3 Abstaining. (Print-out shows Mr. Blais as non-voting.) Next to speak is....

MRS. GUROIAN: Point of Information, Madam Chairman? When this vote is taken, will this be the final vote on the Budget, or do you propose to vote again?

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion has been made, you heard the Motion on the Mayor's Operating Budget. This is the Motion that we are discussing now. This is the Operating Budget. Then we have to go back to the Board of Education. Oh, of course, we still have to vote the final Resolution. Yes, the final Resolution will be Capital and Operating, which needs 21 votes. Mr. Dziezyc next.

MR. DZIEZYC: Thank you, Madam President. I Move to amend the Motion that we vote by Departments, excluding the Board of Education. Several Seconds.

PRESIDENT SANTY: An amendment to the Motion has been made to vote by Departments, excluding the Board of Education, which was the original Motion anyway, Mr. Dziezyc, so you want vote by Departments. Oh, excluding the Board of Education. Mr. Bonner, do you want to speak to Mr. Dziezyc's amendment. Is your microphone on?

MR. BONNER: Yes, thank you, Madam Chairman, I would speak to that amendment. I respect the work that the Mayor has done, the Board of Finance, and the Fiscal Committee. I know they have worked hard at it. However, I believe that I would have to vote against the major, the voting by department, or total vote for the following reasons.

I believe that inflation in the United States has really levelled off at about 3% to 4% and if we look at this Budget, the Budget is about 5%. In addition to this Budget, there will be increases in the salaries. We will be talking about between 5% to 7% which is well over the percentage of the inflation in the United States. Now it is hard to tell from newspaper articles, they are not always accurate, but they do give an indication. Indications are that this is correct, that this is the right amount of inflation. I think it is the responsibility of every citizen of the United States to control inflation. Inflation has almost ruined us. It has almost ruined the nation. (Mr. Bonner's microphone was fading in and out, part of the time.)

I think that we have the responsibility of holding to 3%. Now, we find that in the United States, in the ADVOCATE in April 29th issue, the wage freezes in seventy per cent of the new pacts that were signed by the unions. General Motors was holding the price line on most fleet automobiles. Polaroid skipped wage increases. The steelworkers, who have a tremendous amount of power in negotiations in Pittsburgh, by a vote of 169 to 63, the United Steelworkers Local Union presidents, yesterday approved the first contract in union's history that cuts wages and benefits for their members. The vote yesterday came after nearly four hours of discussion, but the outcome was not in design. Now this has to do with the fact that our Budget is running about 5% even with all the cuts that have been, and I would not be able to vote for the Budget as it stands.

I think that we have to go through and we have to cut. Now, even in the recent days, in Monday, April 18th, the unions, the Kennecott settles on a wage freeze. The copper union leaders have approved a wage freeze and continuing costs on the cost-of-living pay in production. These people know what they are discussing. They know what they are talking about. They have levelled off because this is 1984, and inflation is taking a level course. We have to stay with this. We cannot increase. Now, if the negotiators for this City, both labor and City, allow more than a 3% increase, it will mean that there will be cut-offs in jobs. This is happening in other areas. They will be responsible, not the Board of Ed. I don't think we should vote en masse for this Budget, even though a lot of work has been done on it. 5% is too high. Thank you, Madam Chairman.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Bonner. Mr. Zelinski is next.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you, Madam President. I was inclined to agree, and I do agree with Rep. Boccuzzi's Motion originally pertaining to accepting the Fiscal Committee's recommendation. I know they spent a lot of time, and the Budget is very, very tight. However, Rep. Guroian has made some points for us to think about as far as possibly acting in too much haste for the benefit of expediency.

Madam President, let me ask you if it would be allowable and procedurally correct if Rep. Boccuzzi's Motion does pass, if any Representative at that point would like to amend the Motion, I should say actually before we pass on his vote, if any Representative could make a Motion for a specific cut in a specific department and line. Would that be in order, so we could possibly have a compromise without cutting out the debate completely and yet not being here, you know, all hours, for every nickel and dime.

PRESIDENT SANTY: First, Mr. Zelinski, we are discussing Mr. Dziezyc's amendment. We are not speaking to the main motion now. We are only on the amendment, so what you should be addressing is Mr. Dziezyc's amendment and....

MR. ZELINSKI: But I am still asking a question through you that will have a bearing on how I vote on Mr. Dziezyc's amendment, so I would like to have that question answered.

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, the Motion on the floor is to accept the Fiscal Committee's recommendation of their cuts as a Motion and it was Seconded. There will not be any other debate once this Motion is accepted. If you want to put an amendment on it, you can amend it, but right now, we.....

MR. ZELINSKI: No, but if someone wanted to amend it before the final vote as far as the cut, in a particular department, that would be permissible...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Right. There can be two amendments to every Main Motion. Right now, we have one amendment. I wish you would address Mr. Dziezyc's amendment which is to vote by departments, excluding the Board of Education.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you. I said what I had to.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Move the Question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded to Move the Question. This requires a two-thirds vote. We have 38 members present. We need 26 votes. We will use the machine. All in favor of Moving the Question, please use your machine. We are voting on Moving the Question which is Mr. Dziezyc's amendment. Has everyone voted? There are four speakers left to speak. Has everyone voted? Mrs. Hawe, are you recording at all? You are an Abstention. Mr. Wider? No vote. Mr. Blais what is your vote? The Motion is DEFEATED TO MOVE THE QUESTION, with 21 Affirmative, 16 Negative, and 1 Abstaining. There are three problems on the print-out. They are Mr. Blais' vote at this time, Mr. Wider's, and Mrs. Hawe's. We may have to ask your vote on every vote. Please be patient with us. The next speaker is Mrs. Conti.

MRS. CONTI: I wish to speak in favor of Mr. Dziezyc's amendment. I think the only logical way to handle a budget, especially with our taxpayers facing an increase of 5% or 6%, the very least they might expect is that we go through the Budget and consider it on a departmental basis. It is unconscionable that we would accept with one package deal, the little tiny few cuts that were made by the Fiscal Committee. These cuts were not made by majority..they were not the only cuts that were recommended in Fiscal. There were minority opinions in Fiscal, and the whole thrust of this is to eliminate any minority opinion, and I deeply resent it.

And I think we are abrogating our duty to the taxpayers of Stamford by trying to railroad through a few little cuts like this on such a tremendous budget. Thank you.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Can you hear me? I would like to speak to the points that have been made regarding the concern about taking.....

PRESIDENT SANTY: May I remind you that we are speaking to Mr. Dziezyc's motion. Can you incorporate that? To vote by departments , excluding the Board of Education.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Yes, but I do think there is a piece of information that should be understood in considering that vote. The point was made by Rep. Bonner that the budgets have increased by 6% total budget, and the budget, exclusive of the Board of Education, 4.7% from last year. I would like to correct that. Those percentage increases compare the proposed new budgets with the original proposed 1982-83 budget. If, instead, one makes the comparison of the new budget against the actual 1982-83 budget, which would include additions and transfers, the increase without the Board of Education, is a 1.2% increase, well under the inflation rate, cost-of-living rate quoted by Rep. Bonner.

If one includes the Board of Education, the increase is 2.2%, again well under the increase quoted by Rep. Bonner as being the cost-of-living increase, or the inflation rate. Thank you.

MR. LIVINGSTON: I would like to Move the Question, Madam President.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There are no other speakers, Mr. Livingston, so we can go right to the question. The question is on Mr. Dziezyc's amendment to vote by departments, excluding the Board of Education. Please use your machine. I will give you time to vote, those in the caucus room. A simple majority is necessary for this amendment. Has everyone voted? Mrs. Howe, I don't think you are recording. And Mr. Blais, is the light working up there? Mr. Blais is a No vote. Mr. Wider No vote; Mrs. Howe No vote. All three are No votes. Has everyone voted?

The Motion is DEFEATED: 22 Negative, 16 Affirmative. We are now going back to the Main Motion made by Mr. Boccuzzi. Mr. Blais is first to speak.

MR. BLAIS: Point of Order, Madam Chairman. You stated before (dialogue lost in turning tape over to next side.)

MRS. MAIHOCK:we all are losing a great deal of valuable input.

MR. DZIEZYC: Thank you, Madam President, I would like to make a Motion to amend..an amendment to the Motion that we have a 2% reduction in every department, that is the Operating Budget, excluding the Board of Education; we'll take that later.

PRESIDENT SANTY: What I think will expedite things here this evening is if you put your Motions in writing and hand them to me. It is so simple. Your amendment is reduction of 2% in every department in the Operating Budget. Is there a Second to that motion? Seconded by two. We are now speaking to that Motion. Mr. Wider, you are next to speak but is it to that Motion?

MR. WIDER: Frankly, yes, I would like very much to speak to that Motion. I think that we are being very unfair to our Fiscal Committee tonight, who have done a very beautiful job and worked hard. I haven't worked on this budget, and they have come up with some decent cuts. I think that we are insulting them. And I am really upset as to how long we will have people to suffer and go through a budget like this and come with recommendations and they we suddenly feel we have better recommendations. So I am against any amendments to this motion. Thank you.

MR. JACHIMCZYK: I would just like to say that I am against any amendments to this Motion also. I am opposed to this amendment to the Motion because I think the Motion is one of the wisest motions I have heard ever from somebody on this Board.

MRS. HAWE: I would like to speak against Mr. Dziezyc's Motion. To make an arbitrary cut across-the-board in every department of the same percentage I think is very, very unwise. The Fiscal Committee took a percentage cut out of many departments, but we did so after looking at each department separately. We took from one-half to one per cent out of most of the departments, but there are some departments in this budget that a 2% cut would be very, very damaging to, for instance, the Fire Department budget. We did not take anything out of the Fire Department budget. We felt that as it stood, the budget was very tight. The Fire Department would probably even be in trouble this year in terms of appropriations, and we took nothing out of there.

The Police Department is an extremely tight budget. They have done a fantastic job on productivity and doing more services with what they had.

Public Works is a very tight budget. If you take 2% out of every department, you are really going to be hurting some of these departments, and I would strongly urge the members to vote against this amendment.

MR. ZELINSKI: Through you, Madam President, to Co-Chairperson Hawe, first, if the amendment passes, which is accepting your committee's report of the \$50,000 or so reduction, what percentage again, increase is that in the....

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Zelinski, just as a matter of record, the amendment is a 2% reduction for all departments. That's not the original motion.

MR. ZELINSKI: No, I realize that. Again, in order for me to vote on Mr. Dziezyc's motion, I just wanted to clarify that question. Originally Rep. Hawe had mentioned that the Committee had cut \$50,000 and change, from the Budget. What kind of an increase does that represent from last year's budget, the percentage?

MRS. HAWE: Are you talking about a percentage increase in taxes?

MR. ZELINSKI: Yes, over last year's budget.

MRS. HAWE: Well, I don't know. The only figures that I have are what I mentioned before, are the tentative mill rates that were given to us after the Board of Finance cuts, and before our cuts. Those are the only figures I have, and those are only tentative because the Board of Finance sets the mill rate. I can tell you that one mill is equal to Four Million Dollars, so you know, an insignificant amount.

MR. ZELINSKI: O.K., thank you. Being that you mentioned earlier, like, as an example, the District A would be a 4.9 increase and C would be 6.3. Does that also take into account the upcoming contracts that have not been settled?

MRS. HAWE: No, it takes into account...no, not the City contracts. The Board of Education budget, the salary increases are in there, not in the City budget.

MR. ZELINSKI: Now, to speak on the question, Madam President, I would be in agreement with Mr. Dziezyc's Motion. I think unfortunately we have to bear in mind that the other City contracts that are coming up, and one that has been arbitrated already, which is giving an 8% increase is going to be a very, very high figure from what we have seen now, and I am afraid from what we have seen now, later on, it is going to be too late; and I think that if the taxpayers of our City have to tighten their belts, and make the best of their incomes, I think a 2% decrease in each budget would seem fair because it is across-the-board and also if indeed there would be an emergency situation, the department can come back and through the Mayor can request an additional appropriation, and if that be the case, I am sure that the Board of Finance and this Board would approve it, if it were that type of situation. And I think we should keep that in mind that these contracts are going to be quite costly and I think we have to bear that in mind; and if not, we are talking about quite a bit different from the figures that we got originally, so I would just ask my colleagues to dwell on that for a moment. Thank you, Madam President.

MRS. GUROIAN: I can't help but point out the irony of the statements that Mrs. Hawe made in reference to this amendment in stating that it was unfair or impractical, or whatever words she used, or irresponsible, for a member of the Board to propose a blanket cut because that member had not judged everything department by department, when in fact she is in support of not having him judge it department by department, by department. How can you fault somebody when you yourself are not allowing him to do it? I find the irony of this beyond understanding.

MRS. GERSHMAN: I just have a Point of Information on this last amendment proposal. If we would vote to cut 2% from all, from the total budget, excluding the Board of Education, how much does that come to? I am addressing, I think it should go, through you Madam Chairman, to Mrs. Hawe.

MRS. HAWE: I think Mr. Flounders is figuring it out with his calculator. We'll have it in a minute.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I'll go on to the next speaker while Mr. Flounders is calculating that amount. Mr. Dudley.

MR. DUDLEY: Move the Question.

MRS. HAWE: Point of Order, could I correct something I said before, to Mr. Zelinski, that will clarify something.

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, there is a Motion on the floor to Move the Question. Seconded. Before I entertain that, Mr. Flounders does have a total Mr. Dudley. For Mrs. Gershman. Can you give me the total of that, Mr. Flounders?

MR. FLOUNDERS: Since the proposed Operating Budget, exclusive of the Board of Education budget, is \$69 Million, you are talking about a 2% cut amounting to \$1,380,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Gershman, that is the answer: \$1,380,000. We have a Motion on the floor which Mr. Dudley made to Move the Question. It has been Seconded. We need two-thirds vote. Use your machine. All in favor of Moving the Question, which will be on Mr. Dziezyc's motion. Has everyone voted? Mrs. Hawe, how are you voting? Yes. Mr. Wider? Yes. Mr. Blais, your unit is now working up here. Has everyone voted? The Motion to Move the Question has PASSED: 28 Yes, 9 No, 1 Abstention. We are going to Move the Question. The question now is on Mr. Dziezyc's Motion. We are going to use the machine. The Motion is on Mr. Dziezyc's amendment which is a 2% reduction in every department of the Operating Budget excluding Board of Education. We are voting on that motion. Has everyone voted? Mrs. Hawe, how are you voting? No. Mr. Wider, what is your vote? No. Thank you.

The Motion is DEFEATED: 27 Negative, 8 Affirmative, and 2 Abstentions, and 1 Non-Vote.

MR. DZIEZYC: I would like to Move ^{that} we amend Marie Hawe's Motion, that we reduce the salary and salary-related accounts by 1½% across-the-board, every department except the Board of Education.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Dziezyc, may I have that in writing, please? Would you, please, from now on, make your motions in writing and give them to me to read. Read it again and then present it to me.

MR. DZIEZYC: Reduce the salary and salary-related accounts by 1½% in each department...

PRESIDENT SANTY: This is an amendment to the Main Motion made by Mr. Boccuzzi? Is there a Second to that? Several Seconds. Now if you wish to speak, please raise your hand. We have no one listed to speak.

MR. DZIEZYC: I would like to speak to this, please.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Dziezyc, you are entitled to speak first.

MR. DZIEZYC: The Minority statement of the Board of Finance, they said that a good approach was to reduce the salary and salary-related accounts by a fixed percentage. They said 2%. I reduce that to 1½%, so I am going by the recommendations of the Minority, of which I think they had three votes, which is half....

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I Move the Question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion has been made to Move the Question. Mr. Dziezyc, I need that Motion in writing. All in favor of Moving the Question, please vote Yes. Use the machine, please. We need two-thirds. Has everyone voted? To move the question; that is what we are voting on now. The Motion to Move the Question has PASSED: 26 Affirmative, 9 Negative, and 3 Not Voting.

We are now voting on the main motion which is to reduce the salary and salary-related items by 1½% in each department. That is the motion as made by Mr. Dziezyc. Please use your machine. Has everyone voted? Mrs. Hawe? No. Mr. Wider? No. The Motion is DEFEATED: 28 Negative, 6 Affirmative, 4 Abstentions.

Next to speak is Mr. Blum.

MR. BLUM: I would like to make an amendment to the Main Motion. I would like to cut 1% across-the-board including the Board of Education, the entire budget, as it stands, \$141 Million some-odd dollars....

PRESIDENT SANTY: Will you please put that in writing, Mr. Blum?

MR. BLUM: Yes.

PRESIDENT SANTY: And give it to me, please. First to speak on that Motion is....was there a Second to that Motion? Was there a Second to that Motion? There is a Second. Mr. Wider.

MR. WIDER: Thank you, Madam Chairman, it seems like everyone is going fishing.....

PRESIDENT SANTY: May I ask the Representatives to please take their seats, either be in their seats or be in the caucus room, but please, no wandering around, it is very distracting and it is very difficult to hear these motions. Mr. Blum, that's right, you can speak on your motion, but I want that in writing. Mr. Wider, I'm sorry, Mr. Blum has a right to speak to his motion.

MR. BLUM: I would like to speak on my Motion for the simple reason that I heard this evening everyone excludes the Board of Education like it doesn't exist. Well, the entire Budget is the City Budget. It includes the City Operating funds and includes Education, which is the entire Budget which has been handed down to us by the Board of Finance. We are here this evening and possibly tomorrow evening, to work on the entire Budget as handed down to us by the Board of Finance. Therefore, I am supporting my amendment to this Motion. I believe it is an honest one, for the simple reason that I am not excluding any item from this Budget. I am asking you all to support me on the entire City Budget. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blum. We are now addressing Mr. Blum's amendment. Next to speak is Mr. Wider.

MR. WIDER: Through you, Madam Chairman, to Mr. Blum, are you talking about the recommended budget from the Board of Finance? Are you talking about a 1% of that, or are you talking about an 1% of the Budget that the Fiscal Committee has reported to this Board?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Blum, you can answer that question.

MR. BLUM: I am speaking of the 1% of the entire Budget that was handed to us by the Board of Finance to the Fiscal Committee or the Board of Representatives this evening. The entire Budget includes the City Operating and the Board of Education; and Education is part of the entire Budget, \$141 Million. That excludes the Capital Projects Budget.

MR. WIDER: That was not the answer. O.K. I am sorry, but I am asking a specific question and I would like a specific answer. Are we vote on the recommended budget from the Board of Finance, or we to vote on the 1% from the budget that is presented to us by our Fiscal Committee? That is what I want to know.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Blum, one answer, the Board of Finance budget, or the Board of Representatives' Fiscal Committee's recommendation?

MR. BLUM: I am asking for 1% of the entire Budget as handed down to us by the Board of Finance, \$141 Million and some-odd hundred thousand dollars.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You are discounting the work that the Fiscal Committee has done?

MR. BLUM: That's right. This is an amendment to the Fiscal Committee.

MR. WIDER: I think that should be a lasting insult to the Fiscal Committee. I think it is completely erroneous. Thank you so much.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I was on the list to speak on the Main Motion, not on the amendment, Madam President.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Move the Question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We'll have to use the machine. All in favor of Moving the Question, please vote Yes. We need a two-thirds vote. Has everyone voted? 26 votes are necessary to Move. Mrs. Hawe? Yes. Mr. Wider? Yes. The Motion has PASSED: 29 Affirmative, 8 Negative, 1 Abstention.

The Motion now is as made by Mr. Blum, 1% across-the-board decrease, including the Board of Education, in the entire Budget as presented by the Board of Finance. Please use your machine. Has everyone voted? We are now voting on the Main Motion of a 1% decrease in the entire Budget as made by Mr. Blum. Mrs. Hawe? No. Mr. Wider? No.

The MOTION is DEFEATED: 31 Negative, 2 Affirmative, 1 Abstention, and 2 Non-Voting.

We are now back to the Main Motion. First to speak to Mr. Wiederlight.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I would like to congratulate John Boccuzzi and the fine Motion that he made. It is a well-thought-out, progressive Motion. The Fiscal Committee of the Board of Representatives spent many hours deliberating our Budget that is before us. They have come up with about \$54,000 in round numbers, in cuts. That attests to the fact that (1) it is indeed a tight budget. We heard at the beginning of tonight's meeting that it would

MR. WIEDERLIGHT (continuing)....take Four Million Dollars or more to cut one mill off of the tax rate. We could sit here for two weeks and cut tables and chairs, move them around from building to building, and we are not going to cut Four Million Dollars. We are lucky if we can cut \$54,000 I have heard amendments to amendments to amendments; probably the next amendment is going to be that the people on the Fifth Floor are going to get a 5% cut; the people on the 4th Floor are going to get a 4% cut.

As I was saying, it seems that we can't recognize a good motion, a progressive motion, one that would benefit the entire City. We should vote in favor of Rep. Boccuzzi's Motion, and get on with the business of the Board of Representatives, and get on with the business of the City. I, for one, do not feel I am abrogating my rights as a Board of Representatives member by voting in favor of Rep. Boccuzzi's motion. I feel my constituents will call me up tomorrow and say "It's about time you people got smart". Thank you.

MR. BOCCUZZI: I have no statement. I would Move the Question from before.

MR. FRANCHINA: Move the Question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Please use your machine in Moving the Question. Mrs. Hawe? Yes. Mr. Wider? Not voting. The Motion PASSED: 27 Yes, 10 No, 1 Not Voting.

We are now going to vote on the Main Motion as made by Mr. Boccuzzi that the Co-Chairperson of Fiscal, Mrs. Hawe, read into the record, all recommended cuts made by Fiscal Committee, and that the Board of Representatives accept the Operating Budget as presented by Mrs. Hawe and the Fiscal Committee. We are going to move to a machine vote. Mrs. Guroian, you have a statement to make?

MRS. CONTI: A Point of Information. When will it be in order to hear Minority Reports from the Fiscal Committee?

PRESIDENT SANTY: We have a Motion on the floor and we are going to move the question, the question has been moved, and we are going to vote on that. After this Motion, you can make a statement, Mrs. Conti.

MRS. GUROIAN: Does that mean there will be no Minority Reports.....

PRESIDENT SANTY: You can make a statement if there is a Motion on the floor, but there will be no Minority Report unless there is a Motion on the floor that you can address.

MRS. GUROIAN: There is a Motion on the floor.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are Moving the Question. It is Moved, and there is no debate on this. We are Moving the Question. Mr. Livingston.

MR. LIVINGSTON: This is a Point of Information, too, Madam President. Being a member of the Fiscal Committee, I feel that if there is a Minority Report to be made, in all courtesy, somehow or another, we should conduct these proceedings so that, you know, so that that report can be made, in all fairness. You know, those are just my feelings, and perhaps yourself, with our Parliamentarian, can come up with something that will allow that.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Right now we have a Motion on the floor which is to Move the Main Motion, and that is what we are going to do right now.

MRS. GUROIAN: Point of Order, Madam Chairman. It is the right, according to our Rules, for any Minority Report to be made on a subject. If you did not ask for a Minority Report, that person cannot know when to make the Report, and when the person asks when to make the Report, it is that person's right, unless by two-thirds vote of this Body, you abrogate the right of that person not to give a Minority Report.

According to our Rules, any member of a Committee, has a right to make a Minority Report.

PRESIDENT SANTY: After this..but we have a Motion on the floor. The Motion has been Moved. We are going to vote on that Motion. I would find that the Chair would rule at this time that it is proper, when this is voted on, at that time, Mrs. Conti, you can give a Minority Report. Mr. Bonner? I will ask the Parliamentarian for a ruling on that.

MR. BONNER: This is on information and this has to do with what we are voting on, which I believe is a 6% increase. Let me tell you why, and then I think they should consider that.....

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, that Motion is out-of-order. That question is out-of-order. There is a Motion on the floor. We are going to move right to voting on the Motion; and Parliamentarian is discussing it right now. I would assume that right after this vote, Mr. Hogan, that we could ask Mrs. Conti for a Minority Report. She has requested to give a Minority Report. At the completion of this Motion.

MR. HOGAN: A Motion has been called for, therefore no further debate is allowable at this time.....

PRESIDENT SANTY: Right, we are not debating the issue. I will just ask you for a ruling after this. We are going to move right to the Main Motion....

MRS. CONTI: Let the record show that I left the floor. I refuse to participate in this vote which is a travesty on the taxpayers of Stamford. (Two unidentified male voices said "Same here".)

PRESIDENT SANTY: So stated. Mrs. Conti is leaving the floor. Mrs. Guroian is leaving the floor. Mrs. Saxe is leaving the floor. Mr. Dziezyc and Mr. Stork.

We are now voting. Please your machine. It is on the Main Motion. Mrs. Hawe is a Yes vote. Mr. Wider is a Yes vote. Has everyone voted? The Motion has PASSED: 26 Affirmative; 4 Negative; 1 Abstaining, 7 Non-Voting.

The Motion is ^{in part} that Mrs. Hawe read into the record the cuts. Concluding that report from Mrs. Hawe, Mrs. Conti, you can give your Minority Report although it will have no bearing on the vote. Mrs. Hawe, you have the floor.

MRS. GUROIAN: A Point of Order. I thought you just ruled that no cuts were to be read after the vote?

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion ^{was} stated that the cuts would be read into the record, and she is reading ^{them} into the record. That is how the Motion was stated.

MRS. GUROIAN: (could not understand, as both Mrs. Guroian and Mrs. Santy were speaking at the same time.)

PRESIDENT SANTY: Your remarks are out of order. Mrs. Howe, continue.

MRS. HAWE: Thank you, Madam President. Would you like me to also, for the information of the Board members, tell them where to change the Board of Finance figures in their books.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I think so. If they want to follow along. I would ask the Representatives, if you want to follow along with the cuts, and this is part of the Motion, read into the record where the cuts were made, you can put them in your books.

MRS. GUROIAN: Madam Chairman, I would like my objection recorded to have cuts read after a vote, people voted on a cut and don't even know what they voted on.....I want my objection recorded....

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Guroian, in one moment you know what is going to happen, you.....(both Mrs. Guroian and Mrs. Santy are speaking at the same time, so cannot separate the remarks)....you are disrupting.... Mrs. Howe, continue with your report.

MRS. HAWE: O.K., if everyone has their blue book, and will open to the Section which says "Boards and Commissions", the first page is numbered #1 on the bottom and on the top it says "Registrar of Voters". Now I am going to.....

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Howe has the floor. No one else has the floor. We are now in the blue book. I would ask anyone in the audience to please refrain from any talking. We have business to attend to.

MRS. HAWE: As we go through, as I mentioned before, when I showed you those two pages in the brown book, there have been a few changes that the Mayor has made after this Budget came down to us, and the Board of Finance has made a few cuts, so I will tell you those as we go along, page by page, and also the cuts that the Committee has recommended. If I am losing anyone, just let me know and I will go slower.

On Page 1, Registrar of Voters. The cut that has been made by the Fiscal Committee of this Board, is in Line 7905, very last line, where it says Budget Reduction. There is no money in that line, this is a negative line. We have taken \$500 out of that line, and so the final figure is - and the Board of Finance made no cuts in this department - we made a \$500 cut, taking it out of the Budget Reduction Line, so that the department can re-allocate as the Department Head sees fit, so the final figure down at the bottom of that page is \$171,913.00.

MRS. HAWE (continuing):

Page 2, Board of Representatives, out of the Budget Reduction Line, we took \$300 out of that, and the total for the Board of Representatives is \$89,056.

Page 3, Board of Finance, now the Mayor made some changes here, an amendment. The salary line which had said \$10,195, the first line, under Mayor's request, is now Zero. The second line which had said \$9,011, now should read \$10,500. The third line which had said \$14,375, now says \$16,875. Skip down two lines, where it was \$250 for Janitor Services, it is now \$500. Two lines below that, New Equipment, there is nothing in that line now, there is a blank space between \$425 and \$620, put \$828 in there. And Conferences and Training, 2940, it is the blank space just below \$110, put \$200 in there. So under the Mayor's request then the bottom line, cross out \$129,106, and it should say \$124,178. Now that is how it came from the Mayor. The Board of Finance made no changes; and the Board of Representatives has reduced in the Budget Reduction Line, the departmental budget by \$150, and the bottom line approved is \$124,028.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Any questions?

Page 4, Planning Board. The Mayor made an amendment to the Planning Board Budget in the Salary line, so under Mayor's Request, the first line, Salary line.....

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mrs. Hawe. I would ask the gallery to please either sit down and refrain from carrying on any conversations or please leave the room. Mr. Donahue, will you close those doors, please. This is a work session and we have a lot of work ahead of us, and it is very distracting to have a lot of conversations going on. Now, I want the gallery to be able to stay here, but if it is going to be distracting, I am going to have to clear the gallery. Continue Mrs. Hawe.

MRS. HAWE: Yes. There's a lot, there's a few changes in the beginning, but it won't be this slow. We are on Page 4, Planning Board. Under Mayor's Request, the Mayor made an amendment after this budget was printed, and in the first line, the salary line, where it did say \$215,650, change that to \$221,128. Turn over the page, page 5, the total under Mayor's Request, is now changed and that figure which was \$244,188, now should read \$249,666. And the Board of Representatives has taken \$250 from the Budget Reduction Line which leaves a total amount approved of \$249,416.

Page 6, SEAC, there is no change.

Page 7, Zoning Board. The Board of Finance made a cut here, and that is in line 2740, Telephones. The Mayor's Request said \$2,900. The Board of Finance cut \$500 out of that, so the new figure there is \$2,400. And the new Board of Finance total is \$82,038. Now the Fiscal Committee has taken \$250 from the Budget Reduction Line, and so the total amount approved for the Zoning Board for their final budget is \$81,788.

Page 8, Zoning Board of Appeals. The Board of Finance made no cuts. The Board of Representatives made \$100 cut in Budget Reduction Line, and the total amount approved is \$24,016.

Page 9, Building Board of Appeals - no change.

Page 10, Department Group 10, Environmental Protection Board. There is no change on page 10. On Page 11, the Board of Reps took \$250 from the Budget Reduction Line; the bottom line approved for this department is \$129,469.

Page 13, Sewer Commission. The Mayor made an amendment here, so under Mayor's Request, under Telephone, line 2740, there is nothing there now. It would go right above 126, there in the last column, put \$590. It was left out and the Mayor added it in. The bottom total under Mayor's Request column is \$46,264. The Boards of Finance and Representatives left this budget alone.

Page 14, Human Rights Commission. Board of Reps took \$100 from the Budget Reduction Line which leaves a total amount approved for this Department, at \$93,977.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is everyone following these easily? Has everyone got these cuts? I would ask the Representatives, if they are not following line-by-line to please refrain from talking.

MRS. HAWES: Page 15. Commission on Aging. There is no change on Page 15. Page 16, the Board of Representatives in the Budget Reduction Line took \$200 which leaves the total line approved for this department \$332,922. That's the total for the Commission on Aging.

Page 17, Fair Rent Commission. The Fiscal Committee took \$100 from the Budget Reduction Line, and the total approved is \$59,300.

Page 18, Patriotic Events and Observances Commission. We recommended no cuts so the total approved for this department is still \$18,699.00. No change there.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Before you go on, I am going to ask the gals, Anne and Charlene, are you following along fine, you don't have to go any slower on that? Helen, are you O.K. All right.

MRS. HAWES: Page 19, no change, so \$7,274 is the total for this department. No change there. This is the Board of Tax Review.

Page 20, Personnel Board of Appeals, no change on that page.

Now we have a Section Total under Mayor's Request, the number there is wrong ^{now} as we have added some figures along the way, so cross out \$1,464,937, cross that out, and the new total is \$1,466,077 for the Mayor's Request. The new total for the Board of Finance now is \$1,465,577. And the new figure for the Board of Representatives, the final figure for this Section is \$1,463,377. That is the amount approved for this year, and the total cuts in this Section are \$2,200.

MRS. HAWE (continuing).

GENERAL GOVERNMENT. Page 23. Chief Executive. The Mayor made several amendments in this budget. Under Mayor's Request, on the salary line, where it says \$138,390 in your books, cross that out, and write in \$138,890. On line 2923 Photo-Copying, which is three-fourths down the page, it did say \$6,400, change that to read \$7,700. The Board of Finance made no cuts on this page. And the Board of Reps, on line 2914, Annual Reports, under Mayor's Request it says \$7,500. We took \$2,000 out of that account and left \$5,500 in there, so that is the cut made by us.

Page 24, under Mayor's Request, the third line down, Southwest Regional Planning, it was \$10,407. The Mayor amended that to read \$11,978. So under Mayor's Request down at the bottom under Group Total instead of \$209,797, it should read \$213,168.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Under the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, I have a note that there was a cut made in that.

MRS. HAWE: That's right, the Board of Finance did. Now I am going through the Board of Finance column and give you the figures there. I was first giving you the amendments made by the Mayor. We are finished with that.

Now, under the Board of Finance, as Betty said, the first line on that page, 5602, CCM, the Board of Finance cut that to \$22,978. And the total down at the bottom under Board of Finance should be \$211,346. And the Board of Reps took a Budget Reduction Line cut of \$200, and the total figure for this department now under Board of Reps is \$209,146. There was a \$2,000 cut on the preceding page.

Page 25, Town and City Clerk. There is no change on Page 25.

Page 26, the Board of Reps. took \$250 from the Budget Reduction Line, so the total amount approved for the Town Clerk is \$272,153.

Page 27, Probate Court. No change.

Page 28, Department of Law. There is no change on Page 28, but there is a change on Page 29. We have a Board of Finance cut here, which you can put in if you choose, under Professional Consultants, line 5150, Board of Finance reduced that \$50,000 and reduced it to \$20,000. So we have a Board of Finance bottom line now at \$627,679. And the Board of Reps took \$1,000 from the Budget Reduction Line and the total amount approved for the Law Dept. is \$626,679.

Page 30, Commissioner of Finance. The Board of Reps took \$200 from the Budget Reduction Line, and the total is \$227,306.

Page 31, Department Group 24, Controller. The Board of Reps cut in the salary line of \$13,815, first line, so what remains in the salary line is \$408,264. That is the only change on that page. The Board of Finance did not touch it. On Page 32, the Board of Reps cut \$200 from the Budget Reduction Line, which leaves a total for Group 24, Controller, \$443,574 approved.

MRS. HAWE (continuing).

Page 33, Bureau of Purchases. The Board of Reps took \$200 from the Budget Reduction Line and the total approved is \$176,183.

Page 34, Central Services. The first line, Salaries, the Board of Reps took \$2,022 out, leaving \$111,823. We took \$150 out of the Budget Reduction Line, and so the total amount for Central Service budget is \$141,153. Board of Finance made no cuts on Page 34.

Data Processing, the Board of Finance made no cuts. In Salary line, the Board of Reps. made a cut of \$2,017, which leaves a Salary line of \$283,845. About six lines down, Stationery and Supplies, it had said \$35,000, we reduced that line by \$5,000, and the new figure for that line is \$30,000. The total amount approved is \$505,796.

Page 36, Finance Grants Account. The Board of Finance made no change here. We took \$100 from the Budget Reduction Line, leaving a total at \$74,000.

Page 37, Risk Management. Board of Finance made no change. We took \$100 out of Budget Reduction Line, and the bottom line total is \$51,574.

Page 38, Assessor's Office. No change on Page 38. Page 39, the Bd. of Reps took \$450 from Budget Reduction Line. And total approved for Assessor is \$364,462.

Page 40, Tax Collector. Board of Finance made no change. Bd. of Reps took \$350 from Budget Reduction Line, and total approved is \$243,853.

Page 41, Personnel Department. Board of Finance made a change on line 2740 Telephone. Mayor's Request had been \$7,080, and Board of Finance reduced that to \$3,780. On the next page, we have a different Board of Finance total, is \$306,164. Board of Reps took \$250 from the Budget Reduction Line and the total approved for this department, Personnel, is \$305,914.

Page 43, Labor Negotiator. Board of Finance made no change. Board of Reps took \$100 from the Budget Reduction Line, leaving the total approved at \$58,642.

Page 44, Department of Traffic. There is no change on this page, but there is on the next page, 45. The Board of Finance left this untouched, and we took \$1,000 from the Budget Reduction Line. The total amount approved for Dept. Code 280 Traffic is \$679,896.

Page 46. Department of Traffic-Parking. There are a few changes here that the Mayor made. Under the line where it says Mayor's Request, the fifth line down, Maintenance of Facilities, \$12,000, the Mayor changed that to \$13,000, so cross out the \$12,000 on the fifth line down, and put in \$13,000. He raised to \$13,000. The Mayor raised it from \$12,000 to \$13,000.

About 6 lines down from that, under line 2720 Gas and Electric. It says \$70,000. Mayor changed that to \$88,250. That is all for that page. Next page, on line 5560, Contract, Parking Garages, last line under Mayor's Request, and it says \$265,000. Change that to \$301,600. Under the Mayor's Request, there is going to be a new bottom line, and that new figure is \$1,070,589. The Board of Finance did not cut anything from this budget.

and the Board of Reps made two cuts. One of them is, on pg. 47, line 5214, it should say "Hearing Officers" and we moved that entire \$2,400 and left it at Zero. Then we took \$1,000 from the Budget Reduction Line. Total \$1,067,189.

MRS. HAWE (continuing).

Page 48, Stamford Transit District. There is no money in that.

Page 49, Railroad Station, Operation and Maintenance. That remains the same.

Page 50. This is Department Group 29, Indirect Expenses. This all the medical, life, and all that, insurance. This is unchanged. We left it as it is.

Page 52. And we had some new Section Totals that you might want to put in. Under the Mayor's Request, cross out the \$16,175,616, and the new sum under the Mayor's Request is \$16,234,837. The Board of Finance total figure is \$16,199,715. And the Board of Reps, the amount approved for this Section is \$16,166,911. Total cuts in this Section \$32,804.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are under the Public Works Department now?

Page 53. There is no change on this page.

Page 54, there is only one change, under the Board of Finance, the third item down, line 3481 Laundry, they removed the \$3,146. And the bottom line should read \$483,602 for Board of Finance. Board of Reps left that the same.

Page 55, there is no change.

Page 56, no change.

Page 57, the Board of Finance made a cut on line 3481 Laundry, and where the Mayor had requested \$32,032, the Board of Finance reduced it that \$2,400.

Page 58, The Board of Finance total now is \$4,332,746. And under the Board of Reps, we took \$1,500 from the Budget Reduction Line, making a total approved is \$4,331,246.

Page 59, there is no change.

Page 60, Board of Reps took \$1,500 from Budget Reduction Line, and the total approved is \$2,126,686.

Page 61, no change.

Page 62, no change.

Page 63, no change.

Page 64, Department of Sanitation, on Line 3481 Laundry, Board of Finance made a cut there. The Mayor's Request was \$42,328, and the Board of Finance cut that down to \$14,000. So Department Group Total under Board of Finance should read \$7,417,744. Now the Board of Reps, we took \$1,500 out of Budget Reduction Line, and the total approved is \$7,416,244.

And now we have a Section Total for the whole Public Works Department under Board of Finance is \$14,362,278. For Bd. of Reps. is \$14,357,778.

MRS. HAWES: Next Section is Police and Fire.

Dept. Group 41, Police Protection, Page 65, there is no change.

Page 66, no change.

Page 67, no change.

Page 68, the Board of Reps took \$3,500 from the Budget Reduction Line, and the total amount approved is \$11,831,650.

Page 69, there is nothing on that page.

Page 70, there is a change under the Board of Finance figures, Line 1204, fifth line down, Minimum Manpower. We are under the Fire Department now. It was \$260,000, but the Board of Finance reduced it to \$240,000.

Page 71, still the Fire Department, no change.

Page 72, the new figure under the Board of Finance for the department group total at the bottom of the page is \$9,433,706, and that is what is approved by the Board of Reps. We made no change in the Fire Dept.

Page 73, Volunteer and Ambulance Departments. There is one change made by the Board of Finance and that is to the Long Ridge Fire Department, which is the third line down, Line 4350. It did say \$292,145, and the Board of Finance reduced that to \$281,000; so the bottom line under Board of Finance column is \$1,609,799. And the Board of Reps left that as it is.

Page 74, Harbormaster. No changes there.

We have some new Section Totals. We have a Board of Finance Total which is not in your book, if you want to put that in, it is \$22,880,600. And the total approved by the Board of Reps is \$22,877,100.

Total cuts in this Section are \$3,500.

Welfare and Health. Page 75. Welfare Dept. Code 510. The Board of Finance made one change on this page and that is in Line 3601 Cash Relief. It was \$1,400,000. Board of Finance reduced that to \$1,300,000.

On Page 76, you can put a total for the Board of Finance and the same total for us, as we made no change, of \$1,718,818.

Page 77, Smith House-Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), there is no change on page 77.

Page 78, no change.

Page 79, no change.

The bottom line for the Smith House Nursing Facility remains \$3,224,426, the same as the Mayor's request.

MRS. HAWE: Now the next couple of pages, in previous years, the money for the Skilled Nursing Facility had been broken down into various components, like Administration and Nursing Services, and this year it was combined under one Group, so the next several pages, we don't have to deal with because there is nothing there, so we will just turn them over together so we don't get lost.

Page 80, nothing on. Page 81, nothing on. Page 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88; all right the next page we have to deal with.

Page 89, Group 52, Smith House Residence. There is no change on Page 89, No change on Page 90. No change on 91. So the total amount that we have approved for Smith House Residence is the same as the Mayor's Request and that is \$643,480. It is there in your books under Mayor's Request.

Page 92, Non-City Social Service Health Agencies. That remains unchanged.

Page 93. The Health Department. There is one change here. It is on Page 94, and from the Budget Reduction Line we took \$400. And the total amount approved for the Health Department is now \$749,872.

Page 95, Code Enforcement Task Force. Remains the same.

Page 96, Drug Forensic Lab. Remains the same.

Page 97, Cost-Sharing Grant from State. Remains the same.

Page 98, The V-D Clinic. Remains the same.

Page 99, the EPSDT Program. Remains the same.

Page 100, the Public School Health Program. Remains the same.

Page 101, the Health Program for Private and Parochial Schools. Remains the same.

Page 102, S.H.A.P.E. Unchanged.

Page 103, Non-City Health Agencies. Remains the same.

Page 104, Shellfish Commission. There is no money in there. I might say there will be an amendment coming through for this in a week or two, but there is nothing in there now.

We will have some new Section Totals at the bottom of Page 104. The total for the Board of Finance is \$8,264,428. And for the Board of Reps, for this Section, Health and Welfare, is \$8,264,028. We took \$400 out of this Section.

MRS. HAWE: Next is Parks and Recreation.

Page 105, Unchanged.

Page 106. We took \$1,500 from Budget Reduction Line. That leaves a total amount approved for this Department, which is the Parks Department, at \$1,152,128.

Page 107, Terry Connors Rink. No change.

Page 108, still Terry Connors. The Board of Reps took \$500 from the Budget Reduction Line and leaves a total amount approved for Terry Connors Rink of \$308,560.

Page 109, Board of Recreation. No change.

Page 110, Board of Recreation. No change.

Page 111, No change.

Page 112, No change.

Page 113. Board of Reps took \$1,300 from the Budget Reduction Line and the total amount approved for this year for the Board of Recreation is \$766,562.

Page 114, Group 66, Recreation Area Maintenance. There is no change on Page 114.

Page 115, No change.

Page 116, No change. This is Ethel Kveskin Theatre.

Page 117, Brennan Golf Course. No change on this page.

Page 118, Brennan Golf Course. Board of Reps took \$400 from the Budget Reduction Line.

So we have a total approved by the Board of Reps for Brennan Golf Course of \$242,849. Then we have a new Section total as approved by the Board of Reps. The Board of Finance total is the same as the Mayor's, they made no change. Our new total is \$2,618,131. Those are total cuts of \$3,700 in Parks and Recreation.

Community Services.

Page 119, Code 710, Ferguson Library. The Board of Finance did not take any out and the Board of Reps took \$3,000 from the Ferguson Library, and the total approved for the Library is \$2,907,000.

Page 120, The Stamford Museum. Board of Finance left it alone. The Board of Reps took \$500 from the Stamford Museum, and the Stamford Museum total is \$459,500.

Page 121, Cultural Events. That page remains unchanged.

MRS. HAWE: Page 122, there is a change here that you have to write in. I don't believe it is in your book. And that is that the Mayor made an amendment to this Budget on this page and we have to write in a new line. The new line is "THE SOUTH END COMMUNITY CENTER". It is called Code 745.4395 South End Community Center, and the Mayor requested \$31,948 for this Center. So the new total for this page, instead of being \$51,591, is now \$83,539. And that was left unchanged.

Next page, 123, Youth Service Bureau. We have a few changes on this page. And this is about the end. The Board of Finance made some changes on this page, changes from the Mayor's request. And I'll go through them; there are about seven of them.

On the Salary line, Code 1110, the Board of Finance changed that figure to \$31,845. The next line, 1310, Social Security, which in your book is \$2,628, the Board of Finance reduced that to \$2,073. Below that, Medical and Life, where it does say \$5,757, should now read \$1,750. And if you read down, the next one, Mayor's Request for Telephone which is \$2,350, should now read \$2,077. Down near the bottom of the page, line 5150 Professional Consultants, there was \$5,000, and it now should read Zero. And below that, \$2,500 for account 792.7555 YSB DCYS, the Mayor's Request. The Board of Finance here made a cut \$380, leaving that line as \$2,120. The Bd. of Reps left this line at \$2,120. The total budget for Youth Service Bureau at the bottom is the same for both the Board of Finance and the Board of Reps at \$42,015. (Tape 3 ended; flipped over to #4 side.)

We now have Section totals at the bottom of this page. For the Board of Finance \$3,515,454. For the Board of Representatives \$3,511,954.

(Start of Tape Side #4, Mrs. Conti is speaking and some dialogue is lost.)

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Conti, would you begin from the beginning, please?

MRS. CONTI: Yes, this is SEAC Budget which is on Page 6, in the Section before General Government, and it is Code 106. Despite the purported purpose of SEAC to maintain and create jobs, the statistics we received on March 3rd from the Southwestern Regional Planning Agency belie this claim. Every other town, with the exception of Norwalk, has increased their jobs a greater percentage than Stamford, and I will read the statistics.

Darien had a 37.4% increase in jobs. Greenwich had a 40.4% increase in jobs. New Canaan had a 31.6% increase in jobs. Stamford had a 25.2% increase. Weston had a 61.9% increase. Westport, 64.5% increase. Wilton, 148.8%. And Stamford lags behind with 25.2%. Also, I think we all read in the paper the fact that the Chairman of our Zoning Board was told he was in conflict-of-interest, ^{for serving} on the board of SEAC and voting on an application that was supported by SEAC, ^{or} on which SEAC had taken a position. I think it is very dangerous for the members of this Board, who also sit on SEAC and sit on this Board; I think there is a conflict here. And I don't think any of them should be voting on this SEAC budget. I would like to move to delete the \$35,000, leaving a Zero balance on this line. Seconded.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Conti, you cannot make a Motion. I told you that the Minority Report has no bearing on the motion that has been made and passed. It was just read in the record.

I am just letting you give a report, which could have been done...^{at the} you could have raised your hand and be recognized on the Main Motion, and then you could have given the Minority Report. But at this time, it is too late.

MRS. CONTI: I asked you at the time, Madam President, when I could give the Minority Report, before the vote was taken, and you told me that.....

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion was made, Mrs. Conti, you were on the list to speak and I am sorry that you....(unintelligible here, as both Representatives are speaking, Mrs. Conti and Mrs. Santy).....

MRS. CONTI: I insist you....

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mrs. Saxe?

MRS. SAXE: I suggest that you call a Recess and you go over the..... (not clear at this point, and interruptions)....

MRS. CONTI: And listen to the tape; you will see that I asked before that vote was taken on that first.....(interruption, both talking).

MRS. GUROIAN: Point of Order, Madam Chairman. The cuts were not read until after the Motion was voted on. There were two....the purpose of a minority report is to present a motion. If you don't allow the motion to be presented, you are denying the right of that member to present a minority report. And that is as clear as can be, and nobody can tell you differently. The purpose is to present a motion. You decided that she can give a minority report after the report, knowing full well the purpose of a minority report is to present a motion; so that if, in effect, you meant for her not to present a motion, you should have ruled her out-of-order at that time.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Guroian, the Motion was that the cuts would be read into the Report after the Motion; that was part of the Motion. Mrs. Conti....(both talking at the same time, cannot separate the dialogue).

MRS. GUROIAN:the Chair should have ruled that Motion out-of-order.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Well, I'm sorry, the Chair ruled that a proper order. Mrs. Conti was listed to speak. The Motion was Moved. The question was Moved. We voted on it. Mrs. Conti questioned (both talking at the same time).....

MRS. GUROIAN:a Minority Report is supposed to be given right after the Report by the Chairman of the Committee. Now, why did you not recognize her, if, in fact, she was to give it after Mr. Boccuzzi made the Motion? That is not ordinary procedure.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There are other speakers. I don't care what your opinion is. Mr. Wiederlight, you're next.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: She had a chance to make a Minority Report when she was speaking in debate. Now the fact that she chose not to say that "I have a Minority Report", in essence, was her time to say it; because she didn't say it, she, in essence, gave up her right to give the Minority Report.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Conti, we are giving you the right; I am giving you the floor to speak and raise the questions, but I cannot entertain any Motions and I cannot move for a Recess as Mrs. Saxe suggested. If you want to go on and give your Minority Report, that's fine, but there is no Motion to report.

MRS. GUROIAN: A Minority Report is worthless if there is not a Motion behind it. Then you are, in fact, ruling against her right to give a Minority Report, and let's leave it at that, and we can decide it in court.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Fine, Mrs. Guroian. Do you want to continue, Mrs. Conti?

MRS. CONTI: No, but I would request that you listen to the tape. Before the vote was taken on Mr. Boccuzzi's amendment, I asked you when I would be able to give a Minority Report, and you said, after the Chairman of Fiscal completed her report.

PRESIDENT SANTY: That was after the question was Moved, Mrs. Conti. Do you want the floor any further?

MRS. CONTI: No.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Next to speak, Mrs. Maihock.

MRS. MAIHOCK: Well, I ^{sort of} feel as though I have been muzzled, too. My District didn't have any representation on this budget, because I wasn't permitted to participate. So, I wonder if I might ask a question. On Section...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Who are you addressing your question to, Mrs. Hawe?

MRS. MAIHOCK: Well, she is not here to....well, any member of the Fiscal Committee.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Hogan? Maybe we can ask Mrs. Hawe to return. Mr. Hogan, do you think you can answer the question, the first part of the budget?

MRS. MAIHOCK: My question was this, Mr. Hogan, please; my question is why was the Long Ridge Fire Department of all the fire departments cut? I was unable to ask this during that time, so I am sure my District would like to know that, and I wondered if I might have an answer to that, please.

MRS. CONTI: I can answer the question, if you like.

MRS. GUROIAN: It's all out-of-order. Everything's been voted on.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Conti, the only one out-of-order now is you. Continue. Mr. Hogan, do you have an answer to that question?

MR. HOGAN: (not speaking into microphone, inaudible). No, if you give me a second, I'll find it.

MRS. HAWE: It was something that was taken out of Operating and put into Capital.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Does that answer your question, Mrs. Maihock?

MR. BOCCUZZI: Can we have a Recess, please?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Surely. There is a Motion made. Is there a Second? Several Seconds. All in favor of a recess, please say Aye. Opposed? We are going to have to take a machine vote. All in favor of a Recess, use your machine. We are voting on a recess. Just a simple majority, at this point. Has everyone voted? The next budget to be taken up is the Board of Education, is that right, Mrs. Hawe?

MRS. HAWE: Yes, that is correct.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Hawe, you voted? Yes. Mr. Wider, you're Yes. The Motion has PASSED: 27 Affirmative, 8 Negative, 3 Non-Voting. We will recess for one-half hour. One-half hour. Thirty minutes.

RECESS: From 11:15 P.M. to 11:47 P.M.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We will come to order. The half-hour Recess is over. It is a quarter to twelve. The Representatives will please come to order. Mr. Franchina, one moment, you are going to be first to call. We are going to start the tape.

MR. FRANCHINA: I make a Motion to Adjourn.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion has been made to Adjourn. There are several Seconds. It is not debatable. We will use the machine. Please vote. A simple majority is necessary; we have 38 members present? Has everyone voted? Mrs. Hawe votes Yes; Mr. Wider votes No. The Motion to Adjourn has PASSED: 19 Affirmative, 17 Negative, 4 Non-Voting.

ADJOURNMENT:

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are Adjourned. The CALL of the meeting is for seven o'clock tomorrow night. You may leave your books on your desks until tomorrow, but may I ask that you please clean up your desks at this point. 12:30 A.M.

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