

MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1983

18th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

Stamford, Connecticut

In compliance with Section 304.5 of the Charter of the City of Stamford, an ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING of the newly-elected 18th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1983, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board in the Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Second Floor, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by MAYOR THOM SERRANI, after both parties had met in their respective caucus rooms, at 8:40 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Thom Serrani.

MAYOR THOM SERRANI: The 18th Board of Representatives Organizational Meeting is now convened per order of Charter Section 304.5. Invocation will be by Father Constantine Mathews, Presbyter of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church at 1230 Newfield Avenue.

INVOCATION was given by Father Constantine Mathews, Presbyter of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church.

"O Heavenly Father, Almighty King of the Universe, the giver of light, knowledge, freedom, peace and prosperity, who has honored us with your own image, who has told you that the most wise are they who give heed to your teaching, who reveals wisdom even to babes, who has imparted wisdom, opened the hearts and the minds of these newly-elected Board members, and make them your servants that they might follow your role and successfully apply it to their ministry, increase the light of understanding, unity, peace and love among themselves, and keep them and their families in good health, for the better of our community and for the prosperity of all your people. That all good given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from You, the Father of Light; and to you, Christ of glory, and thanksgiving worship to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, as a clergyman of the Stamford area, and as a citizen of this beautiful City, I would like to congratulate you at this time and wish you the best in your ministry. Good evening."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Led by Mayor Thom Serrani.

MAYOR THOM SERRANI: It's been a long time since I have been up here, ten years. The Administrative Assistant will Call the Roll. Helen?

ROLL CALL was taken by Administrative Assistant Helen McEvoy. 39 members were present, and one absent, as indicated below. Rep. Owens absent.

PRESENT

AUSTIN, Robert	(D)
BLUM, David	(D)
BOCCUZZI, John	(D)
BURKE, Thomas	(R)
CONTI, K. Betty	(R)
DeLUCA, Robert C.	(R)
DIXON, Handy	(D)
DONAHUE, Donald T.	(D)
DUDLEY, James	(D)
GOLDSTEIN, Sandra	(D)
GUROIAN, Grace	(R)
HOGAN, John J.	(D)
JACHIMCZYK, David	(D)
LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah	(D)
LYONS, Richard	(D)
MAIHOCK, Audrey	(R)
MALLOY, Brien E.	(D)
MALLOZZI, John	(D)
MARTIN, David	(D)
MARTIN, Terrence	(D)

PRESENT

McINERNEY, Barbara	(R)
MORRIS, Scott	(D)
NAKIAN, Maria	(D)
PERILLO, Alfred	(D)
PERILLO, Mildred	(D)
POWERS, Ruth	(D)
RINALDI, Mary Lou	(D)
RYBNICK, Gerald	(D)
SANTY, Jeanne-Lois	(R)
SCHLECHTWEG, II, John	(D)
SIGNORE, Mary Jane	(R)
SKOVGAARD, Robert	(D)
SUMMERVILLE, Annie M.	(D)
TARANTO, Roger	(D)
TARANTO-McGRATH, Deborah	(D)
VOS, Cadie	(R)
WHITE, W. Dennis	(D)
WIDER, Lathon	(D)
ZELINSKI, John	(D)

ABSENT

(31 Democrats and 9 Republicans)

OWENS, Bobby E.	(D)
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MAYOR THOM SERRANI declared a QUORUM present.

MAYOR THOM SERRANI: As I call your name once again, I would like you to stand: Richard Lyons, Dennis White, John Boccuzzi, Handy Dixon, Lathon Wider, David Jachimczyk, Gerald Rybnick, Jeremiah Livingston, Mary Lou Rinaldi, James Dudley, Annie Summerville, Betty Conti, Grace Guroian, Donald Donahue, Ruth Powers, Alfred Perillo, Mildred Perillo, Robert Skovgaard, Terrence Martin Brien Malloy, John Zelinski, Jr., David Blum, John Hogan, Jr., Thomas Burke, Cadie Vos, John Schlechtweg, Robert DeLuca, Robert Austin, Roger Taranto, Sandra Goldstein, John Mallozzi, Scott Morris, Debbie Taranto-McGrath, Jeanne-Lois Santy, Mary Jane Signore, David Martin, Audrey Maihock, Maria Nakian, and Barbara McInerney; and would you please raise your right hands. Do you, having been chosen for the Board of Representatives, representing the City of Stamford, solemnly swear that you will faithfully discharge the duties of said Office, according to law, so help you God? (The members each responded "I do".) Congratulations.

I would just like to take this opportunity to make some brief remarks to you, having this occasion now, you all being duly sworn in to office, before moving on to the business of Temporary Chairperson and Temporary Tellers, and the election of the Temporary Chairperson to take this seat.

MAYOR THOM SERRANI (continuing): Earlier this morning, in my Inaugural Address, I spoke of my commitment to open government in Stamford, with open lines of communication, both with the people in the community, and among the various boards and departments, and the Mayor's Office.

I come to you tonight in the same spirit of cooperation to offer my assistance to you, and to ask for your help in shaping the future of the City of Stamford. While the system of checks-and-balances between the branches of government is a necessary one, it does not mean that either of us should operate in a vacuum, nor should we consider ourselves adversaries.

It is intended that we view the same problems from different perspectives, yet we share a common goal. We are charged with a similar obligation to the citizens we represent. Our goal is an efficient and responsive government, mindful of the fact that resources are limited, and that we are answerable to our constituents, the taxpayers.

But beyond that, it is our responsibility to exercise leadership, to look beyond the day-to-day workings of our government, and provide vision and a plan for our City's future.

I have been a member of the Legislative Branch of Government, as you all know, having been sworn in some ten years ago this month, to this Body. And I know the importance of having a close working relationship, and I pledge to you that that will be done.

My proposals are part and parcel of this commitment. Some will allow me to function better as Mayor. Some give you the tools with which to do your job. Others address problems in the City that can no longer be overlooked. While some of these proposals require additional appropriations, we will do what we can within reason. Much, however, can be accomplished through creativity, and most importantly, innovation. For instance, for your February meeting, I will offer proposed ordinances to establish a standing committee of the Board of Representatives to conduct annual reviews and programs and City agencies. This will give the Board of Representatives the ability to monitor and evaluate the Executive Department functions through the City that will eventually help in the deliberative budget process.

I will also offer proposed ordinances to establish a standing committee of the Board of Representatives to meet with the Mayor, the Corporation Counsel, and the Labor Negotiator on City labor negotiations to articulate the City's positions and the status of negotiations.

I will establish procedures where members of my Cabinet will be available to assist Board members at committee meetings on a regular basis, if requested. Mine will not be an isolated Cabinet, or an isolated office on the Fifth Floor.

In the same sense, I ask from you that you give me the tools to do my job. The salaries for Cabinet members must be increased if we are to attract the caliber of individual that this City deserves and needs to function properly. I will be asking you at your January meeting to vote an additional appropriation to accomplish this. That appropriation will be decided in coordination with you.

MAYOR THOM SERRANI (continuing): There is much delay in getting the revised Ord. 510 out of the Corporation Counsel's Office. I will instruct my Corporation Counsel, once selected, to give it the highest priority. This is just a beginning, and I want to hear from you, all of you, when you require my assistance for initiating proposals that concern the City. And, by the same token, I will stay in close touch with you and ask for your help in similar circumstances.

In addition, at your convenience, and with the acceptance of your Leadership, I would like to make myself available to address you on other occasions, not just the State of the City Message, and not just an Organizational Meeting such as tonight. But I would like to be here when you want me here, to inform you of the direction I want us to take, and provide you with the necessary information to take that course.

I would like to do it collectively with you, as well as individually, throughout these next two years. In summary, I congratulate you on your election to office. We have a good Board and I look forward to working with you. I extend an invitation to the entire Board to join me and my Executive Aide, Ellie Isidro, in my office for refreshments at the conclusion of your Organizational Meeting.

Now, let's move on to the next order of business, which is to appoint TWO TEMPORARY TELLERS; and at this point, I would like to appoint Rep. Gerald Rybnick and Rep. Tom Burke as the Temporary Tellers. Do you want to come forward, gentlemen, please?

And at this time, nominations are in order for a TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON. I will entertain those Motions. Rep. Boccuzzi?

REP. BOCCUZZI: I would like to place in nomination for Temporary Chairman, Mr. Donald Donahue. Seconded by many.

REP. SCHLECTWEG: I Move that nominations be closed. Seconded.

MAYOR THOM SERRANI: All in favor that nominations be closed, please say AYE. Opposed? Unanimous that nominations are closed.

All in favor of Rep. Donahue being the Temporary Chairman, please say AYE. Opposed? Rep. Donahue unanimously elected.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN DONAHUE: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Many of your words were certainly refreshing to those of us who have sat on this Board for the past number of years, and we look forward to working with you during the next two years. The next item on the Agenda that we will act on is nominations for the position of TEMPORARY CLERK.

MR. BOCCUZZI: I would like to place the name of Mary Lou Rinaldi for Temporary Clerk. Seconded by several.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN DONAHUE: The nomination of Mary Lou Rinaldi has been Moved and Seconded. If there are no other nominations, are there any? The Chair seeing none, we will go directly to a vote on that item. All those in favor of Ms. Rinaldi assuming the position of Temporary Clerk, please say Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? Unanimous. Ms. Rinaldi?

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN DONAHUE (continuing):discussion? The Chair seeing none, no hands raised, we will move directly to a vote. All those in favor of that amendment, please say Aye. Any opposed? Abstentions? The Motion is CARRIED. Will there be any other amendments to the Rules of Order?

MR. LYONS: I would also like to, on the same Page 4, reference Committees, that the number of the members of the Fiscal Committee, shall be changed from 9 to 10. Seconded by several.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN DONAHUE: Motion has been made and Seconded. Any discussion?

MRS. CONTI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask if you have ten on Fiscal, what then would constitute a quorum of Fiscal? Would it be six?

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN DONAHUE: A simple majority, it would be six members. Is there any other discussion? The Chair sees no hands raised, we will move directly to a vote. All those in favor of that amendment, please say Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? That Motion is CARRIED. Will there be any other amendments to the Rules of Order?

MR. LYONS: Again, reference to Page 4, on Committees, I would like to make a Motion that the number of members of the Planning and Zoning Committee shall go from 7 to 9. Seconded by several.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN DONAHUE: Moved and Seconded. Any discussion? We will then proceed to a vote. All in favor of that amendment, please say Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? Motion is CARRIED. Will there be any other amendments?

MR. LYONS: Again on Page 4, reference to Committees, I would like to make a Motion that the number of the members of the Transportation Committee shall go from 3 to 5. Several Seconds.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN DONAHUE: It has been Moved and Seconded. Will there be any discussion. We will then move directly to a vote. All those in favor of that amendment, please say Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? That Motion is CARRIED. Will there be any other amendments to the Rules of Order this evening? There being none, the Chair will now move to the Main Motion, to accept the 17th Board Rules as the 18th Board Rules, as amended, with the proviso that there is a time allowed to make further changes by a simple majority vote. All in favor of the Main Motion, please say AYE. Opposed? Abstentions? I'm sorry, Ms. Summerville?

MS. SUMMERVILLE: I had my hand up, excuse me, Mr. Chairman, evidently you didn't recognize me. But I would just like to make a Point of Information, a correction on your Motion, I think it is a time period to the point that is at least the February meeting that these Rules will be changed.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN DONAHUE: The cut-off would be the February Meeting. Thank you. We'll go to the vote then. All those in favor of the Motion as amended, please say Aye. Opposed? Any Abstentions? The Rules are adopted with the proviso that we have already read into the record.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN DONAHUE: I now will accept a Motion to accept the Rules of the 17th Board of Representatives as the Rules of the 18th Board of Representatives.

REP. MILDRED PERILLO: I would like to make a Motion to adopt the Rules of Order, as amended, of the 17th Board of Representatives, with the proviso that the Rules of Order can be amended by a majority vote up and through the February meeting. Seconded by several.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN DONAHUE: That is Moved and Seconded. Will there be any amendments this evening to the Rules of Order. Mr. Lyons?

REP. LYONS: I would like to make an amendment reference Committees on Page 4, that the number of the members of the Steering Committee shall be changed from 18 to 19 members. Seconded by several.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN DONAHUE: Moved and Seconded. Will there be any discussion?

REP. DeLUCA: Just a simple question, as to the rationale behind increasing it from 18 to 19. It is probably a good reason, but I would like to know why we are going from 18 to 19; or if we went from 18 to 17, or whatever. What is the rationale behind it? What will it gain us? What is the purpose of it?

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Rules state that the Chair people of the 14 Standing Committees sit on the Steering Committee, or a representative. I, personally, think it would be very nice to have the Chairperson of the committees sit on the Steering Committee. In addition, we would like to have the Majority Leader, and I personally think it would be appropriate to have the Majority Leader and both Republican Minority Leaders sit on Steering; and to do that, one needs 19 seats on Steering.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN DONAHUE: Mr. DeLuca, does that answer your question?

REP. DeLUCA: Now, let's see, if I count....I am not trying to delay this - there should be a simple way, but if we get 14 chairpersons, get the Majority Leader and his Assistant, that is 16; 2 Leaders of the Republican, that makes 18. In other words, where is that we have 19?

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: The Clerk of the Board makes 19.

REP. DeLUCA: Right, that is 19. Thank you.

MRS. GUROIAN: I think if you are going to change it to 19, you also have to change Paragraph 7 over there, and either make that a plural, or spell out Co-Leaders.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN DONAHUE: At this time, I believe, that it would be appropriate to make that term plural, and that should cover all contingencies. So could we add that to the Motion with your permission and with the Seconder's permission (Mr. Lyons agreed, as did the Seconder); so the amendment now covers the number on the Steering Committee and also addresses the pluralization of the wording in Item #7 on that same page. Is there any other

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN DONAHUE (continuing): The next item on the Agenda is the election of the permanent PRESIDENT OF THE 18th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES. The Chair will now accept nominations. Mr. Boccuzzi?

MR. BOCCUZZI: Mr. Chairman, at this time, it gives me a great privilege and pleasure to put forth the name of MS. SANDRA GOLDSTEIN, for the President of this Board. The members of the previous Board know Ms. Goldstein, and the previous Board before that, when she was President. She is a very capable person and I know that she is well-qualified to become the President of the 18th Board, so I would like to place her name, Sandra Goldstein, as President of the 18th Board of Representatives. Thank you.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN DONAHUE: Will there be Seconds to that? Mr. Mallozzi?

MR. MALLOZZI: It is my pleasure to Second the nomination of Sandy Goldstein for President of the Board.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN DONAHUE: Will there be further Seconds?

MS. SUMMERVILLE: It would be my pleasure to Second the nomination of Mrs. Sandra Goldstein for the presidency of the 18th Board of Representatives.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN DONAHUE: Will there be other Seconds?

MR. DUDLEY: I, too, would like to Second that Motion.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN DONAHUE: Is there anyone else who wishes to Second that Motion?

MR. LYONS: I, too, would like to Second.

MR. DIXON: I take pleasure also in Seconding that motion.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Well, I don't want to be left out either. I take pleasure in Seconding that nomination.

MR. RYBNICK: I, too.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN DONAHUE: Will there be any other nominations? The Chair sees no hands raised. I would now move to the main vote which is the election of Ms. Sandra Goldstein as President of the 18th Board of Representatives. All in favor, please say Aye. Opposed? I see two opposed, Mrs. Santy and Mrs. Signore. Any Abstentions? Two Abstentions: Mrs. Guroian and Mrs. Conti. I, therefore, declare that Mrs. Sandra Goldstein has been elected as the President of the 18th Board of Representatives.

MRS. SANDRA GOLDSTEIN assumed the CHAIR of the PRESIDENT of the 18th BOARD.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN: I want to thank you very much for your confidence in me this evening. This Board is very special to me, and I am very proud of the Board. When I look at all of you, I see a group of incredibly dedicated, concerned, and service-oriented Representatives. I have had the good fortune of serving with 25 of you during the last eight years, and I know your commitment to the principles of effective public service. I also see 15 newly-elected Representatives, who have the enthusiasm, the fresh ideas, which are the

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN (continuing): ...necessary ingredients for the coming.. really outstanding legislators. Your enthusiasm will infect and motivate us all. Together, the veterans and the newly-elected will work for a better Stamford. My goal is that this 18th Board be really dynamite. Together, we will create ^{the} fresh ideas and the fresh approaches to make that possible. I gladly accept Mayor Serrani's invitation to work closely with his administration. It was a very kind invitation. I believe that such cooperation, coupled with the healthy respect for the inherent differences between the two branches, is very important. The people of our City will clearly be the winners in such a relationship. Once again, thank you for your confidence. We now go over to the next order of business, which is for the President to appoint two TELLERS and two ALTERNATE TELLERS.

I will appoint MR. JACHIMCZYK and MR. BURKE as the two TELLERS; and MR. MORRIS and MS. VOS as the two ALTERNATES. Thank you.

Because we are not using the voting machine this evening, I am going to ask the two Permanent Tellers to come to the front of the room in case we do need to take any votes.

I will now entertain a Motion for the nomination of a PERMANENT CLERK OF THE BOARD.

MR. DUDLEY: I would like to place in nomination the name of someone who has done an outstanding job in the past. She doesn't procrastinate. She gets the job done. I would like to nominate my co-Representative from the Sixth District, ANNE SUMMERVILLE. Seconded by several.

MR. BOCCUZZI: It gives me great pleasure to Second the name of Ms. Summerville.

MRS. PERILLO: I would also to Second that nomination.

MR. WIDER: Second that nomination with pleasure.

MR. MORRIS: I take great pleasure in seconding that nomination.

MR. RYBNICK: I Second that nomination.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN: Are there any other nominations?

(An unidentified male voice also Seconded the nomination of Ms. Summerville.)

MR. LIVINGSTON: I, too, Second that nomination.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN: If there are no further nominations, I will entertain a Motion to close nominations. (So Moved by an unidentified voice.) Seconded. All in favor? Opposed? CARRIED.

All those in favor of electing Ms. Summerville as Clerk of the Board, please say AYE. Opposed? Abstentions? CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Congratulations, Ms. Summerville, please take the Clerk's seat.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: May I speak?

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN: I think it would be perfectly in order for you to say something, Ms. Summerville, yes.

CLERK OF THE BOARD SUMMERVILLE: I would like to thank all of you because I am going to be so busy for the next two years, I might not be able to do so. I throw you all a bouquet of roses, and I thank you so much.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN: The next order of business is to elect the Deputy Acting Mayor. Nominations are now in order.

MR. JACHIMCZYK: Thank you, Madam President. It is with a great deal of pleasure and a great deal of honor to place into nomination for Deputy Acting Mayor, the name of our beloved partner, who is also my partner on the Board, as well as our beloved friend, JERRY RYBNICK for the position of DEPUTY MAYOR.

MR. BOCCUZZI: This one really gives me pleasure, Madam President, to Second the nomination of the Dean of the Board, the oldest member on the Board, and a friend to everyone. It is my pleasure to Second the nomination of Jerry Rybnick.

MR. DeLUCA: It is also a great pleasure to endorse the nomination of Jerry Rybnick, but I get a little confused when John Boccuzzi says the oldest member. I look at him as being somebody that gets better with age, like liquor, and champagne. The guy is amazing. What he does for us. It's great to have him back as Acting Deputy Mayor.

MR. WIDER: It gives me great pleasure to Second the nomination of a great man, Mr. Rybnick.

MR. BLUM: It gives me great pleasure to Second the nomination of the Mayor of the Cove Area, Mr. Rybnick.

MR. DUDLEY: I, too, would like to Second the Motion. I think he's always been a Deputy Mayor in our hearts for a long time.

MR. BURKE: After having done such a great job in re-arranging the deck chairs on the Titanic over here, that Minority Group that wants to overthrow the government, namely, Republican, I take great pleasure and honor in Seconding the nomination of Mr. Rybnick.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Certainly with pleasure, Jerry Rybnick, and all of us go back an awful long time. God bless you, Jerry.

MRS. McINERNEY: Yes, it gives me great honor and great pleasure to Second Mr. Rybnick, who is a distinguished member of this Board, has served with distinction over the last several years in the City of Stamford, I have always enjoyed working with Jerry. I wish him the best of health and the best of happiness in this position, and I am very happy to be able to call him Deputy Acting Mayor. Congratulations, Jerry.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN: If there are no further nominations, I will close nominations. All those in favor of electing Jerry Rybnick as Deputy Acting Mayor. (There was much clapping, with members standing) That is what you call election by acclamation. Mr. Deputy Mayor, would you please speak into the microphone?

MR. RYBNICK: I wholeheartedly thank each and everyone of you for the compliments that were paid me here tonight. Thank you again.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN: The next order of business is for the President to announce the names of the MAJORITY and MINORITY LEADERS.

The DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY LEADER is JOHN BOCCUZZI; and the Democrats have two ASSISTANTS: MILDRED PERILLO and RICHARD LYONS.

The REPUBLICAN CO-MINORITY LEADERS are JEANNE-LOIS SANTY and BARBARA McINERNEY.

I will now appoint the Standing Committees of the 18th Board of Representatives.

The following members will sit on the 18th Board's STEERING COMMITTEE

Sandra Goldstein, Chairwoman	David Martin
John Boccuzzi	Jeremiah Livingston
Annie Summerville	Mary Lou Rinaldi
Handy Dixon)rotate as Co-	John Mallozzi
Mildred Perillo)Chairpersons	Lathon Wider
Donald Donahue	Maria Nakian
Robert Skovgaard	Jeanne-Lois Santy
James Dudley	Barbara McInerney
John Schlechtweg	Robert C. DeLuca
Alfred Perillo	Audrey Maihock

Now there are 14 Standing Committees. The first person I name will be the Chairman of the Committee. And where there co-chairpeople, I will so indicate.

The APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE, consisting of 9 members, will be composed of:

Handy Dixon, Co-Chairperson	John Boccuzzi
Mildred Perillo, Co-Chairperson	Jeanne-Lois Santy
John Schlechtweg	Mary Jane Signore
Annie Summerville	Robert C. DeLuca
Robert Austin	

The FISCAL COMMITTEE, which now consists of 10 members, will be made up of:

Donald Donahue, Chairman	Richard Lyons
John Hogan	Gerald Rybnick
Mary Lou Rinaldi	Cadie Vos
David Martin	Betty Conti
Jeremiah Livingston	Barbara McInerney

The LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE, consisting of 9 members:

Robert Skovgaard, Chairman	Ruth Powers
Maria Nakian	Audrey Maihock
James Dudley	Barbara McInerney
Scott Morris	
John Zelinski	

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN (continuing):

The PERSONNEL COMMITTEE consisting of 7 people:

James Dudley, Chairman	Thomas Burke
David Jachimczyk	_____
Terrence Martin	_____
Scott Morris	

The PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE, which will consist of 9 members...you know, if I am going too fast, I will slow up then. I see some people struggling to write this down. This will be sent to everyone tomorrow after it is typed up. I am up to Planning and Zoning, I believe, and I will go a little slower.

John Schlechtweg, Chairman	Lathon Wider
W. Dennis White	Mary Jane Signore
David Jachimczyk	Grace Guroian
John Mallozzi	Cadie Vos
Donald Donahue	

The PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, which will consist of 7 people:

Alfred Perillo, Chairman	Thomas Burke
Roger Taranto	Betty Conti
Brien Malloy	_____
John Boccuzzi	

The HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

Mary Lou Rinaldi, Chairwoman
David Martin
Ruth Powers
Scott Morris
Thomas Burke

The PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, 5 members:

Robert C. DeLuca, Chairman	Robert Skovgaard
Bobby Owens	_____
Gerald Rybnick	

The CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE:

Jeremiah Livingston, Co-Chairperson	Annie M. Summerville
Barbara McInerney, Co-Chairperson	Cadie Vos
Maria Nakian	Thomas Burke
John Mallozzi	

The EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

Marie Nakian, Chairwoman
Mary Lou Rinaldi
Deborath Taranto-McGrath

The URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE, consisting of 7 members:

John Mallozzi, Chairman	Grace Guroian
Annie Summerville	_____
James Dudley	_____
John Schlechtweg	

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN (continuing):

The PUBLIC HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Lathon Wider, Chairman
Annie Summerville
David Jachimczyk

The ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE will consist of:

Audrey Maihock, Chairwoman
W. Dennis White
Terrence Martin

The TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE will now be made up of 5 people, and they are:

David Martin, Chairman	Cadie Vos
David Blum	Audrey Maihock
Richard Lyons	

There are some vacancies on these committees, and they will be filled in by our December meeting. We will get to that in a moment because we will have to set a date for our regular December meeting.

I am going to appoint as PARLIAMENTARIAN, JOHN J. HOGAN. He has served our Board as Parliamentarian with great distinction for the last four years, and it is a pleasure to have you again, Mr. Hogan.

I am not going to appoint any SPECIAL COMMITTEES now. That will be done at some future date.

Now the next regular meeting of the Board will be this December, and I will tell you the date in one moment. I would like to confer with my Majority Leader and with the Co-Minority Leaders for an appropriate date.

The first regular meeting of the 18th Board of Representatives will take place on TUESDAY evening, DECEMBER 13, 1983, in our meeting room, of course. And the Steering Committee Meeting will be on Monday, December 5, 1983.

MR. ZELINSKI: I was wondering what the rationale was to have it on a Tuesday as opposed to the normal Monday evening?

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN: The reason for doing this was to give the Committees as much time as possible, which is really very little time. There will not be a very heavy agenda for the meeting of the 13th. However, I would like us to have at least some time to contact some department heads, if it is necessary to see any department heads, so that is the rationale. You will receive a notification for the Steering Committee meeting and the appropriate agendas in the mail.

ADJOURNMENT:

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN: I will now entertain a Motion to Adjourn.

MR. WIDER: So Moved.

MR. BOCCUZZI: I make a Motion we adjourn. Seconded by several.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN: All in favor, say Aye. Opposed? CARRIED.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Helen M. McEvoy

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

APPROVED:

Sandra Goldstein

Sandra Goldstein, President
18th Board of Representatives
City of Stamford, Connecticut
SG:HM

18th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Time:
December 1, 1983
Thursday - 8:00 P.M.

Place:
Legislative Chambers
429 Atlantic St, 2nd Floor

A G E N D A

1. MAYOR THOM SERRANI will Call the meeting to Order. (Per Charter Section 304.5)
2. INVOCATION - To be given by: Father Constantine Mathews, Presbyter of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 1230 Newfield Ave.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Led by Mayor Thom Serrani.
4. ROLL CALL by Administrative Assistant.
5. MAYOR THOM SERRANI will swear in the members of the 18th Board of Representatives.
 - (a) The MAYOR appoints TWO TEMPORARY TELLERS.
 - (b) The MAYOR entertains Motions for a TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON.
 - (c) VOTE on election of TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON.
6. TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON takes CHAIR.
 - (a) Temporary Chairperson entertains Motions for a TEMPORARY CLERK.
 - (b) VOTE on election of TEMPORARY CLERK.
 - (c) Adoption of RULES OF ORDER for the 18th Board of Representatives.
7. Nominations for PRESIDENT of the 18th Board of Representatives.
 - (a) Vote on election of PRESIDENT of the Board.
8. PRESIDENT takes the CHAIR.
 - (a) The President appoints two TELLERS and two ALTERNATE TELLERS.
 - (b) The President entertains Motions for a permanent CLERK OF THE BOARD.
 - (c) VOTE on election of a permanent CLERK.
 - (d) CLERK takes over duties.
 - (e) The President entertains Motions for DEPUTY ACTING MAYOR.
 - (f) Election of DEPUTY ACTING MAYOR.
 - (g) President announces the names of the Majority and Minority Leaders, who have been elected by their respective parties.
9. * PRESIDENT appoints STANDING COMMITTEES as follows: (Name read first is Chairperson)
 - (a) Steering Committee (4 members are President, Democratic and Republican (Party Leaders, and Clerk)
 - (b) Appointments Committee
 - (c) Fiscal Committee
 - (d) Legislative and Rules Committee
 - (e) Personnel Committee
 - (f) Planning and Zoning Committee
 - (g) Public Works Committee
 - (h) Health and Protection Committee
 - (i) Parks and Recreation Committee
 - (j) Charter Revision and Ordinance
 - (k) Education, Welfare and Government Committee
 - (l) Urban Renewal Committee
 - (m) Public Housing and Community Development Committee
 - (n) Environmental Protection Committee
 - (o) Transportation Committee(* Committees listed are those as constituted by the 17th Board's Rules of Order)
10. Appointment by PRESIDENT of SPECIAL COMMITTEES, if any.
11. Date of December Regular Meeting of the 18th Board to be announced.
12. ADJOURNMENT.

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1983

18th Board of Representatives

City of Stamford, Connecticut

A regular monthly meeting of the 18th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1983, 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 8:15 P.M. by PRESIDENT SANDRA GOLDSTEIN, after both parties had met in caucus.

INVOCATION: Given by Deacon Handy Dixon:

"Let us pray. Oh, Heavenly Father, Master of this vast universe, and Father of all mankind, before we go forward before this first regular meeting of the 18th Board of Representatives, we pause briefly to give thanks for this day and precious hour. And, to further express our gratitude for all your good and kind blessings, as this meeting and the bundles of work before us represents only the beginning of much which is yet to come in the life of this Board, we find that at best we are ill-prepared to do all that would be expected of us. We, therefore, ask of You, dear Lord, even before we set sail into an unknown and unpredictable future, to share with us the burden of this great responsibility that we may be better able to serve our people and be of some credit to our City. We further seek, with all sincerity, your blessings and tender care for those among us who are past leaders, and we ask You, dear Lord, to bless, guide and direct the new Leadership of this 18th Board, and others of equal responsibility throughout our City. Grant us the strength, knowledge, and wisdom to create a peaceful atmosphere, one in which we can all work unselfishly and without regards to party affiliation, race, creed, or national origin. Now, may the light of the Lord in all its glory, shine upon us individually and collectively, forever and forever. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN.

ROLL CALL by Clerk of the Board ANNIE M. SUMMERVILLE. 38 Present; 2 Absent (Roger Taranto and Mary Jane Signore (excused-ill)).

MACHINE TEST VOTE: President Goldstein conducted a test vote on the voting machine, asking members to vote, in turn, Yes, No, and Abstain. The machine was declared to be in good working order other than the fact that a few of the colored tabs need to be replaced. The votes are being registered properly in the computer and on the print-out sheets.

ADMINISTERING OATH OF OFFICE TO REP. BOBBY OWENS - President Goldstein swore in Rep. Bobby Owens since he was absent from the December 1, 1983 Organizational Meeting when the other members were sworn in by Mayor Thom Serrani.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE:

For the late SAM GOLD of Turn-of-River Road, 18th District - submitted by Rep. Jeanne-Lois Santy, also by Rep. John Zelinski.

For the late MARY E. BOYLE of Main Street, a long-time member of the Democratic Women's Club - submitted by Rep. Annie M. Summerville.

For the Americans who were killed in action throughout the years, and the over 2,500 men who are classified as Prisoners of War, Missing in Action, the latest taken captive two short weeks ago; and asking God's blessing and protection for the American military men in Southeast Asia, the Caribbean, and the Middle East - submitted by Rep. Barbara McInerney.

For the four Maryknoll nuns who were killed three years ago in El Salvador, namely, Jean Donovan, who came from Westport - submitted by Rep. David I. Blum.

For the late ELEANOR PARKS DAVIS, past President of the NAACP - submitted by Rep. Jeremiah Livingston.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE - Chairwoman Sandra Goldstein

MR. BOCCUZZI Moved to Waive the reading of the Steering Committee Report. Seconded. Carried.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said that before they proceeded with the Agenda, she wished to make a couple of announcements in order to expedite the meeting.

First, she wished to clarify the Clerk's role, stating that as Ms. Summerville sees the members' hands raised, she will write the names down in the order in which she sees them, so the Chair can then call on the members of the Board in a fair manner. That is the method used to speak at Board meetings.

Next, if a member is planning to leave the meeting, it is requested that the President be notified either through a note or signalling from the back, so the President is aware of how many people are present and how many are not here. It is each member's responsibility to be here for the votes. Since many votes are voice votes, if a member does not indicate

STANDING COMMITTEES (continued)

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN (continuing)...that he or she is leaving the floor for the vote, you may be counted as a Yes. For important votes, the President will use the buzzer to notify those in the caucus rooms that a vote is coming up.

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STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Steering Committee met on Monday, December 5, 1983, in the Democratic Caucus Room in response to a Call for 7:30 p.m. The meeting was Called to order at 7:34 p.m. at which time a quorum was present, by Chairwoman Sandra Goldstein.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Sandra Goldstein, Chairwoman
John J. Boccuzzi
Robert "Gabe" DeLuca
Barbara McInerney
Donald Donahue
Handy Dixon
Lathon Wider
Richard Lyons
Annie M. Summerville
James Dudley
Mary Lou Rinaldi
John Mallozzi
Robert Skovgaard
Audrey Maihock
John Schlechtweg
Cadie Vos
Bobby Owens
Maria Nakian
Jeremiah Livingston
Alfred Perillo
Len Gambino, WSTC/WYRS
Anne Kachaluba

1. APPOINTMENTS

No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

2. FISCAL COMMITTEE

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were the three items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

3. LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were two of the four items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. ORDERED REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA was the item requesting clarification of the lease between the City and former West Main Community Center.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

3. LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA BUT TO BE MOVED TO THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE was the item for final adoption of proposed ordinance creating the position of Safety and Training Officer.

4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were three of the four items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was one item from the Legislative and Rules Committee and that item being for final adoption of proposed ordinance creating the position of Safety and Training Officer. ORDERED OFF THE AGENDA BUT HELD IN COMMITTEE was the item to investigate the salary increases given to the Registrars of Voters taken into consideration the State's Constitution and opinion rendered by former Corporation Counsel P. Benedict Fraser.

5. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. ORDERED HELD FOR THE JANUARY Tentative Steering Agenda were the two items appearing on the Addenda to the Tentative Steering Agenda, and those items being for final adoption, proposed ordinance regarding auction sale of property on Halloween Blvd. for a price not less than \$27,000 and acceptance of LeRoy Place as a City Street.

6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE AND SEWER COMMITTEE

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was one item of the two appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. ORDERED REMOVED from the Tentative Steering Agenda was the item concerning an investigation of the Public Works Department under Sec. 204.2 of the Charter.

7. HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE

No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

8. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were the three items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

9. EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was one of the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. ORDERED OFF THE AGENDA BUT HELD IN COMMITTEE was the Sense-of-the Board Resolution concerning the feasibility of using Rippowam High School as a new City Hall.

10. PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

11. URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE

No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

12. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

13. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

14. HOUSE COMMITTEE

No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

15. CHARTER REVISION AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

ORDERED OFF THE AGENDA BUT HELD IN COMMITTEE was the matter of ballot questions for Special Charter Revision election on April 10, 1984.

16. RESOLUTIONS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA FROM THE ADDENDA TO THE TENTATIVE STEERING AGENDA was the item concerning changing the January meeting date from January 2 to January 9.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Steering Committee, upon a motion made, seconded, and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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SANDRA GOLDSTEIN, CHAIRWOMAN
STEERING COMMITTEE

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Handy Dixon and Mildred Perillo, Co-Chairpersons

MR. DIXON stated there was no report on Appointments.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Donald Donahue, Chairman

MR. DONAHUE said the Committee met Dec. 8, 1983. Present were Reps. Lyons, Rinaldi, David Martin, Rybnick, Vos, and Donahue. He placed two items on the Consent Agenda: #2 and #3.

- (1) \$218,506.05 - SELF-INSURANCE MANAGEMENT (GR. #69) - Code 290.1392
Additional appropriation to replenish funds in 1983/84 Self-Insurance Account resulting from arbitration decision of 9/27/83, chargeable as follows. Board of Finance approved 10/26/83. Requested by S. Goldstein 12/2/83.

1982/83 290.1392 Self-Insurance Management	\$208,049.77
1983/84 290.1392 Self-Insurance Management	
Interest Costs	<u>10,456.28</u>
	\$218,506.06

Related to URC Town Center Garage Engrg. Study for structural safety. Returned to Committee 11/16/83 Board Meeting.

Above also referred to Personnel Committee.

MR. DONAHUE said Item #1 was being HELD IN COMMITTEE because Ms. Ingrid Center could not attend this Committee meeting, but would be available for the next month; and this item should be disposed of at the January meeting.

MR. DONAHUE Moved to approve Items #2 and #3 on the Consent Agenda. Seconded. APPROVED, with Mrs. Conti Abstaining on Items 2 and 3. This was a voice vote called for by President Goldstein.

- (2) PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION, U.S.A., FOR A GRANT UNDER THE URBAN MASS TRANSP. ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED, FOR DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY, City is eligible to receive 50% of its expenditures for Dial-A-Ride Program for the elderly and elderly handicapped. Submitted by Mayor Clapes 11/10/83 letter.

HELD IN COMMITTEE.

- (3) PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION AND EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH CONNECTICUT'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER FOR HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM. Amount not to exceed \$25,000. Submitted by Mayor Clapes 11/28/83 letter.

HELD IN COMMITTEE.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE - Robert Skovgaard, Chairman

MR. SKOVGAARD stated his Committee met on Dec. 12, 1983. Present were Reps. Skovgaard, Nakian, Dudley, Morris, Powers, Maihock, McInerney and Zelinski; also Terrence Martin, Robin Topping, Len Gambino. He Moved Item #1 on the Consent Agenda.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN stated that the Motion for the Consent Agenda would be taken after the other items on the L&R Committee agenda are considered.

- (1) REQUEST FOR A WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE FROM BELLTOWN FIRE DEPT., INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$888.00 PAID ON PERMIT #61809 11/2/83. Requested by the Belltown Fire Dept., Inc., Robt. E. DeLuca, Committee Chmn.

ON CONSENT AGENDA. (Approved unanimously voice vote)

- (2) REQUEST FOR CHANGES IN STANDING COMMITTEES IN THE 18th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES' RULES OF ORDER, AS INDICATED BELOW. Submitted by Rep. David I. Blum 11/28/83.

Education, Welfare and Government Committee: Do away with this Committee, and in its place where it will fit, I'd like to have an Education Committee inasmuch as the Board of Education uses half of the fiscal budget of the City, the Board of Representatives should have a committee devoted as an oversight to the Board of Education during all of the Board's business. This 18th Board of Representatives should have closer ties in the workings of the Board of Education.

Public Housing and Community Development Committee: Change Public Housing and Community Development Committee to Housing, Economic, and Community Development Committee.

Health and Protection Committee: Change the Health and Protection Committee to Health and Welfare Committee.

Two new Committees to be: Law and Protection Committee.

Committee on Aging, Human Rights
and Fair Rents.

HELD IN COMMITTEE.

MR. SKOVGAARD said Item #2 is being Held in Committee, and that the decision was based on the fact that Rep. David Blum was unable to attend due to his recovering from an illness.

MR. SKOVGAARD Moved for acceptance of Item #1 on the Consent Agenda. Seconded. Carried Unanimously voice vote.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - James L. Dudley, Jr., Chairman

MR. DUDLEY said his Committee met on Friday, December 9th, at 7:30 P.M. in the Republican Caucus Room. In attendance were Reps. Jachimczyk, Burke, Terrence Martin, and James Dudley. Excused was Rep. Morris. Also in attendance were Reps. Blum and DeLuca.

- (1) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORD. #510 SUPPLEMENTAL. Submitted by Reps. DeLuca, Boccuzzi, M. Perillo, and A. Perillo 11/30/83.

MR. DUDLEY said Item #1 was Held in Committee due to the absence of Mr. Sim Bernstein; and Chief John Considine, who asked that we hold this item.

- (2) REQUEST FROM REP. ROBERT "GABE" DeLUCA 11/10/83 PURSUANT TO ORD. #510, TO CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT OF THOMAS BARRETT, LABOR NEGOTIATOR WITH CITY OF STAMFORD. CONTRACT IS EXPIRING END OF THIS YEAR (1983). Held for 18th Board.

MR. DUDLEY said Item #2 was Held in Committee as Mayor Thom Serrani was unable to attend, and the Committee wished to address this matter with Mayor Serrani.

- (3) MATTER OF MERIT INCREASES FOR NON-UNION ADMINISTRATORS AND A SCHEDULE SHOWING 13 STEPS, RECEIVED IN BACK-UP MATERIAL FROM PERSONNEL DEPT. WHICH SHOULD INITIALLY BE SUBMITTED TO BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. Submitted by Rep. DeLuca 11/10/83.

MR. DUDLEY said Item #3 was Held in Committee again because of the absence of Mr. Bernstein.

- (4) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO CREATE THE POSITION OF SAFETY AND TRAINING OFFICER. Submitted by Rep. David Blum 11/28/83. Publication approved 10/11/83.

MR. DUDLEY stated the Committee voted 5 in favor, none opposed, and he Moved for approval. Seconded.

Mr. Dudley said this would be a watchdog system over all City departments to insure the safety of everyone throughout the City. There have been problems in the past with the Public Works Department having accidents, and this is to help alleviate any additional accidents. A public hearing was held by the 17th Board. No one came to the public hearing.

MR. ZELINSKI said that based on past experience, there seemed a need for some kind of safety and training officer, but he hopes this will not mean creating a new department to accomplish the desired result. He asked the Acting Finance Commissioner Thomas Canino for a job description and salary range for this new position, but it was not available as Mr. Canino was not involved in the preliminaries of this matter with the previous Finance Commissioner Patrick Marra, nor the Public Works Commissioner.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. ZELINSKI went on to say that he felt this should be Held in Committee until the new Finance Commissioner is appointed, since he or she might wish to have input in this matter. Mr. Zelinski feels the requirements for specific knowledge, skills and abilities appear to him to be rather stringent. He feels the salary range should be stated; and whether it will be a one-person department, or have additional personnel. He asked whether this might be a part of the existing Risk Management Department. Due to the many unanswered questions, he Moved to Hold in Committee. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN asked if there were speakers on the merits of sending back to committee, not on the question of the ordinance itself.

MRS. CONTI asked how this item could be on the agenda for final adoption since this is the first regular meeting of this Board. She said she understood everything died with the previous Board and items would have to be resubmitted, which in this case would be for publication and not final adoption.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said that was not so, if you looked at the intent of the law, that the public has access to an ordinance prior to its being passed. Since it was published recently, the public did have that access. Now, before this Board, is the passage of the ordinance. There would be no need to republish.

MRS. CONTI said she was not talking about republication, but about re-submission to this Board. She understood that anything not acted upon by the previous Board would have to be re-submitted to the new Board.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said it was re-submitted at Steering.

MRS. CONTI stated she agrees with Mr. Zelinski and wants answers to the questions he raised, and she supports returning to committee.

MR. BLUM said he is against re-submitting back to committee, because the ordinance states that while the new position is under the Finance Commissioner, the new person will be supervised by Ingrid Center, the Risk Manager. He suggested Mr. Zelinski contact Mr. Bernstein about salary range.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN asked Mr. Blum to confine himself to sending back to committee, not the position or the ordinance.

MR. BLUM said he was against sending back to committee.

MR. DUDLEY said most of Mr. Zelinski's questions are answered in the ordinance. And he said Item #13 gives this Board the right to reject anything they wish before funding the position.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. WIDER said he did not wish to give the Committee any additional work, but he saw an area that's embarrassing the City because of some bad training, and if a Department of Training and Safety will encompass all departments.

MRS. SANTY said there is no price tag for safety or for human life. For many months Board members were very concerned about the deaths, which perhaps could not have been prevented, but with a Safety and Training Officer, this will alleviate the situation. It should be a complete department and encompass the whole City. It should be passed tonight and not go back to committee.

MR. DUDLEY said it would cover all City departments.

MRS. PERILLO Moved the Question. Seconded. Carried unanimously by voice vote.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a machine vote on the Motion to send back to committee. DEFEATED: 4 Yes, 32 No, 1 Abstention.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for discussion on the Main Motion, which is for final adoption of the ordinance.

MRS. PERILLO Moved the Question. Seconded. Carried unanimously by voice vote.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a machine vote on the Motion for final adoption. APPROVED: 33 Yes, Zero No, 4 Abstentions, 1 Non-Vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE - John Schlechtweg, Chairman

MR. SCHLECHTWEG said his Committee met on Dec. 8, 1983. Present were Reps. Schlechtweg, Mallozzi, Wider, Guroian and Vos. The first item was moved to the Consent Agenda 4 yes, 1 abstention. Item #2 was moved to the Consent Agenda also by a vote of 4 yes, 1 abstention.

- (1) ACCEPTANCE OF STREET - LIGHTHOUSE WAY, CERTIFIED FOR ACCEPTANCE by J. W. Roloff, Engineer, letter 11/29/83 (req. 2209). (Extending westerly from Ocean Dr. W. approximately 440' to a permanent turnaround as shown on Map No. 10333 on file in Town Clerk's Office).

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA.

- (2) ACCEPTANCE OF STREET - RIDGE BROOK LANE, CERTIFIED FOR ACCEPTANCE by J. W. Roloff, Engineer, letter 11/29/83 (req. 2209.) (Extending northerly from Ridge Brook Drive approximately 480' to a permanent turnaround as shown on Map 10963 on file in Town Clerk's Office.)

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA.

MR. SCHLECHTWEG Moved for Acceptance of items #1 and #2 on the Consent Agenda. Seconded. APPROVED unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Alfred Perillo, Chairman

MR. PERILLO said his Committee met on Dec. 8, 1983. Present were Reps. Perillo, Boccuzzi and Burke. Absent were Reps. Conti and Malloy. Rep. Taranto called earlier and asked to be excused for business reasons. For lack of a quorum, Mr. Perillo asked that the one item on his agenda be moved onto the floor. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a voice vote, which carried unanimously.

- (1) REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AT OWNER'S EXPENSE FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS CARD S-6, LOT 12, DANNELL DRIVE. Submitted by George Connors, Adm. Officer, Sewer Commission, letter 11/29/83.

MR. PERILLO said Norman Liu, City Engineer, did not attend the meeting. In his place, he sent Charles Arena to represent the Engineering Dept. Mr. Arena showed them a large scale map of the entire project. Questions were asked and answers were given. The three committee members accepted the plans as presented. All City agencies approved the project, and Mr. Perillo therefore Moved for approval by the Board. Seconded.

MRS. CONTI apologized for not being able to attend the meeting. She asked if there was any opposition from any of the adjoining neighbors.

MR. PERILLO said there was none at all, and he had talked with some of the neighbors and there was no objection.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a voice vote on approval of this project. CARRIED unanimously.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Mary Lou Rinaldi, Chairwoman

MS. RINALDI said there was no committee report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Robert "Gabe" DeLuca, Chairman

- (1) FINAL ADOPTION FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL AND LEASE BETWEEN CITY AND HALLOWEEN YACHT CLUB. Lease expires 6/30/84. (Lease approved 11/10/83 by 17th Board. Waiver of Publication defeated 11/16/83. Submitted by Rep. DeLuca 11/29/83.

MR. DeLUCA: The Committee met on Thursday, Dec. 8, 1983 at 8:00 P.M. in the Republican Caucus Room. Present were Reps. DeLuca, Owens, Rybnick, Skovgaard. Reps. Burke and Maihock, and Parks Supt. Bob Cook, former Mayor Julius Wilensky, Mrs. Joseph Perry, Mr. Long of the yacht club, Dr. Kahn of the Long Ridge Assn., and Herbert and Marian Broninger of the Brook Hollow Farm Assn. The Committee voted 3-0 to waive publication for this item. Seconded.

MR. ZELINSKI asked the reason for waiving publication.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DeLUCA said this is a lease that has existed for 57 years, and unfortunately it was created as an ordinance rather than just a lease. The Committee felt waiving publication would not substantively affect the matter. Also that the cost of publishing is not justified for something that has been beneficial to the City for 57 years.

MR. BOCCUZZI said Mr. DeLuca should apprise the Board of the recommendations made in caucus of the terms of the lease which would be of interest to the public and where they can read it.

MR. DeLUCA said that copies of the ordinance and lease would be made available to the public in the Board Office, the Ferguson Library and the Town Clerk's Office.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote on the Motion to Waive Publication using the machine. APPROVED: 33 Yes, 2 No, 3 Abstain.

MR. DeLUCA Moved for Final Adoption of the ordinance and the lease. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a voice vote. One No vote, Rep. White. Two Abstentions, Mrs. Conti and Mrs. Guroian. Motion is CARRIED.

- (2) REQUEST TO EXPEDITE THE ^{LEASE} ACQUISITION OF STATE-OWNED DEN-BANGALL ROAD TRACT (NEAR MERRITT PKWY. & LONG RIDGE ROAD) - submitted by Rep. DeLuca.

MR. DeLUCA said this should be "lease" not "acquisition" of State-owned Den-Bangall Road Tract. The Committee voted 3 in favor, none opposed, to hold a public hearing in January.

MRS. GUROIAN asked what "expedite the acquisition" means.

MR. DeLUCA explained that a public hearing will be held for input from the residents in the area and the general public; and if favorable, will proceed with the State authorities and our representatives in the General Assembly to expedite a lease by April or May of 1984. This Board would have final approval.

MR. ZELINSKI asked that when this comes back to this Board, will it be an ordinance or a Sense-of-the-Board Resolution.

MR. DeLUCA replied it would not be either one. It will be a lease such as exists with the West Main Community Center, the Glenbrook Community Center, and other leases that the City has.

MR. ZELINSKI asked if there would also be input from the Corporation Counsel's Office on the legality of this document.

MR. DeLUCA said Jack Smyth, Asst. Corp. Counsel, is waiting for plans to be drawn up for submission to the Dept. of Transportation.

MRS. PERILLO Moved the Question. Seconded. CARRIED by voice vote.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (continued)

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a voice vote on the Main Motion of Item #2. CARRIED with 1 No vote (Mrs. Perillo); and 2 Abstentions (Mrs. Guroian and Mrs. Conti).

MRS. GUROIAN had a point of inquiry, stating that she did not know what everyone voted on. Was it to expedite a lease on State-owned property?

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said they voted to allow the Parks and Recreation Committee to hold a public hearing in an attempt to expedite the lease between the State and the City.

- (3) REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO HANG BANNER ON SUMMER ST. FROM 1/25 to 2/6/84 to PUBLICIZE SALE OF TEXAS RUBY RED GRAPEFRUIT SALE. From Westhill Chamber Singers, Jill Horowitz, 199 Rocky Rapids Rd. 06903.

MR. DeLUCA Moved for acceptance of Item #3. Seconded.

MR. BLUM does not object to hanging the banner. He spoke with Jill Horowitz, and asked her to contact the Board's Leadership so arrangements could be made to hear the Chamber Singers before they leave for Austria.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote on Item #3. CARRIED by voice vote unanimously.

EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - Maria Nakian, Chairwoman

- (1) BI-MONTHLY REPORT FROM SMITH HOUSE SNF. REPORT IS REQUIRED PER THE APPROVAL OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF FUNDS AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE 17th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OCT. 11, 1983. Submitted by Sandra Goldstein, President, 12/2/83.

MRS. NAKIAN said the Committee met on Dec. 12, 1983. Present were Reps. Nakian and McGrath; also Rep. Dudley. Because a quorum was not present, this item is being HELD IN COMMITTEE.

PUBLIC HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Lathon Wider, Chairman.

- (1) FUNDING FOR STORM WINDOWS FOR WILLIAM C. WARD HOMES AND ROOF REPAIRS FOR EDWARD CZESCIK HOMES. Letter from Housing Authority to Nancy Mitchell, 11/15/83. Submitted by Rep. Annie Summerville 11/18/83 and Rep. David Blum 11/28/83.

MR. WIDER said the Committee met on Dec. 9, 1983 in Democratic Caucus Room. Present were Nancy Mitchell, Joseph Tarzia, Robert Johnson, Robert Violett from the Housing Authority. They voted to HOLD this item.

He wished to mention the package on the members' desks tonight, so they may ask their constituents to make up their proposals for 10th year funding. A public hearing will be held on January 11, 1984 for Year 10, and March is the final date.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - John Mallozzi, Chairman

MR. MALLOZZI said there is no report at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Audrey Maihock, Chairwoman

MRS. MAIHOCK said there were no items; therefore, no report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - David Martin, Chairman

(1) REQUEST FOR UP-DATE FROM PAUL DISARIO ON STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION CENTER - submitted by Rep. Sandra Goldstein 12/2/83.

MR. MARTIN stated his Committee met Thursday, Dec. 8, 1983, with Paul Disario, Project Director. All Committee members were present: Dave Martin, David Blum, Richard Lyons, Audrey Maihock, and Cadie Vos. Also present was Mr. Skovgaard. Mr. Disario presented a report on the status of the Transportation Center, focusing on the nature of how the contract was arranged and the project gotten underway. Essentially the major points at this time are that the project is within schedule and within budget, and approximately 30% completed, and to be finished in April, 1985. They are entering the most demanding phase of the project which requires night and weekend work. Bad weather may cause delay and problems. The commuting situation during construction was discussed. Windbreaks will be installed, also heaters, and a 500 s.f. structure near the New Canaan Branch line, which will also be heated.

Mr. Disario said a roof over the platform could not be constructed at this time since overhead cranes are being used at this stage of the project. It was suggested that old commuter cars be used but this idea was rejected. The idea of using shuttle buses between the parking areas and the railroad station was turned down due to the expense, at least temporarily shelved. The Committee took no votes and the meeting ended.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN asked Mr. Martin to have copies made available to Board members of his Committee's report.

MR. MARTIN agreed, and stated further that Mr. Disario provided a written report which would also be furnished to the Board members.

HOUSE COMMITTEE - Gerald Rybnick, Chairman

MR. RYBNICK said there was no report.

CHARTER REVISION AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - Jeremiah Livingston and Barbara McInerney, Co-Chairpersons

MRS. McINERNEY stated they do not have a formal report at this time. There will be a Committee meeting Monday, December 19, 1983, at 6:30 P.M., prior to the Steering Committee Meeting.

PETITIONS - None.

RESOLUTIONS

- (1) SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION COMMENDING JENNIFER MCKAY, A COMMENDED STUDENT IN THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. Submitted by Reps. B. Conti and G. Guroian 12/2/83.

MRS. CONTI read the Resolution, and asked that the draft copy be changed to specify the 18th Board rather than the 17th Board. She Moved for approval. Seconded. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

- (2) SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION COMMENDING DEBRA LOGAN - SEMI-FINALIST IN THE NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM FOR OUTSTANDING NEGRO STUDENTS. Submitted by Reps. B. Conti and G. Guroian 12/2/83.

MRS. CONTI asked that the draft copy be changed to read the 18th Board rather than the 17th Board when it had originally been submitted. She Moved for approval. Seconded. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

- (3) CHANGE JANUARY MEETING DATE FROM JANUARY 2nd to JANUARY 9, 1984.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote on the Motion to change the meeting date. Seconded. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Steering Committee meeting will be December 19, 1983.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

- (1) MAY 11, 1983 Adjourned Special Budget Meeting - not completed.
(2) JUNE 6, 1983 Regular Board Meeting - not completed.

MR. DUDLEY said he was very pleased to see that since the 18th Board started, the minutes have been on time. He does have problems, as he has had in the past, of accepting minutes which have been very, very late. He will not vote for May or June minutes at this time because of the legalities involved. He also wished to remind the new Representatives that they are voting on something that they were not even present for.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN stated the May 11th and June 6th minutes have not come to the Board, so there cannot be a motion to that effect anyhow. She asked for a motion to accept item #3, the December 1, 1983 Organizational Meeting Minutes.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES (continued)

(3) December 1, 1983 Organizational Meeting of the 18th Board.

MR. DUDLEY said he would again like to make it a matter of record to remind the new Representatives, when they do come before us, that they were not even present for to accept.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN asked for a Motion to accept.

MR. SKOVGAARD Moved to accept Dec. 1, 1983 Minutes. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN asked if there were any corrections, or changes. Moved. Seconded. Carried unanimously voice vote.

MR. BOCCUZZI: In the past, we've had a problem with the minutes, as Mr. Dudley said. I think we got off on the right foot by getting our December 1st minutes available. I think there is no excuse for not having this month's minutes ready for next month. I think under no circumstances should we let them go month after month after month. I think the Leadership of the Board should stay right on this and make sure that our minutes are available at the next meeting. The Democratic Caucus is very strong on this and we intend to stay with it and make sure that we get them. We are not going to tolerate the minutes being two, three and four months late. Thank you.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said that is certainly going to be the goal of the Clerk and the President and I am sure of both the Leadership of both sides.

MRS. McINERNEY said she agreed with Mr. Boccuzzi that the Republic side of the aisle is certainly in favor of having the minutes ready on time, and if we can all keep our words to very concise points, fourteen pages of minutes might be coming every month at this point.

MRS. SANTY said she would like to reiterate what Mrs. McInerney said. It is very easy on a short agenda, when you have 4 or 5 pages, to have the minutes ready every month, but when you run into 46, 56, and 75 and 100 pages of minutes; and many times, if Representatives could remember just to keep their comments short; and if someone has expressed your idea, you can raise your hand, be recognized, and just agree with the person. But to go on and on, many times this is what causes the lengthy minutes and the delay in receiving them.

MR. ZELINSKI said that as long as they are discussing the minutes of the new Board, he wished to know if the minutes of future meetings will be verbatim, and if not, why not.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES (continued)

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said the format of the minutes will be determined by Clerk of the Board Summerville, who is directly responsible for the keeping of the records. And the way that Ms. Summerville feels that minutes should be kept and maintained is what will prevail. If any Board member has a problem with the way he or she is quoted in the minutes, then during the Acceptance of the Minutes, he or she may make those changes.

MS. SUMMERVILLE said there will be no more verbatim minutes. In the future, before any minutes are sent out, she will go over them, along with the President, before they are distributed, and they (the Clerk and the President) will make changes, if needed, and if they are verbatim, you will not get them. She has determined that, from her experience as Clerk, and from her experience from working with the rest of the City, that it is just improper, and people do not have time, nor do they choose to, go through 25, 50 pages of minutes. She went on to say that, as Mrs. Goldstein has stated, if by chance, in summarizing your statement, a member feels that he or she has not been done justice, the proper time to correct that is when they are about to approve the minutes. It is not when they go out for action, you are to call the Administrative Assistant or the Secretary in the office, and correct them even before they are presented to the Board. That is improper. Further, she wished to state again there will be no more verbatim minutes. The 18th Board of Representatives will not have verbatim minutes at this time.

MR. ZELINSKI said he is disappointed to hear the Clerk of the Board say there will not be verbatim minutes. He had hoped the Clerk would have waited to get input from the other 38 or 39 members of the Board to see how they feel about this. His personal feeling is that it is clearly evident that it takes much longer to have someone who is transcribing minutes from any meeting to have them decide what they should put down and what they should not put down. And if we are going to be carrying on each month to have Representatives, which was suggested by the Clerk, make comments about what was missing, and what was not missing, and what should be in and what should not be in, we are going to waste a great deal of time doing that, and that can be avoided very easily by simply having verbatim minutes.

MR. ZELINSKI went on to say further that if anything comes up in the future pertaining to a legal matter, specifically, our Planning and Zoning Committee, where there have been appeals by groups; and after our decision, there may be court cases, it is imperative that no Board member be misquoted as to what he or she said, or what the transcriber thought was said. This can easily be done by having verbatim minutes, as has been done in the past; most boards and commissions do have verbatim minutes; and Mr. Zelinski would strongly urge to have future Board minutes verbatim.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said she does not want to have an hour's discussion on this, since there really isn't even a motion on the floor. She thought it important that the Clerk, by Charter, is the keeper of the records, be able to determine the minutes methodology, and there is a constant methodology that is used throughout the State and in many cities.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES (continued)

MS. SUMMERVILLE responded to Mr. Zelinski that she did not know where he was when she brought this before the Democratic caucus and received the consensus of that group that they were in agreement with her determination. She also stated that she spoke to the President of the 17th Board and the Leadership and she recalls that she was given the go-ahead and that it really was not necessary to have verbatim minutes because there are tapes of every meeting; and Ms. Summerville wants the record to show that it was not a sole decision of the Clerk, and that she respects all of the members' opinions, but it just happens that Mr. Zelinski is in the minority in this particular decision.

MRS. SANTY said this is going to be the longest part of this meeting, just discussing this, but it is very fortunate that Ms. Summerville brought up the Democratic caucus, because she feels the Democrats are going to have to come over to the Republican side, even though there are only a few Republicans, but she feels that they are going to have to ask the Republicans once in a while how they feel about it. She said there are only nine of them there and they should be consulted when decisions are made.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said there was no intention of leaving the Republicans out. There was no intent not to consult them, but in reality, it is the obligation of the Clerk; and that the Clerk has met, in the past, on many occasions, with the Republican Leadership as it was constituted during the last several Boards.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said on everyone's desk was a sample of the stationery that will be distributed to all members, and asked them to mark it up the way each member wants their name, address, committee assignments, etc., to appear on the final copy. Also, there will be ordered pads stating "From the desk of Representative (name)".

ADJOURNMENT

MR. BOCCUZZI Moved for Adjournment. Seconded.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon Motion duly made, seconded, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M., with all members leaving by 9:45 P.M.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN extended holiday greetings to all the members.

APPROVED:

By Helen M. McEvoy
Helen M. McEvoy, Administrative Asst.
(and Recording Secretary)

Sandra Goldstein
Sandra Goldstein, President
18th Board of Representatives

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