

MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1989

21ST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

In compliance with Section C3-10-11 of the Charter of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, an Organizational Meeting of the newly-elected 21st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Monday, December 4, 1989, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Mayor Thom Serrani.

INVOCATION was given by Chaplain William E. Scrivener, Stamford Hospital, Shelburne Avenue and West Broad Street, Stamford, CT. 06902.

"Let us pray. Gracious God, we thank you for the many gifts you have given us; gifts of life, health and well-being. We especially give you thanks for the sense of hope and renewal which touches us all in this season. We thank you also for the opportunities you give us to serve your people and by serving them, to serve you. We remember that your servant Solomon when asked what gift he would claim from you, asked only for the gift of wisdom. Grant to these, your servants, that same gift that they might know best how to serve as well as how to lead. May your spirit guide their thoughts and actions so that your creation might be made more whole and more holy, and this we pray in your name. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Thom Serrani.

ROLL CALL was taken by Administrative Assistant Anne A. Kachaluba. There were 38 members present and 2 absent.

PRESENT

Judith Evanko (D)  
Thomas Pia (R)  
Richard Lyons (D)  
Gerald Rybnick (D)  
Joseph Lovallo (R)  
David Martin (D)  
Stanley Esposito (R)  
James Rubino (R)  
W. Dennis White (D)  
Gloria DePina (D)  
Peter Nanos (D)  
Nicholas Pavia (R)  
Dominick Cardillo (D)  
John Hogan (D)  
Naomi Schoenfeld (D)  
Ruth Powers (D)  
David Jachimczyk (D)  
Thomas Russo (R)  
Carmen Domonkos (D)

PRESENT

Maria Nakian (D)  
Bobby Owens (D)  
John Zimmerman (D)  
Frank Mollo (D)  
Audrey Maihock (R)  
Robert DeLuca (R)  
Philip Stork (R)  
Ellen Mellis (D)  
Annie Summerville (D)  
Garry Clemmons (D)  
Mildred Perillo (D)  
Elaine Mitchell (D)  
Scott Morris (D)  
John Zelinski (D)  
Michael Larobina (D)  
David Blum (D)  
Mary Lou Rinaldi (D)  
John Boccuzzi (D)  
Sandra Goldstein (D)

ABSENT

Patricia McGrath (D)  
Michael Fedele (R)

A quorum was present.

MAYOR THOM SERRANI asked that each member stand as he announced their tenure on the Board.

First term members: Gloria DePina, 5th District; Ellen Mellis, 13th District; Joseph Lovallo, 15th District; Michael Larobina, 16th District; John Zimmerman, 17th District; Carmen Domonkos, 18th District;

Second term members: Elaine Mitchell, 2nd District; Garry Clemmons, 3rd District; Judith Evanko, 6th District; Peter Nanos, 8th District; Thomas Russo, 10th District; (Michael Fedele, 13th District was absent); Dominick Cardillo, 18th District; Naomi Schoenfeld, 20th District;

Third term members: James Rubino, 7th District; Thomas Pia, 7th District; Frank Mollo, 9th District; Nicholas Pavia, 10th District; Stanley Esposito, 11th District;

Fourth term members: Richard Lyons, 1st District; W. Dennis White, 1st District; Bobby Owens, 3rd District; Ruth Powers, 8th District; (Patricia McGrath, 14th District was absent); Philip Stork, 15th District; Scott Morris, 17th District; David Martin, 19th District; Maria Nakian, 20th District;

Fifth term members: David Jachimczyk, 4th District; Mary Lou Rinaldi, 5th District; John Hogan, 12th District;

Sixth term member: Robert "Gabe" DeLuca, 14th District;

Seventh term members: Annie Summerville, 6th District; Audrey Maihock, 19th District;

Eighth term members: David Blum, 12th District; Sandra Goldstein, 16th District; Mildred Perillo, 9th District; John Zelinski, 11th District;

Twelfth term member: John Boccuzzi, 2nd District;

Seventeenth term member: Gerald Rybnick, 4th District.

MAYOR THOM SERRANI asked that the members present raise their right hands and he administered the Oath of Office: "Do you (name) having been chosen by the people of Stamford, Connecticut to be members of the Board of Representatives, do you solemnly swear that you will faithfully discharge the duties of said office according to law, so help you God?" The members responded "I do." The Mayor congratulated the members of the 21st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford.

#### APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TELLERS

MAYOR THOM SERRANI appointed Scott Morris and Thomas Russo as Temporary Tellers.

MAYOR THOM SERRANI requested a Motion for a Temporary Chairperson.

MR. BOCCUZZI nominated Rep. Richard Lyons, 1st District. The Motion was Seconded by Rep. Nanos.

The Mayor said there were no other nominations. One ballot was cast for Richard Lyons as the Temporary Chairperson.

MAYOR THOM SERRANI wished all the representatives well in their term and he hoped that he and the Board collectively would have a productive two years for the people of the city; making it a better place to live and work.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN LYONS entertained a Motion to elect a Temporary Clerk.

MR. BOCCUZZI nominated Mary Lou Rinaldi, 5th district. The Motion was Seconded by many.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN LYONS called for a vote to elect Mary Lou Rinaldi as Temporary Clerk. One ballot was cast for Mary Lou Rinaldi as Temporary Clerk.

TEMPORARY CLERK RINALDI took the Clerk's position.

ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF ORDER FOR THE 21ST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

MR. BOCCUZZI Moved to adopt the Rules. Seconded.

MR. BOCCUZZI Moved to amend the Rules; the changes being in the number of people serving on certain Standing Committees:  
Legislative and Rules Committee from 10 members to 11 members;  
Parks and Recreation Committee from 7 members to 9 members;  
Housing and Community Development from 5 members to 6 members;  
Personnel Committee from 7 members to 8 members.  
Environmental Protection Committee from 3 to 5 members.

The Motion was Seconded. Mr. Boccuzzi repeated the changes in membership.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN LYONS called for a voice vote to amend the Rules of Order concerning increased membership in the committees as stated by Mr. Boccuzzi. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

MR. MARTIN Moved to amend the section of the Rules regarding amendments. The Rule reads, "These Rules shall not be amended except by the vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at a meeting in which the notice of said meeting includes the text of the amendment."

Mr. Martin said the proposed amendment should have an addition at the end; adding a comma at the end and "except that these Rules may be amended by a majority of the full Board within 14 days after adoption."

The Motion was Seconded.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN LYONS called for a vote to approve Mr. Martin's amendment. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

A Motion was made from the Floor to adopt the Rules of Order as amended. Seconded.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN LYONS called for a vote to approve the Rules of Order as amended. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT OF THE 21ST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

MR. BOCCUZZI said that it was with great pleasure and honor to nominate Sandra Goldstein to be President of the 21st Board of Representatives. Mr. Boccuzzi said that many members of the Board have worked with Sandra since she has been on the Board. He said that as Majority Leader he has worked closely with Sandra. He said that there is no greater person to work with; Mrs. Goldstein is competent; knows how to do the job; knows how to conduct a meeting; has been a great leader and has brought the Board to a very effective and professional level.

The Motion was Seconded.

MR. RYBNICK Moved that nominations be closed. Seconded.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN LYONS called for a vote to close nominations. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN LYONS instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for the election of Sandra Goldstein as the President of the 21st Board of Representatives, and the Clerk did so.

MRS. SANDRA GOLDSTEIN assumed the Chair of the President of the 21st Board of Representatives.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN thanked the Board and was moved by the confidence placed in her by electing her President of this, the most revered Body, for the fifth term. She welcomed the new additions to the Board and also the more seasoned members. She also welcomed the family and friends present in the gallery, and said that it was a pleasure to see everyone and all the enthusiasm for the beginning of the 21st Board.

President Goldstein stated that the Board was an example of true democracy in action. She said the Board represented people of all social, ethnic and religious groups. She said the Board serves under a Charter which grants diverse and far reaching powers. She said it is the Board's responsibility and pledge to the constituents to use the charter rights with wisdom and fairness.

President Goldstein said the 21st Board assumes office on the brink of a new decade, the 1990's and the Board will be challenged with many critical problems. She said that among the most important matters facing the Board will be how to protect a very fragile environment; how to usher in mandatory recycling; how to provide affordable housing for our children; and how to protect the economic health of our city as it goes through a reassessment process.

President Goldstein went on to say that as the Board works together and in cooperation with the Mayor and the various city department heads, the Board will address the difficult tasks so that two years from the present, the Board can look back with pride at the accomplishments of the 21st Board.

President Goldstein again thanked the Board for their confidence.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN appointed two permanent Tellers: Garry Clemmons and Joseph Lovallo. Peter Nanos and Michael Fedele were appointed Alternate Tellers.

ELECTION OF A CLERK FOR THE 21ST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said that nominations were in order to elect a permanent Clerk for the 21st Board of Representatives.

MS. EVANKO nominated Annie M. Summerville for Clerk of the Board. The Motion was Moved and Seconded by many.

MR. RYBNICK Moved that nomination be closed. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to close nominations. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN requested the Acting Clerk to cast one ballot on behalf of Ms. Summerville to serve as permanent Clerk of the 21st Board of Representatives. The ballot was cast.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN thanked Mary Lou Rinaldi for assuming the duties of Acting Clerk.

MS. SUMMERVILLE took the Clerk's position on the Board.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY ACTING MAYOR

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said that nominations were in order to elect a Deputy Acting Mayor.

MR. JACHIMCZYK nominated his friend and the Mayor of the Cove, Gerald Rybnick for Deputy Acting Mayor. Seconded by everyone.

MR. ESPOSITO Moved that nominations be closed. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to close nominations. APPROVED with no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN requested the Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Gerald Rybnick for Deputy Acting Mayor.

CLERK SUMMERVILLE said she was proud to cast the ballot for Gerry Rybnick as Deputy Acting Mayor.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN stated that Mr. Rybnick is the most senior member ever on the Board; he is 90 years of age. She said the youngest member of the Board is Mr. Russo who is 23 years of age.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN announced the names of the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Board elected by their Caucuses. She said that John Boccuzzi is the Majority Leader and James Rubino, the Minority Leader. The Democratic Assistants Majority leaders are Mildred Perillo and Richard Lyons; the Republican Assistants are Audrey Maihock and Philip Stork.

President Goldstein congratulated the Leadership of the Board.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN announced that the 21st Board will have Co-Parliamentarians, David Martin and John Hogan. President Goldstein congratulated Messrs. Martin and Hogan.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

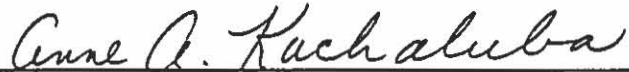
PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said that the first name announced of each Committee will be the Chair of that Committee; the next name read will be the Vice Chair if appropriate followed by members of the Committee.

A copy of the Committee List is attached to these Minutes. No special committees were appointed at this time. A special Reapportionment Committee will be appointed after the census is taken and the state acts on the matter.

President Goldstein stated that the first regular meeting of the 21st Board will be on Monday, December 11, 1989, at 8:00 p.m. She said that following the Organizational meeting, the first Steering Committee meeting of the 21st Board will be held.


ADJOURNMENT

MR. LYONS Moved for adjournment of the meeting. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. after the motion to adjourn had been Seconded and Carried.



Anne A. Kachaluba, Administrative  
Assistant and Recording Secretary  
21st Board of Representatives

APPROVED:

  
Sandra Goldstein, President  
20th Board of Representatives  
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Enclosures