

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1992

22ND BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A regular monthly meeting of the 22nd Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, February 3, 1992, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 p.m. after both political parties had met in Caucus.

MR. PAVIA spoke about Abraham Lincoln because Lincoln was born in the month of February; he spoke about compromise. Lincoln said that a farmer came to his office in Springfield insisting on divorce proceedings being commenced at once. Lincoln said, "What is the difficult?" The farmer answered, "We have gotten along so well that we are now rich enough to abandon our old log cabin or we are thinking about painting it. I wanted it painted white and my wife wanted it painted brown. She threw broken crockery over my head and poured scolding tea down my back and I want a divorce." Lincoln said, "My friend, man and wife should live together, if possible, for their own sake and the children's sake; now go back, keep your temper and compromise with your wife." At the end of four weeks, the farmer returned and said, "Lincoln, you need not bring up that suit, my wife and I have compromised." "What is the compromise" eagerly asked Lincoln? "We are going to paint the house brown."

INVOCATION was given by Representative Nicholas S. Pavia, R-10.

"Dear Lord, thank You for all your blessings; know that we put our trust in You and we know that when we serve You, we are serving others. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by President Richard L. Lyons

ROLL CALL was taken by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. All 40 Board members were present.

The Chair declared a quorum.

MACHINE TEST VOTE: President Richard L. Lyons - The machine was in good working order.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE:

For the late MARIETTA DiCONTO requested by Rep. Mildred Perillo, 9th District. Mrs. DiCanto was the mother of Julia Filardo. Sincerest sympathy is extended to her family."

For the late ANNIE RUTH WATSON requested by Rep. Annie M. Summerville, 6th District and Rep. Elaine Mitchell, 2nd District. "Mrs. Watson is survived by her step-parents, Albert Cook and Eva Burton; her husband, Jake Watson; a daughter, Lasojna Nicholson; three stepbrothers; two sisters; several nieces and nephews; two uncles and six aunts. Mrs. Watson will be missed and sincerest sympathy is extended to her husband and family."

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: (continued)

For the late GLORIA MAE RHODES requested by Rep. Annie M. Summerville, 6th District and Rep. Elaine Mitchell, 2nd District. "Mrs. Rhodes was an employees of the Housing Authority and was active in the Authority's Tenant Association for many years. She was a member of the Greater Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church. She is survived by two sons, a daughter, two sisters, two grandchildren, and several aunts, uncles, neices and nephews. She will be sorely missed and our deepest sympathy to her family."

For the late MUNDY REDFERN requested by Rep. Annie M. Summerville, 6th District and Rep. Elaine Mitchell, 2nd District. "Mundy Redfern was the city's housing relocation officer under five mayors. He was a volunteer and housing activist who helped many people find new homes during the city's redevelopment. Mundy was involved in city politics. He was a kind, compassionate person, always ready to help. Mundy was very active in many organizations throughout the city. He is survived by a son, Tony; a daughter, Debra; one sister, Sadie Redfern; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Mundy was a friend and will be greatly missed. We extend our sincerest sympathy to his family."

For the late JUDITH CHASEK requested by Rep. Annie M. Summerville, 6th District and Rep. John R. Zelinsky, Jr., 11th District. "Judy was the Board of Representatives first researcher. She was a writer and her books have been read and enjoyed by many. Sincerest sympathy is extended to her husband and family."

For the late HAROLD R. CLARK requested by Rep. Gregory LaDestro, 17th District. "Mr. Clark was a city representative from the 17th District for three terms in the 1950's. Mr. Clark died on January 6, 1992, after a long illness. He was 89. He was a retired distributor for Gulf Oil Corporation and also was a former owner of Clark's Stationery in Springdale. Sincerest sympathy is extended to his family."

For the late ANTHONY D'ANDREA requested by all members of the Board of Representatives. "Mr. D'Andrea was Rep. Nicholas Pavia's grandfather. He will be greatly missed. Sincerest sympathy is extended to his family and relatives."

For the late IVAN GREENWOOD requested by Rep. Marggie Laurie, 8th District.

For the late ARNOLD JOSEPH requested by Rep. John R. Zelinsky, Jr., 11th District. "My deepest sympathy to his wife, children and members of his family."

For the late WILLIAM MUCHINSKY requested by Rep. John R. Zelinsky, Jr., 11th District. "Mr. Muchinsky worked for the Stamford Public Works Department for 32 years. He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters. Sincerest sympathy is extended to his family."

For the late FRANK SURMACZEWICZ requested by Rep. John R. Zelinsky, Jr., 11th District. "Mr. Surmaczewicz was a truck driver for the City of Stamford for 35 years. He is survived by his wife, Joan and two sons. Sincerest sympathy is extended to his wife and family."

For the late CATHERINE J. FRATE requested by Rep. John R. Zelinsky, Jr., 11th District. Mrs. Frate lived in Darien. She is survived by her husband, Leonard J. Frate and two daughters. Deepest sympathy is extended to her family."

MOMENTS OF SILENCE; (continued)

For the late GRACE ALEXANDER requested by Reps. Ellen S. Mellis, 13th District, Michael D. Larobina, 16th District and William R. Kosbob, 16th District. "Mrs. Alexander resided in Westport. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to Stuart Mickey Alexander and his family on the death of his mother, Grace S. Alexander on January 11, 1992. Mrs. Alexander was well known for her many years of dedication and involvement in numerous philanthropic agencies and causes in Westport and the Fairfield County area. Death came after she fought a long and valiant battle against illness. We wish her son, husband and daughter, as well as other family members, peace and loving memories."

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Chairman Richard L. Lyons

REPORT.

MR. BOCCUZZI Moved ^{to} ~~go~~ waive the reading of the Steering Committee report. Seconded. Approved by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

The Steering Committee met on Wednesday, January 15, 1992, in the Democratic Caucus Room of the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Richard Lyons who declared a quorum.

Present at the meeting:

Richard Lyons, Chairman	Annie M. Summerville	John J. Boccuzzi
David Martin	Audrey Maihock	Carmen Domonkos
John J. Hogan	Ellen Bromley	Mary Lou Rinaldi
William Belcher	Robert DeLuca	Pamela Harris, LWV
James Rubino	Donald Sherer	J. Tarzia, Bd. of Finance
Bobby Owens	Maria Nakian	Janet Gramza, Advocate
William Kosbob	Thomas Pia	John Roman, WSTC
John Zelinsky	Judith Evanko	Anne Kachaluba
W. Dennis White	Marggie Laurie	

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were 21 of the 22 items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and one item under Resolutions: Sense-of-the-Board Resolution Concerning Reimbursement of Attorney Fees for Members of Police Association. Ordered removed from the Agenda was the \$9,640 for Mayor's Office salaries; item defeated by Board of Finance.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were the four items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and one item from the Addenda.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were two of the three items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda; one item was placed on the Pending Agenda concerning the hiring of a Zoning Enforcement Officer.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS & SEWER COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Addenda.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Ordered on the Agenda was the one item from the Addenda and one item from the Pending Agenda.

HOUSE COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

COLISEUM AUTHORITY LIAISON COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Suspension of Rules approved to place an item on the Agenda; Matter of changing state binding arbitration laws.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

ETHICS REVIEW COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

AUDIT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

RESOLUTIONS - The one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda was moved to the Fiscal Committee; A resolution re reimbursement of attorney fees for members of Police Association.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Steering Committee, upon a motion made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Richard L. Lyons, Chairman
Steering Committee

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Annie M. Summerville & Ellen E. Bromley, Co-Chairwomen

MS. SUMMERVILLE said the Appointments Committee met on Tuesday, January 28, 1992, at 7:00 p.m. All Committee members were present as well as Reps. Joan Rinaldi and John Hogan. Ms. Summerville said the Committee voted to place both names on the Consent Agenda.

PRESIDENT LYONS requested a machine vote. There were no objections to his request.

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

TERM EXPIRES

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| 1. <u>MR. JAMES G. CARR</u>
1802 Newfield Avenue | 11/30/93 |
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MS. SUMMERVILLE Moved for the approval of Mr. Carr. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS proceeded to a vote to confirm Mr. Carr to the position of Commissioner of Finance. APPROVED by a vote of 34 yes votes, one abstention and five not-voting.

The record notes that Rep. John Leydon left the Floor for the vote on Mr. Carr's confirmation.

BOARD OF ETHICS

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| 2. <u>MR. ATHANASIOS LOTER (R)</u>
220 High Clear Drive | Reappointment | 6/30/96 |
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MS. SUMMERVILLE Moved for the approval of Mr. Loter. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS proceeded to a vote to approve Mr. Loter. APPROVED by a vote of 31 yes votes, four abstentions and five not-voting.

MR. STORK Moved for Suspension of the Rules to take up an item on the Agenda out-of-order; item two under the Health and Protection Committee. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to Suspend the Rules. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Joseph Lovallo & Audrey Maihock, Co-Chairpersons

MRS. MAIHOCK said the Health and Protection meeting was held on Thursday, January 30, 1992 at 7:30 p. m. in the Legislative Chambers. Present were Audrey Maihock, Co-Chairperson; Joseph A. Gergle, Jr., Bobby Owens, Ellen Mellis and James Rubino; also, Board members John Zelinsky, Ralph Loglisci and Philip Stork; Rebecca Sobo, Josh Fedeli, Dr. Andrew McBride, State Senator George Jepsen, R. Douglas Ramsdell, Mr. Milton Mann, Mr. Ron Reuben, Debby Katz and several students.

2. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION CONCERNING REPEAL OF PARENTAL CONSENT REQUIREMENT FOR HIV/AIDS TESTING. Submitted by Rep. Philip R. Stork, R-15, 1/7/92.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE: (continued)

MRS. MAIHOCK stated that students Rebecca Sobo and Josh Fedeli gave a well-delivered presentation of their viewpoint on why they felt the change was necessary, and they commented on their activities to create an awareness in other students as to why HIV testing should be done.

Mrs. Maihock said that Dr. McBride spoke before the Committee, giving statistics that 2,000 people are infected with HIV/AIDS in Stamford and 20 to 25% are in their 20's; he also stated that Stamford is the 4th leading city in Connecticut in number of cases and he felt that HIV testing is important as an educational tool. Mrs. Maihock said that the Doctor told the Committee that the Health Department provides counselling with the testing; the testing is free and is anonymous and confidential; also, that parents are involved in some of the counselling and abstinence is part of the counselling.

Mrs. Maihock said that Sen. Jepsen wants to introduce a bill in the State to make HIV testing available to individuals under the age of 18 without parental consent; Sen. Jepsen felt that this was needed to give young people an opportunity for testing if they are reluctant to approach their parents.

Mrs. Maihock said that Rep. Rubino introduced an amendment to the resolution, "Now therefore be it resolved that the 22nd Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford goes on official record supporting state legislation making available to individuals under the age of 18, HIV/AIDS testing without parental consent."

Mrs. Maihock said that there was an error in the resolution and was corrected to read, "Whereas, the sub-committee will be coordinating with local state legislators to revise existing law requiring parental consent under the age of 18, before being tested for HIV/AIDS."

Mrs. Maihock Moved for approval of the resolution. Seconded.

MR. LOGLISCI said that he commended Rebecca Sobo and Josh Fedeli on their presentation at the Committee meeting; also, he thanked Dr. McBride and Sen. Jepsen for their input.

Mr. Loglisci stated that he listened to Dr. McBride speak on counselling as part of the program and on the surface, it sounded great, but there were many loopholes and questions; anonymity of a student if so desired; no ability to accept counselling; little or no way to track students; any long term counselling must be referred to an appropriate agency and no way to ascertain the percentage of students who went and/or completed treatment.

Mr. Loglisci questioned how long grant money would be available and in what amount? He said that the program is a screening one and he listened to Mr. Ramsdell who runs the FLEPS program at Stamford High and Mr. Ramsdell was confident that his program was bringing the message of the terrors of AIDS and drugs to the students; Mr. Loglisci stated that he felt that Mr. Ramsdell was not confident about the program in other area schools.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE: (continued)

MR. LOGLISCI stated that Mr. Ramsdell spoke to the Committee about dysfunctional and single parent families. Mr. Loglisci stated that dysfunctional families can have two parents and appear at all social, economic levels. He said that he believed that the majority of all students come from homes that are functional.

Mr. Loglisci said that the problem seems to be government that is intent to continue to assault the integrity of the family as the basic social unit in America. Mr. Loglisci stated that outside groups strive to assimilate the role of parents and that legislation seeks to determine what is right or wrong for our children without looking at the traditional role of parenting. Mr. Loglisci stated that professionals have a million ideas but have forgotten one, common sense, and want to take parents out of any decision making process that affects their children's lives.

Mr. Loglisci stated that the children will take the HIV test either because they are either sexually active, intravenous drug users or both. He said the children are living a dangerous life that affects parents, siblings, friends and all those that love them. He said that tests be given to any student who wants one but the results, positive or negative, must be shared with parents. He said that the Health Department has mechanisms available in cases with special situations to by-pass the law. Mr. Loglisci stated that the Board of Education always preaches parental involvement and this life and death struggle presents an opportunity for the schools to live up to their own challenge as the state cannot protect the children, only the parents' vigilance and dedication can protect and insure their futures.

MR. STORK urged his colleagues to look at the young people in the gallery and said that there were many times that the teenagers say that they are not being heard. Mr. Stork stated that the teenagers present are pleading on behalf of their peers to be heard. Mr. Stork said that the resolution speaks for itself and that a teenagers under 18 can go for testing for sexually transmitted diseases but not AIDS without parental consent; a 17-year old can donate blood without parental consent and is automatically tested for AIDS. Mr. Stork said that the city's health director endorses the resolution recommending revision of the parental consent statute concerning individuals under age 18; he urged the Board to support the resolution.

MR. ZELINSKY said that he commended the young adults who formed the sub-committee on the important topic and those who took the time to come before the Health and Protection Committee and spoke.

Mr. Zelinsky said that he had some concerns and preferred that the Committee held a public hearing to get input. Mr. Zelinsky stated that he was concerned with the children that are 11 or 12 years of age and should the parents not be aware of their problems? Mr. Zelinsky said that he was concerned about not having the parents involved in the process as parents are concerned about their children, and their problems.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE: (continued)

MR. ZELINSKY said that one of the foremost concerns of parents is the health of their children, and he thought the resolution should be approved.

Mr. Zelinsky Moved to amend the resolution; the last paragraph, "...without parental consent." adding the following sentence, "However, after the test results are known, the parents will be notified that a test was given."
Seconded.

Mr. Zelinsky said that it was a serious concern and did not want any young adults not to be tested because of not being able to get parental consent. He also believed that the parents should be a part of the process.

MR. STORK thanked Mr. Zelinsky for attending the Health and Protection Committee meeting. Mr. Stork said that he was against the amendment because it takes away a lot of the meaning of the resolution. Mr. Stork said that the teenagers are simply not going to make the effort to go for a test if they know that at some point, if it is a negative response, that they still have to face up to their parents; the idea is to have the teenagers tested and the incentive is taken away when the parents are notified. Mr. Stork stated that Dr. McBride said that if the test is negative, the individual still gets counselling by the system; if the response is positive, the counselling is given coupled with the parents. Mr. Stork said the amendment is not necessary in view of Dr. McBride's statements.

MR. PAVIA said that he was in favor of the amendment. He said if the test result is positive, will the individual go to the parent and ask for help in paying the bills? Mr. Pavia said if the parent is excluded in one phase, the parent should be excluded in all phases. Mr. Pavia urged the approval of the amendment.

MR. LOGLISCI asked a point of information; he said that perhaps HIV should be included in the amendment.

PRESIDENT LYONS read the amendment; "Now therefore be it resolved that the 22nd Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford goes on official record supporting state legislation making available to individuals under the age of 18 HIV/AIDS testing without parental consent. However, after the results, the parents will be notified that a HIV test was held."

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote on the amendment. DEFEATED by a voice vote.

MR. LEYDON said that he agreed with many of the sentiments expressed by Rep. Loglisci. He said that he felt that all the resolution does is to encourage individuals who aren't getting tested, to get tested and get treatment if necessary. Mr. Leydon said that he would support the resolution.

MRS. MELLIS said that she commended the students and felt strongly that given the fact that going from three to 160 full-blown AIDS cases in the last seven or eight years, it would be terrible not to have the young adults go for testing.

MR. LOGLISCI stated that if the educational system is doing a good job as claimed explaining the dangers and having health classes all the time, that it was hard to believe that the teenagers do not know of the dangers and if the teenagers think they are infected, what incentive is needed other than the idea of saving their lives. Mr. Loglisci said that the parents are showing the students that they do not care enough to help the students in the difficult times.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE: (continued)

MR. DeLUCA said that he agreed with Mr. Loglisci's comments. Mr. DeLuca said that when students skip classes, the parents are notified but in this life and death threatening situation, a parent is not notified of a test or has any input. Mr. DeLuca said that he conducted a survey of approximately 50 people and only two parents stated that they would not be interested in knowing if their child was being tested but definitely wanted to know the results; all the others, definitely stated that since the child was their responsibility, they definitely wanted to know if the child was having an AIDS test before the test took place. Mr. DeLuca urged the Board to reject the resolution.

MR. BOCCUZZI Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to Move the question. APPROVED by a voice vote.

PRESIDENT LYONS proceeded to a vote on the resolution. APPROVED by a vote of 20 yes and 8 no votes with 12 abstentions.

MR. SHERER asked for a point of information. He stated that if 40 people voted with 12 abstentions, do the 12 abstentions count as votes?

PRESIDENT LYONS stated that a simple majority is needed to pass a resolution; a majority of those voting, 20 yes votes.

MR. SHERER said that 21 votes were needed.

MR. DeLUCA Moved to challenge the vote. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS asked for an interpretation from the Parliamentarian.

MR. HOGAN, the Parliamentarian, stated that abstentions do not count as a vote on this kind of a vote.

MR. LYONS said that on the vote taken, there were 20 yes votes and eight no votes, the abstentions chose not to vote, therefore, the majority of votes were yes.

MR. HOGAN said the majority was on those present and voting and that the abstentions were not considered a vote.

MR. ZELINSKY questioned the Parliamentarian's word. He said that if someone was not voting at all, then they would not press either their yes or no button and would not press the abstention button. Mr. Zelinsky stated that even an abstention is a vote.

MR. HOGAN stated that the Board uses the machine to vote which is the same as a Roll Call vote, and under a Roll Call vote, the Rules state, "Each member as his name is called, rises and responds in the affirmative or negative. If he does not wish to vote, he answers present or abstains." Mr. Hogan said that with the Ruling, if he does not wish to vote, the abstentions are not votes.

PRESIDENT LYONS proceeded to a vote on the Ruling by the Chair and Parliamentarian that the motion was approved; a yes vote would be in favor of the Ruling by the Chair; a no vote is a vote opposing the Chair. The Ruling by the Chair was upheld by a vote of 30 yes and nine no votes.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Carmen Domonkos & Mary Lou Rinaldi, Co-Chairwomen

MRS. DOMONKOS said that the Fiscal Committee met twice; on Thursday, January 23, 1992, at 7:00 p.m. to consider items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 on the Agenda. Those present were Committee members M. Rinaldi, Hogan, Kosbob, Jetta, Loglisci, Pavia and Domonkos; also Board members Maihock, Morris, Mellis, Gergle, Summerville, Laurie, J. Rinaldi; representing the Fire Department was Capt. Tappe, Fire Marshal Sperenza and Commissioners Brennen, Hinchcliffe, and Fedeli; representing the Police Department was Chief Mayer, Capt. Reilly, Officers DelToro, Potolicchio; Police Commission members Inman, Lynch, Thomas and Miller.

Mrs. Domonkos said that the second meeting was held on Wednesday, January 29, 1992, at 7:00 p.m. Those attending were Committee members Rybnick, Kosbob, M. Rinaldi, Mollo, Domonkos, Leydon, Hogan, Jetta, Loglisci, Pavia; Board members Laurie, Sherer, Lovallo, Maihock, Zelinsky, Gergle, DeLuca, Johnson; Corporation Counsel McCabe, Acting Finance Commissioner Carr, Health Director Dr. Andrew McBride, Debby Katz, Joseph Tarzia, Public Works Commissioner Michael Pavia, Lou David, Tom Fava, SEMS Director John Hinchcliffe, Turn of River Fire Chief Robert Reid and members of the Big Five Volunteer Fire Departments.

Mrs. Domonkos placed items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 on the Consent Agenda. All Secondary Committees concurred or waived the Secondary report.

1. \$ 275,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - SANITATION - CODE 351.5521 LAND FILL AND REFUSE HAULAWAY - additional appropriation to cover expected shortfall in account. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 1/2/92. Board of Finance approved 1/13/92.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

2. \$ 478,153.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - COLLECTION - CODE 350 VARIOUS additional appropriation to cover cost of backyard garbage collection. Original budget request was cut.

350.1110 salaries	\$425,702
350.1127 differential	7,928
350.1201 overtime	39,193
350.2352 protective clothing	5,000
350.2740 telephone	<u>330</u>
	\$478,153

Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 1/8/92. Board of Finance approved 1/13/92.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

3. \$ 75,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - CODE 284.5501 CONTRACTED SERVICES - additional appropriation for janitorial services and security services at Transportation Center. (1991/92 budget request was reduced) Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 1/2/92. Board of Finance approved 1/13/92.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

4. \$ 4,466.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - CODE 410-1110 SALARIES - additional appropriation for reimbursement provided by the State of Connecticut of officers provided to the Regional Narcotics Squad. Reimbursements have been deposited in General Fund. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 12/17/91. Board of Finance approved 1/13/92.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

5. \$ 47,316.45 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - CODE 410-1201 OVERTIME - additional appropriation representing funds received from Stamford Running Club, \$3,300 and Department of Justice, U.S. Marshal \$44,316.45; funds have been deposited in General Fund. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 12/31/91. Board of Finance approved 1/13/92.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

6. \$ 13,039.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - CODE 410-1201 OVERTIME - additional appropriation for funds expended to provide Stamford Housing Authority with police foot patrols; Housing Authority has reimbursed the City's General Fund. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 12/31/91. Board of Finance approved 1/13/92.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

7. \$ 208,872.00 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - CODE 450.1201 OVERTIME - additional appropriation to fund overtime account. Extraordinary amount of overtime due to vacancies; six vacancies to be filled shortly. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 12/31/91. Board of Finance approved 1/13/92.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

8. \$ 100,000.00 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - CODE 450.1201 OVERTIME - additional appropriation to cover overtime due to layoff and reduction of firefighters; six vacancies filled. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 1/8/92. Board of Finance approved 1/13/92.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

9. \$ 45,528.03 - LAW DEPARTMENT - CODE 230.5150 PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS - additional appropriation to cover attorneys' fees in connection with the Board of Ethics investigation of E911 system. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 1/8/92. Board of Finance approved 1/13/92 for payment to Ethics Board's Atty. T. Maxwell.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

10. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT OF ATTORNEY'S FEES FOR MEMBERS OF THE STAMFORD POLICE ASSOCIATION. This supports Board of Finance resolution that the City is not liable for expenses incurred and contests City's liability for expenses and to seek repayment of any sums paid. Submitted by Rep. Robert DeLuca, R-14, 1/15/92.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

11. \$ 15,000.00 - FINANCE COMMISSIONER - CODE 240.5210 STENOGRAPHIC SERVICES additional appropriation to cover service for 911 Ethics Hearings. Budget has been exhausted. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 1/8/92. Board of Finance approved 1/13/92.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

12. \$ 4,800.00 - BOARD OF FINANCE - CODE 103.1130 PART-TIME - additional appropriation to fund part time clerical position to assist during budget review process. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 1/7/92. Board of Finance approved 1/13/92.

Above also referred to PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

13. \$ 81.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - HEALTH RISK REDUCTION GRANT - CODE 558.1310 SOCIAL SECURITY - additional appropriation for grant funds that will cover increase for social security part-time employees as of 7/1/91. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 12/31/91. Board of Finance approved 1/13/92.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

14. \$ 2,537.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - CODE 559 TB GRANT - VARIOUS - additional appropriation to bring the City's budget into compliance with the State approved budget. State awarded a grant in amount of \$51,500.

Code 559.1110 salaries	\$ 451
Code 559.1221 clothing	150
Code 559.1310 social security	170
Code 559.1330 medical & life	<u>1,766</u>
	\$ 2,537

Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 12/31/91. Board of Finance approved 1/13/92.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

15. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH AN AIDS PREVENTION AND EDUCATION OUTREACH PROGRAM. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 12/27/91.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

16. \$ 12,336.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - CODE 575.110 SALARIES - CADAC - AIDS - ARROWS - additional appropriation to continue salary line of grant from January - March 1992. Grant funds provide for two full time AIDS outreach workers to provide education and prevention. (Grant runs from January - December) Grant is fully reimbursable. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 1/2/92. Board of Finance approved 1/13/92.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

17. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO PLANT TREES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAND. Grant is to be \$20,000. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 12/16/91.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

MRS. DOMONKOS said that the Committee voted eight to one for approval. Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote on the approval of the resolution for a grant to plant trees on local government land. APPROVED by voice vote with three no votes, Mrs. Maihock, Mr. Jetta, and Mr. Loglisci.

18. \$ 20,000.00 - PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR CODE 610.462 TREE PLANTING - additional appropriation to cover grant to be received. The City will utilize small businesses to plant trees on government owned land. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 12/30/91. Planning Board approved 1/7/92. Board of Finance approved 1/13/92.

Above also referred to PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE.

MRS. DOMONKOS said that the Committee voted eight to one for approval. Moved and Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve \$20,000 for tree planting. APPROVED by voice vote with two no votes, Mrs. Maihock and Mr. Jetta.

19. REQUEST TO HAVE MEMBERS OF THE POLICE COMMISSION AND FIRE COMMISSION APPEAR BEFORE THE FISCAL COMMITTEE IN REGARDS TO SICK LEAVE. Submitted by Reps. William Kosbob, D-16, and Carmen Domonkos, D-18, 1/3/92.

MRS. DOMONKOS said that an entire meeting on sick leave was held with the Police and Fire departments. She said that a written report will be sent to all members. Mrs. Domonkos stated that some concerns in regards to the sick leave were well founded. She said that there were 27 firefighters out more than 20 days on sick leave in the last year; only five were injured on duty. She said that the Commission committed that they will hold hearings to try to work out the problems with the ones abusing the sick leave.

Mrs. Domonkos stated that the Police Department has a more serious problem; in 1989/90, the average sick days per person were 17.5; in 1990/91, there was an increase to 23.6 average per policeman. She said that the Commission will work with the Committee on the problem.

20. APPROVAL OF STAMFORD EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. CONTRACT. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 12/30/91. Board of Finance approved 1/13/92. (Previously approved by Planning Board)

MRS. DOMONKOS said that the Committee voted six to three to Hold the item in Committee. She said the Committee voted to Hold the item for three reasons; the operating costs that were presented in this contract vary approximately 19% from the contract received by the former Board. She that to make a responsible decision, an explanation from the Administration and SEMS as to what the increases are is needed.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

MRS. DOMONKOS: (continuing) Secondly, she said that the contract was not reviewed and presented to the Board by the city. She said that all information has been coming from SEMS who is the contractor, and this was discussed with the Mayor, and the Mayor agreed to have Finance Commissioner Carr review the budget and costs and the information would be presented to the Committee in February for the March meeting of the Board. Mrs. Domonkos said that there is no budget and the contract cannot be approved without knowing the costs.

Mrs. Domonkos stated that the third item was that there was an increase in the equipment costs from \$75,000 to \$125,000 over the last contract for purchase of two additional vehicles. She said the Committee wants an inventory of the existing vehicles and a projection of the replacement of the inventory and the justification for the new vehicles; in the past year, the purchase of two new ambulances and one fly car was approved.

MRS. DOMONKOS stated that the contract did not go out for bid and there is no bid waiver signed by the Mayor, the Commissioner of Finance and the Board of Finance. She said that this was a key part in the new purchasing ordinance approved last year, and the bid waiver must be in place. Mrs. Domonkos also said that there was no appropriation request with the contract and that the Committee felt that an assessment of finances be made before the contract can be approved.

MR. RUBINO Moved to take the item out of Committee. Seconded.

Mr. Rubino said that according to all the figures seen, that each month of delay of the intergrated system, the cost to the city is \$80,000, amounting to \$960,000 per year. Mr. Rubino said that the item has been considered for a long time and he did not agree with a great deal of what is embodied in the plan but it is time to get on with the plan so that we can start saving the city money and time to insure adequate paramedic and ambulance coverage.

MR. MARTIN stated that there has been a change in what the Mayor is willing to do and what the Board of Representatives has been asking for. Mr. Martin said that now the details have to be worked out and that the delay is not costing \$80,000 a month as there is only a saving of \$125,000 a year under the plan, therefore, a delay, would cost approximately \$10,000 if anything at all. Mr. Martin said that the Mayor agreed in principle and is having Commissioner Carr review the plan. Mr. Martin said that there were a number of non-principle issues that must be ironed out and he strongly urged that the item be Held for one month to receive answers to the issues.

MR. BOCCUZZI urged the Board to take the item out of Committee. He said that everyone is tired of the item and continually find more things wrong. Mr. Boccuzzi stated that he was thinking about the people who have to use the service. He said that now they are going to be asked to wait another month and they must pay the paramedic bills on their own. Mr. Boccuzzi said that the paramedic bills cannot be given to the insurance companies because the persons were not in the transport vehicle. He said that the longer the contract is held, the more costly it will be to the people who can least afford the service; the contract should be approved.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

MRS. MELLIS said that at this time, we are particularly concerned in regards to city finances and it would be fiscally irresponsible to sign a contract with an amount in the contract when there has been no chance to review the budget that goes with the contract. She felt that the contract should be Held.

MR. LAROBINA stated that he came prepared this evening to vote on the contract. He said that he was willing to extend one more month to the Committee in order to work out any problems. He stated that when the contract comes before the Board next month, he will vote to approve it.

MRS. MAIHOCK referred to Mr. Boccuzzi's remarks regarding the paramedics; if they are not in a transport vehicle, how will a person be billed if they are in a fly car coming out of Turn of River between 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m?

MR. BOCCUZZI said that if a person has paramedic service and is transported to a hospital in an ambulance, the bill for the paramedics cannot be given to the insurance company because the paramedics are not on the transport vehicle. He said that the paramedics have to be in the ambulance that transfers the patient to the hospital and then the insurance company will pay 80% of the bill.

MR. SHERER said that he was in favor of the item being taken out of Committee. He said that he believed that the concept of an intergrated ambulance paramedic service has been beaten to death and it is time to go on to the next step. Mr. Sherer stated that it was imperative that the contract be voted on this evening. Mr. Sherer said that as long as the item is being Held in Committee, the taxpayers are paying for medical insurance but are not able to benefit from it.

MR. JETTA Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to Move the question. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT LYONS proceeded to a vote to take the SEMS contract out of Committee. The motion was defeated by a 20 yes and 20 no votes. (Motion required 21 votes for approval)

The SEMS contract was Held in Committee.

MR. HOGAN said that according to Roberts Rules of Order, a motion is in order to postpone a vote until a certain time. Mr. Hogan Moved that the item in question just voted on be postponed until its proper position in the regular order of business at next month's meeting to be voted on at that time. Mr. Hogan said that the motion insures a vote on the question at next month's meeting. The motion was Seconded.

Mr. Hogan reviewed his motion which was to postpone to a certain time which would be the next regular meeting of the Board with the item in its proper place on the Agenda would be voted on either to approve or defeat.

MR. DeLUCA said that he was against the motion. He said that the Chair of Fiscal stated that more information is forthcoming and if the information is not received, he would not be in favor of voting on the item and would recommend that the item be Held again until all the information is obtained.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

MR. WHITE stated that he intends to vote one way or another at the next meeting. He said that this evening, he intended to vote to take the item out of Committee but for various reasons, did not vote to take out of Committee. Mr. White said that in reference to Mr. Hogan's motion, it would set a very dangerous and unhealthy precedent to tie the hands of the Board from one meeting to another.

MR. PAVIA said that he was in favor of the motion. He said that when all the questions are answered, someone will come up with something else to hold again. He said that all members should search their conscience and vote the item up or down.

MR. JETTA Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS proceeded to a vote on Mr. Hogan's motion to assure that item 20 is voted and acted upon at the next regular monthly meeting of the Board in the Fiscal Committee's normal sequence on the Agenda. DEFEATED by a vote of 22 no and 14 yes votes with four not voting.

21. FEASIBILITY OF COLLECTING 5% OF WHAT THE TOTAL TAX WOULD BE FOR NON-PROFIT REAL ESTATE. Submitted by Rep. Robert DeLuca, R-14, 12/10/91. Report made and Held in Committee 1/6/92.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

22. INQUIRY INTO THE IMPACT AND EFFECT OF RE-EVALUATION ON THE TAXPAYERS AND FISCAL CONDITION OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD. Submitted by Reps. John Hogan, Jr., D-12, Audrey Maihock, R-19, David Martin, D-19, and Maria Nakian, D-20, 12/13/91. Report made and Held in Committee 1/6/92.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

MRS. DOMONKOS said a Sub-committee meeting was held on January 14, with Committee members Hogan, Kosbob, Pavia, and Domonkos present. She said the Tax Assessor's office told the Committee that the Grand List final figures were not available and should be available by mid-February.

MRS. DOMONKOS Moved to Suspend the Rules to take up an item not on the Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to Suspend the Rules to take up an item not on the Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

23. \$ 58,200.00 - STAMFORD AMBULANCE CORPS - CODE 470.4380 SAC - additional appropriation to fund transport service for Turn of River & Long Ridge Fire Districts for months of February and March. Requested by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 1/24/92. Board of Finance approved 1/25/92.

Above also referred to HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

MRS. DOMONKOS said that the Stamford Ambulance Corps has been coming in on a monthly basis for the operating costs until the SEMS contract is in place. She said the appropriation was for the February and March appropriations. Mrs. Domonkos said the Committee voted eight to zero to approve. Moved and Seconded.

A motion to waive the Secondary Committee report was Moved, Seconded and APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve \$58,200 for the Stamford Ambulance Corps. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

MRS. DOMONKOS Moved the Consent Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Maria Nakian, Chairwoman

MRS. NAKIAN said the Committee met on Monday, January 27, 1992, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Nakian, Bromley, Domonkos, LaDestro, Maihock, Martin, Mitchell, Morris, J. Rinaldi, Sherer and Zelinsky; also present were Reps. Rubino, Summerville and Owens; Corporation Counsel Daniel McCabe and James Nelson, Trustee of the Grace Evangelical Free Church.

Mrs. Nakian placed items two and five on the Consent Agenda.

1. (L&R22.01) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING TAX ABATEMENT FOR SITE AT 93 SPRUCE STREET DEVELOPED BY NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM OF STAMFORD. Originally submitted by Greg Dunn, Executive Director, Neighborhood Preservation Program of Stamford, CT., Inc., 295 West Main Street, Stamford, CT 06902, 7/11/91; resubmitted by Rep. Maria Nakian, 11/20/91. Held in Committee 12/16/91. Approved for publication 1/6/92.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

2. (L&R22.06) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING LOITERING. Submitted by Rep. James Rubino, R-7, 11/13/91. Held in Committee 12/16/91 and 1/6/92.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

3. (L&R22.07) PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND THE STAMFORD EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. FOR PREMISES KNOWN AS 684 LONG RIDGE ROAD, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT WHICH HAS BEEN USED AS HEADQUARTERS OF THE STAMFORD AMBULANCE CORPS, INC. Schedule A of Contract. Per SEMS Contract submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 12/30/91. Previously approved by Planning Board. Board of Finance approved 1/13/92.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

4. (L&R22.08) PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF AMBULANCES AND CERTAIN ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT FROM THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO THE STAMFORD EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. Schedule B of Contract. Per SEMS Contract submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 2/30/91.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

5. (L&R22.09) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING TAX ABATEMENT FOR PARSONAGE AT 251 COURTLAND AVENUE OWNED BY GRACE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH. Requested by James L. Nelson, Trustee, Grace Evangelical Free Church, 241 Courtland Avenue, Stamford, CT 06906, 1/7/92.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

MRS. NAKIAN Moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - John J. Hogan, Jr., Chairman

The Committee met on Tuesday, January 28, 1992.

MR. HOGAN placed item one on the Consent Agenda.

1. REQUEST FOR MAYOR STANLEY ESPOSITO TO REINSTATE THE POSITION OF RESEARCHER TO THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 15, 1992 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1992. Requested by Rep. John J. Hogan, Jr., D-12, 1/8/92.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

2. FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES. Submitted by Rep. William Kosbob, D-16, 1/6/92.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

MR. HOGAN Moved the Consent Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - W. Dennis White, Chairman

MR. WHITE said the Committee met on Thursday, January 30, 1992, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members DePina, Laurie, Morris, LaDestro, Pavia, and White; also, Jon Smith, Planning and Zoning Director; Tom Janke, Graphics Coordinator and Charles Kogan, a computer consultant who had done work for the city in connection with the Luis mapping project.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE: (continued)

1. MATTER OF COLOR CODED PLANNING MAP AND ZONING MAP. Requested by Rep. W. Dennis White, D-1, 12/18/91. Report made and Held in Committee 1/6/92.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

MR. WHITE said that after some research, the Committee discovered a firm in New Jersey able to do the work; MacNaughton-Einson Graphics in Fairlawn, New Jersey. He said that previously, the work could be done in-house but allegedly, because of retirement and personnel cuts, such expertise is no longer available. Mr. White stated that after discussions with Mr. Janke, it was discovered that the artwork can be done in-house only if the Luis mapping program is completed; unfortunately, that part of the program, the capstone of the entire project allowing the resource to service itself, was never completed. Mr. White said that according to Mr. Janke, it is the missing link.

Mr. White said that funds were already appropriated, approximately \$100,000, but were administratively impounded by the previous administration apparently the result of budgetary considerations. Mr. White said there is money, and the last expansion of the Luis mapping program would enable the graphics department to prepare all kinds of graphic models and maps from road grids to contour lines, from zoning maps to voting district.

Mr. White said that if more than one map was needed, models would have to be sent to the publisher, like MacNaughton-Einson; the cost would be reduced and it would simplify the process. Mr. White said that it would equip the professional staff with an invaluable resource that would provide the rest of government with all sorts of civic tools.

Mr. White stated that a proper cost estimate cannot be obtained until MacNaughton-Einson sees the mechanicals and/or determines how much of the artwork, if any, they will have to do.

Mr. White stated that the Committee respectfully requests that the Board of Representatives leadership sets up a meeting with the Mayor, Jon Smith and Tom Janke to plead the case. Mr. White said that the original request of color coded maps has been expanded into two objectives: 1. A completion of the Luis mapping project as requested by the staff of the Planning and Zoning Department and 2. The furnishing of color-coded land use maps as requested by the Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS & SEWER COMMITTEE - Bobby Owens & Frank Mollo, Co-Chairmen

No report.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Joseph Lovallo & Audrey Maihock, Chairpersons

See page 5 of the Minutes for Committee report and details on item 2.

1. FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING FIRE LANES. Submitted by Steven E. Heilner, Chairman, Fire Marshal Association, City of Stamford, CT., 9/27/91. Returned to Committee 12/16/91. Held in Steering 1/18/91.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE: (continued)

See page 5 of Minutes for details on following item:

2. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION CONCERNING REPEAL OF PARENTAL CONSENT REQUIREMENT FOR HIV/AIDS TESTING. Submitted by Rep. Philip R. Stork, R-15, 1/7/92.

(Approved by a vote of 20 yes and 8 no votes with 12 abstentions)

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Robert DeLuca & Thomas Pia, Co-Chairmen

MR. PIA said the Committee met on Monday, January 27, 1992, at 7:30 p.m. Present were Committee members William Kosbob, Donald Sherer, Thomas Pia, Robert DeLuca, Mildred Perillo, Joseph Gergle, Bobby Owens and Rep. Annie Summerville; also, Robert Neu, Parks and Recreation Director; Commissioner Bill Ryan, and boaters John Yeager, Mrs. & Mrs. Yeager, Carl Ezzo and Howard Teichman.

Mr. Pia said that the Committee also met this evening at 6:45 p.m. Attending were Committee members Pia, Perillo, DeLuca, Sherer, Kosbob, Gergle and Rybnick.

1. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED MARINA FEES FOR 1992. Parks & Recreation Commission on 1/8/92, recommended that the 1992 marina fees be kept at the same levels that prevailed in 1991. Submitted by Robert F. Neu, Director of Parks & Recreation, 1/9/92.

MR. PIA said the Committee vote to approved the marina fees with the exception of the winter storage fees which will be held for further information to be received from Mr. Neu. Mr. Pia Moved for approval. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve the marina fees as proposed with the exception of the winter storage fees which are to be held. APPROVED by voice vote with two no votes, Mr. Jetta and Mr. LaDestro.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - John R. Zelinsky, Chairman

No report.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Frank Mollo, Chairman

Ms. Mitchell reported for Mr. Mollo.

MS. MITCHELL said the Committee met on Thursday, January 30, 1992, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Ellen Mellis, Nick Pavia, Fred Johnson, Annie Summerville and Elaine Mitchell; also attending was Rep. Gloria DePina, Richard Gitlen, Director of Community Development; Howard Quinn and Gerald Parks of New Neighborhoods, Inc. and John Roman of WSTC.

1. REVIEW OF NEW NEIGHBORHOODS, INC. FUNDS IN REGARDS TO REPAIRS FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING APARTMENT BALCONIES. Submitted by Rep. Frank A. Mollo, D-9, 1/10/92.

MS. MITCHELL said the Committee approved the request by a vote of 5-0-0; no further action was necessary by the Board.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - Michael Larobina & Mary Lou Rinaldi, Co-Chairpersons

No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Donald Sherer, Chairman

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Judith Evanko, Chairwoman

MS. EVANKO said the Committee met on Wednesday, January 29, 1992, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Gergle, Maihock, J. Rinaldi, Morris and Evanko. Also present was Rep. DeLuca and Corporation Counsel Daniel McCabe.

1. REQUEST TO LOOK INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC & PARKING STANDBY ACCOUNT AND TO DETERMINE EXTENT OF SIGNAL BREAKDOWN PROBLEM. Submitted by Steering Committee, 1/15/92. (Per request from Joseph Tarzia, Chairman, Board of Finance)

HELD IN COMMITTEE

2. MATTER OF ADVERTISING ON CITY PROPERTY. Submitted by Rep. Robert DeLuca, R-14, 11/27/91. Held in Committee 12/16/91. Held on Pending 1/18/91.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HOUSE COMMITTEE - Gerald Rybnick, Chairman - No report.

COLISEUM AUTHORITY LIAISON COMMITTEE - Garry Clemmons, Chairman - No report.

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE - Kurt A. Jetta & John J. Boccuzzi, Co-Chairmen

MR. JETTA said that the Committee met on Thursday, January 30, 1992, at 7:00 p.m. Attending were Committee members Boccuzzi, Hogan, Jetta and Loglisci; excused were Reps. Bromley and M. Rinaldi; also attending were Rep. DeLuca; Ray Bushie from the Municipal Administrators Association (MAA); Bill Krynitzky, President of the Municipal Employers Association (MEA); Richard Robinson, from the Asst. Corporation Counsel Union (ACCU) and Peter Thor, Association of Federal, State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

1. SENSE-OF-THE BOARD RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE STATE BINDING ARBITRATION LAWS. Submitted by Rep. Robert DeLuca, R-14, 1/15/92.

MR. JETTA stated that Mr. DeLuca explained his rationale for introducing the matter and to have the Board pass a resolution requesting the Connecticut General Assembly to reform the Binding Arbitration Act.

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: (continued)

MR. JETTA said that Mr. DeLuca stated before the Committee that past arbitration awards weighted heavily in favor of labor as opposed to the municipalities and since the arbitrators decisions are final in these case, municipalities and municipal taxpayers have incurred a heavy financial burden from the awards. Mr. Jetta stated that Mr. DeLuca went on to state that the General Assembly currently has the right to reject arbitrators awards against the State, thereby forcing another round of negotiations; municipalities, however, do not have the same right.

Mr. Jetta said that Mr. Krynitzky of the MEA, in response to Mr. DeLuca, stated that giving municipalities the right to reject awards would prolong the negotiations process and impose an unnecessary hardship on union members; Mr. Krynitzky cited as an example that the city and the MEA are going to binding arbitration on February 14, 1992, over the 1989/90 contract, and another round, could add several months to an eventual settlement.

Mr. Jetta stated that after further discussion, it was the sense of the Committee that, despite this legitimate concern, the arbitration system is flawed in that: 1) Virtually, all awards over the past 5-10 years have gone against the City of Stamford, 2) The system of appointing arbitrators is highly political and weighted in favor of labor, and 3) The evaluation of a city's ability to pay is too narrow in that a city's bond rating is often the only criteria for deciding if an award toward labor would pose a hardship on the municipality.

Mr. Jetta said that the Committee voted 4 - 0 with no abstentions to approve the resolution. Moved and Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve the resolution. APPROVED by voice vote with one no vote, Mr. Stork.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - William Belcher, Chairman

MR. BELCHER said that the Committee met on Tuesday, January 21, 1992, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Reps. Kosbob, Mellis and Belcher; excused were Reps. Rubino and Morris; also attending were Harry Harris and Joe Ercolano of SACIA and John Roman of WSTC.

1. DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER OF DEVELOPING A STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN TO ENHANCE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD; appointment of members to Commission and public hearings to solicit input. Requested by Rep. William Belcher, R-13, 12/20/91.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

MR. BELCHER stated that there was discussion on the subject and the Committee would like to continue discussions on assessing the needs and to meet with the appropriate and private organizations, city boards, commissions and departments before the Committee makes any official report. Mr. Belcher requested that both democrats and republicans contact their Town Committees to obtain nominees for candidates to the new established Economic Development Commission. Mr. Belcher said that not much can be done until the Commission makes recommendations.

ETHICS REVIEW COMMITTEE - Maria Nakian & James Rubino, Co-Chairpersons

No report.

REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE - David R. Martin & Philip R. Stork, Co-Chairmen

No report.

AUDIT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE - John J. Boccuzzi & Robert DeLuca

No report.

RESOLUTIONS - SUSPENSION OF RULES APPROVED TO TAKE UP FOLLOWING ITEM:

1. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION HONORING CATHERINE "KITTY" SIGLER, RETIRING PRESIDENT, STAMFORD SENIOR COUNCIL, INC. Submitted by Reps. Carmen Domonkos, D-18, and John R. Zelinsky, Jr., D-11, 2/3/92.

MRS. DOMONKOS Moved for approval of the resolution. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve the resolution. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

MINUTES

1. DECEMBER 16, 1991 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Approved.
2. JANUARY 6, 1992 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Not ready.

COMMUNICATIONS - None.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS - None.

AJOURNMENT - Upon a motion duly made and Seconded and Approved by a voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Anne A. Kachaluba

Anne A. Kachaluba, Administrative Assistant
and Recording Secretary
22nd Board of Representatives

APPROVED:

Richard L. Lyons

Richard L. Lyons, President
22nd Board of Representatives

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