

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 1994

23RD BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

The regular meeting of the 23rd Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Tuesday, July 5, 1994, in the Legislative Chamber of the Board of Representatives, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 p.m. by President Mary Lou Rinaldi after both parties met in Caucus.

INVOCATION was given by Representative John R. Zelinsky, Jr., D-11.

"Lord, guide us this evening in our deliberations; let us think and vote our own consciences in the best interest of our constituents and residents of Stamford. Also, let us remember in our prayers, the late Daniela Romano, the 14-year old Cloonan Middle School 8th grade student who was struck down; her mother, Filomena; sisters and brothers and the rest of the family. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by President Mary Lou Rinaldi.

ROLL CALL was taken by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There were 36 members present and four absent. Absent were Steven Montello, Mildred Perillo (excused), John F. Leydon, Jr., (excused) and Nicholas Pavia (excused).

The Chair declared a quorum.

MACHINE TEST VOTE was taken by President Mary Lou Rinaldi. The machine was in good working order.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE:

For the late LOUIS R. GENTILE requested by Representatives Ronald A. Sabia and Philip R. Stork of the 15th District. "Mr. Gentile worked for the U. S. Postal Service as a letter carrier for 35 years before retiring in 1962. He was a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers. He later worked for the former Fidelity Bank for 10 years as a messenger and in its mail room. Mr. Gentile is survived by his wife, Margaret Cerreta Gentile; a son, Edward Gentile and a daughter, Marie Salata; two brothers, Joseph and Albert Gentile; two sisters, Grace Macari and Ann Carriero; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Gentile and her family."

For the late MARY PETRO requested by Representative Gerald Rybnick of the 4th District. "Mrs. Petro was the daughter of the late Andrew and Anna Turanec. She worked for Yale & Towne Company. She was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Emil Petro; a son, Emil J. Petro; a daughter Beverly Slinsky; two sisters, Emily Brna and Helen Manka; a grandson; and several nieces and nephews. I extend my deepest sympathy to Mr. Petro and the family."

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: (continued)

For the late MARY ELLEN VORVIS requested by the 23rd Board of Representatives. "Mrs. Vorvis was the mother of Pati Esposito and mother-in-law of Mayor Stanley J. Esposito. Our sincerest sympathy to Pati Esposito and her family."

For the late DANIELA ROMANO requested by the 23rd Board of Representatives. "Daniela Romano was 14 years old. She was an 8th grade student at Cloonan Middle School, a youth who was struck by an automobile. The loss of Daniela touched all our hearts. We extend our deepest sympathy to her mother, Filomena, her sister and her brother. She will be greatly missed."

For the late ARTHUR GALLUP requested by Representatives Alice Fortunato and Mary Lou Rinaldi. "Sincere condolences to John Gallup and members of the family."

For the late CHARLES KOSBOB requested by Representatives Carmen Domonkos, Michael Larobina, Ellen Mellis and Ralph Loglisci. "Mr. Kosbob was the father of former Representatives William Kosbob. Bill has been a friend of the Board and the city. Our sincerest sympathy to William and the Kosbob family."

MAYOR STANLEY J. ESPOSITO'S ANNUAL MESSAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993/94 AS PER CHARTER SECTION 3-10-6.

"Good evening, everyone. I'm here tonight to deliver the 'State of the City' address. I must say, I'm delighted to have the opportunity to do just that, because, frankly, I think the City of Stamford is in good shape.

"As I reflected over the past year, the word 'challenge' came to mind over and over again. We face many challenges; we face them together, and some still lie on the horizon, but, I think I'd rather classify them as opportunities; opportunities for change, opportunities to work together, opportunities to streamline city government and opportunities to make Stamford better than it has every been. For example, this year's budget process became a challenge that has resulted in the greatest opportunity of all, that of revising the city's system for budget preparation. The latest budget go-round has made it clear that in order to truly create a responsible budget, all parties should be aware from the beginning the true needs of city departments. I have had conversations with many of you about this process and as a result, will convene budget review and planning sessions beginning this August. These sessions will include members of the Board of Finance, the Board of Representatives, my administration and department heads. After all, we are all working toward the same goal, a responsible, realistic budget.

"From the beginning, my administration has tried to be fiscally responsible. For three years now, we have delivered budgets resulting in increases well below the rate of inflation while providing services important to Stamford's citizens. My latest budget contained specific initiatives in the area of public safety because one message I have heard continually from all segments of our community is the concern that Stamford remain a safe place to live in and do business. Our neighborhoods have been calling for community based policing; our business community is calling for increased police presence. This will now be difficult to implement effectively due to cuts to that police budget.

"Probably, the biggest challenge we faced this year was dealing with our latest property revaluation. Fixing our flawed reval also created the opportunity to complete and implement our computer assisted mass appraisal system. Three years from now, or at any time we determine, we have the capability to review our city's properties and mark our properties to the market. And, since we've now met the challenge of creating an aggressive, coordinated approach to economic development, we now have the greatest opportunity to increase Stamford's tax base.

"Our first economic development challenge was to analyze Stamford's diverse business organizations and encourage them to begin moving together in the same direction. The resultant 'Committee of Nine' has been working well and cooperatively for some time now. It has become a productive alliance. As a result, we now have a new Enterprise Zone. We have been awarded a grant, along with the City of Norwalk, which will enable us to enhance light industrial space, making it more marketable. We have a business retention plan already in effect and we have two economic development professionals who receive contacts from companies interested in Stamford on a daily basis.

"Economic development holds the key to the success of our city. I want to thank all of you who have given of your time, effort and expertise to assure that success. After all, Stamford really is the 'sound choice' for business and spreading that message will benefit us all.

"Another challenge met this year was the settlement of seven out of eight labor contracts. Tonight, you will consider the firefighters contract. I believe it is a contract which is fair to both the city and our firefighters. My administration's approach to the negotiation of city contracts takes into account the diversity of our unions. We approach each contract individually, and in doing so, we address each specific union's needs, demands, and issues important to them as well as the city. We have found that this individualization has resulted in amicable negotiations and contracts which are fair to both the unions and the City of Stamford. All seven unions are to be commended for their good faith negotiation with the city and their concern for the city's fiscal restraints. Ray Grebey is to be commended for singlehandedly bargaining successfully on behalf of our city. He is a one-man operation who has covered amazing ground alone.

"The last remaining contract to be settled, of course, is the police contract, now in the hands of the arbitrators. We expect their decision sometime in August. Remember, please, the decision to go to binding arbitration with the police union was a mutual one made in 1991. Neither side was forced into the process; soon both sides will have the arbitrator's decision and we will all adjust to and live by their ruling.

"While we're on the subject of the Police Department, this year I appointed a new police chief; an appointment of which I am extremely proud. Many of you may not know this, but I took a lot of heat over this process and the length of time it took, but, it was time well spent. Pat Tully is a true professional and a strong leader. He has jumped into his job with both feet and has been very busy getting to know our community first hand and the department on a first name basis.

MAYOR STANLEY J. ESPOSITO'S ANNUAL MESSAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993/94 AS PER CHARTER SECTION 3-10-6 (continued)

"He has already begun to implement new programs and procedures, and has opened a dialogue with the police union. I have the utmost faith in his ability to turn the department around. Pat was a key player in the city's award of the ROCCY program (reclaim our cities) and it is now a program tailored to the needs of the City of Stamford and the fact that it is tailored to our own city needs will be the key to its success.

"There are a lot of other positive things happening in Stamford and I'd like to take a minute to focus on them. The State of Connecticut's purchase of the Bloomingdale property was a particularly good piece of news for the city. The prestige alone of housing an extended branch of a major university and a graduate business program is a shot in the arm for all of us. In the short term, renovations to the building, the Bloomingdale site, will translate into construction jobs. In the long term, it will mean increased foot traffic, added life in our downtown both day and night, increased retail sales and restaurant activity as well.

"I would caution those planning the new campus, however, to remember the lessons learned from projects of the past and assure an open and ready access to local city streets. We want to see students encouraged to take part in all that our city has to offer.

"Our downtown is looking better and better thanks to the efforts of the Downtown Special Services District in partnership with the city. Our Parks and Recreation Department and Public Works Department have worked with the DSSD in creating a beautified, pleasant city center. Stamford is quickly becoming the dining, shopping and entertainment destination in Fairfield County. It is our responsibility to assure that the momentum already in place continues.

"If you look at the pieces of the puzzle that will come together here over the next few years, you will see why I am so encouraged by what I believe the future holds for Stamford--UConn moving downtown; our downtown being marketed to new retailers; The Stamford Center for the Arts attracting more and more exciting entertainment and entertainers; quality restaurants opening and surviving which draw people from all over the area; the potential for expanded shopping opportunities at the Stamford Town Center; our sadness of losing J. C. Penney's coupled with the anticipation that a new Filene's promotes; and our economic development efforts filling empty office and light manufacturing space--how could anybody really be 'down' on Stamford?

"I'm also a realist; I know we face real issues and I won't hide from or run from them. I do believe, however, that they too will be overcome and we will see a stronger city as a result. Stamford, at times, may feel like the small town it once was, but we are now a big city and we face big city issues. It is important that we all understand this and adjust our thinking and methods of action.

"We must be able to attack the crime issue head on to assure the safety of our citizens and visitors and we need to think creatively of ways to compete with other 'big cities' in the attraction of business to Stamford. That is why I think the most important challenge that, you, as a Board, will realize this year is that of Charter Revision.

MAYOR STANLEY J. ESPOSITO'S ANNUAL MESSAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993/94 AS PER CHARTER SECTION 3-10-6 (continued)

"Stamford is a city on the edge of greatness. We have untold potential, but we are hampered by provisions of a city charter created almost 50 years ago. Our government structure is strangling our city's ability to function and grow. We need a structure that will allow quicker response, smoother processes, and less political and bureaucratic maneuvering. I hope you will look closely at a few key issues in Charter Revision and begin to bring Stamford into the 21st century as a competitive, well oiled city machine and one in which responsibility and accountability are clearly defined and easily measured. That is the number one challenge of Charter Revision. My concern is that without a restructuring of our charter, we are setting a course for failure rather than creating an atmosphere where we can all grow and prosper.

"In closing, I'd like to say that I've set some personal challenges that I hope we can turn into greater opportunities for our city. The first challenge I've set for myself is to keep all of you advised of my thoughts and initiatives, but I'd certainly like the opportunity to receive the same from you. I urge you all to call me with your concerns. Don't have them reach me second or even third hand. The telephone works both ways and if you wish, please come in and discuss your concerns face to face.

"I'd like to urge you to attend the pre-steering meetings that we've scheduled. It is a chance for Board members and the Mayor to gain information and for me to learn what you feel are priority issues in your city, not only in your districts, but also city wide. I've learned that most conflict has been the result of misinformation or the lack of information on both sides. After all, as I said earlier, we're all working toward the same goal, doing what is best for the city and those who live and work here. This is a sincere offer to all of you; I will do my part, I hope I can count on you to reciprocate. I promise we will all benefit from it and, in turn, so will the city.

"Now, I know you have a lot of work to do tonight. I wish you well and look forward to having the opportunity to work with you on the challenges that lie on the horizon. Thank you all and good night."

PRESIDENT RINALDI thanked Mayor Esposito for giving the Annual Message.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Chairwoman Mary Lou Rinaldi.

REPORT. Waived.

REP. BOCCUZZI Moved to waive the reading of the Steering Committee report. Seconded. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

The Steering Committee met on Wednesday, June 15, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the Democratic Caucus Room of the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Mary Lou Rinaldi at 7:32 p.m. A quorum was present.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)Present at the meeting:

Mary Lou Rinaldi, Chairwoman	Nicholas Pavia	John R. Zelinsky, Jr.
Marggie Laurie	Gregory LaDestro	Carmen Domonkos
Michael Larobina	John Hogan, Jr.	Philip Stork
Annie Summerville	John Boccuzzi	Angela Housey
Alice Fortunato	Thomas Pia	Robert DeLuca
Maria Nakian	Bobby Owens	Jeffrey Curtis
Elaine Mitchell	David Scalzi	Ralph Loglisci
Donald Sherer	David Martin	John Roman
		Anne Kachaluba

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Ordered Held in Steering was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were 14 of the 15 items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda; one item concerning the Canfield water line was placed on the Pending Agenda. Ordered off the Pending Agenda were three item concerning college tuitions.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were 10 of the 12 items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. One item was combined with a Fiscal item and one item was Moved to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Ordered on the Agenda were two items appearing on the Pending Agenda. Ordered off the Pending Agenda was one item re tax abatement for Jehovah's Witnesses.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were two of the five items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Ordered Held in Steering were three items. Ordered off the Pending Agenda was one item re pay plan for classified and unclassified administrators.

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

PUBLIC WORKS & SEWER COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda. The one item appearing on the Addenda was Moved to the Public Safety Committee. One item appearing on the Pending Agenda was ordered on to the Agenda.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was one of the three items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and one Moved from the Legislative & Rules Committee. Ordered off the Agenda were two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and one that appeared on the Addenda.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was one of the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Ordered on the Pending Agenda was one item concerning limits for recipients receiving assistance.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were the three items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

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

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

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

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

ETHICS REVIEW COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and one Moved from the Health and Protection Committee.

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

REVALUATION COMMITTEE - Ordered Held in Steering was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

RESOLUTIONS - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Addenda.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Steering Committee, upon a motion made, Seconded and Approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Mary Lou T. Rinaldi, Chairwoman
Steering Committee

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Annie M. Summerville, Chairwoman - No report.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Carmen Domonkos, Chairwoman

REP. DOMONKOS said that the Committee met on Wednesday, June 29, 1994 at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Ronald Sabia, Carmen Domonkos, John Hogan, Elaine Mitchell, Maria Nakian, Nicholas Pavia, Gerald Rybnick, Donald Sherer and David Wilk; Gloria DePina and Ralph Loglisci were excused. Also present was Marggie Laurie, Bobby Owens and Audrey Maihock.

Rep. Domonkos said that a public hearing was held at 6:00 p.m. on the Neighborhood Assistance Act.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. DOMONKOS placed items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 12 on the Consent Agenda. All Secondary Committees concurred or waived the reading of the Secondary report. Rep. Domonkos Moved for approval. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with Rep. Fortunato abstaining on items 2 and 3; Rep. Mailhock abstaining on item 6; and Rep. Summerville abstaining on item 8.

- \$ 18,700.00 - (Approved)
1. \$ 28,900.67 - LAW DEPARTMENT - CODE 230.5907 TAX COLLECTION EXPENSES - additional appropriation to cover expenses associated with the purchase of property by the city at 60 Strawberry Hill Avenue. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/13/94. Board of Finance approved 5/12/94. Held in Committee 5/2/94. \$15,069.33 of \$43,970 request approved 6/6/94, balance Held in Committee.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

REP. DOMONKOS said that the Committee reduced item 1 to \$18,700; the \$28,900 Held last month was reduced to \$18,700. She said that \$14,225 is for the common charges representing a portion of the six months which the condo association can charge back six months. She said that the common charges were \$2,845 a month and at closing, a portion of the charges were paid so the remaining owed is \$14,225.

Rep. Domonkos said that there is also a charge of \$1,654 a month for electricity which will be contested by Corporation Counsel McCabe because he feels the charge is too high and is based on what the restaurant was using. Also, she said that there is a special assessment of \$423 a month to cover additional costs that the condo association has not been able to pay for repairs that come above the common charge. Rep. Domonkos said that there was also \$10,000 in lawyers fees. She said that the total comes to approximately \$33,700. She said that according to Mr. McCabe, the broker's fee is in the range of \$18,000 which will not be paid until the property is sold. Rep. Domonkos said that of the total amount of \$33,700, \$15,000 has been paid leaving \$18,700. The committee approved that amount.

REP. ZELINSKY Moved to waive the Secondary Committee report. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to waive the Secondary Committee report. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

REP. DOMONKOS Moved for approval. Seconded.

REP. DeLUCA asked if Corporation Counsel McCabe indicated if the \$315,000 was for the restaurant with the equipment or for the shell?

REP. DOMONKOS said that Mr. McCabe indicated that the appraisal was \$315,000 which he thought that he could get; he did not indicate and the Committee did not ask if that included the equipment.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. DeLUCA said that at the meeting in the Mayor's office on June 27, Mr. McCabe did not indicate that we could get anywhere near \$315,000.

REP. DOMONKOS said that Mr. McCabe said that he spoke to the broker who would market the property and the broker felt that they can get that amount. She said that everyone was told that the property was a shell and IRS took all the equipment, therefore, the Committee did not ask for an appraisal.

REP. DeLUCA asked if more information could be obtained on the appraisal?

REP. DOMONKOS said that she will get more information on the appraisal. She said the appropriation was for costs until June 30 and Mr. McCabe said that there will be more requests until the property is sold.

REP. MARTIN asked who was going to market the property?

REP. DOMONKOS said that Beaudry is the agent; there was an RFP and two companies put in an RFP, Beaudry and Pyramid.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve \$18,700 for the Law Department. APPROVED by voice vote.

2. \$ 39,963.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, SOLID WASTE DIVISION - CODE 351.5523 HAULAWAY OF BULKY WASTE - additional appropriation to cover greater cost due to increase of 36% in non-burnable construction and demolition waste over previous two fiscal years. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/3/94. Board of Finance approved 6/9/94.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE ABSTENTION, REP. FORTUNATO.

3. \$116,460.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, SOLID WASTE DIVISION - CODE 351.5524 HAULAWAY SLUDGE - additional appropriation to cover higher sludge haulaway costs due to more sludge being hauled away. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/3/94. Board of Finance approved 6/9/94.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE ABSTENTION, REP. FORTUNATO.

4. \$ 35,408.00 - SMITH HOUSE RESIDENCE - CODE 530.7564 SMITH HOUSE RESIDENCE - additional appropriation for Stamford Elderly Housing Corporation, management corporation for Smith House Residence, to cover deficits. City's agreement with SEHC provides for the city's funding of annual deficits. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/31/94. Board of Finance approved 6/9/94.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

5. \$ 11,975.00 - DEPARTMENT 94/95 FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION CODE 111.5150 PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS - additional appropriation for grant funds enabling the Environmental Protection Board to complete its delineation and mapping of flood-hazard areas, etc. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/31/94. Board of Finance approved 6/9/94.

Above also referred to ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

6. \$ 732,036.00 - DEPARTMENT 999 TEAMSTERS CONTRACT 92/93 & 93/94 - VARIOUS CODES - additional appropriation to fund contract. 1992/93, 3.25%; 1993/94, 3.25%. For fiscal year 1993/94, \$461,422; 290 fringe benefits \$35,229 totals \$496,721. Retro pay for fiscal year 1992/93 \$235,315. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/31/94. Board of Finance approved 6/9/94.

Above also referred to PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE ABSTENTION, REP. MAIHOCK.

7. \$ 649.00 - DEPARTMENT 433 PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH - CODE 1230 COLLEGE TUITION - additional appropriation to fund grievance settlement. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/31/94. Board of Finance approved 6/9/94.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

8. \$ 23,500.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - CODE 410.1201 OVERTIME - additional appropriation to continue walking patrols at Southfield Village through June. Housing Authority has agreed to fund the cost. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/31/94. Board of Finance approved 6/9/94.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE ABSTENTION, REP. SUMMERVILLE.

9. \$ 26,000.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - VARIOUS CODES - additional appropriation for increase in funding of grant.
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| 568.1130 Parst time | \$ 18,579 |
| 568.1201 overtime | 3,000 |
| 568.1310 social security | 1,421 |
| 458.2940 conferences/training | <u>3,000</u> |
| | \$ 26,000 |
- Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/31/94. Board of Finance approved 6/9/94.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

10. \$ 90,000.00 - DEPARTMENT 295 PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS - CODE 5612
 COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT REVIEW - additional appropriation to
 fund management review of Stamford's fire protection
 services. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/5/94.
 Board of Finance approved 6/9/94.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

11. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT AND RECEIVE
 GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR THE PURPOSED OF OPERATING A
 PROGRAM FOR THE TREATMENT AND CONTROL OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES.
 Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/6/94.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

12. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
 THE STATE TO PREVENT AND CONTROL TUBERCULOSIS. Submitted by Mayor Stanley
 J. Esposito, 6/6/94.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

13. STATUS OF CONTINGENCY FUND AND PROJECTED EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE END OF
 1993/94 BUDGET YEAR. Request by Carmen Domonkos, D-18, 1/10/94. Reports
 made and Held in Committee 2/1, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2 and 6/6/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

REP. DOMONKOS said that the contingency fund continues to be a very moving
 target. She said that Mr. Harrison indicated that the balance is a surplus of
 \$240,000 even after the additional appropriation are approved this evening
 along with those to be taken up under Suspension of Rules. Rep. Domonkos said
 that a few months ago, the surplus was \$6,000 so it is difficult to know the
 true status of the financial condition.

Rep. Domonkos stated that Rep. LaDestro asked that Corporation Counsel render
 an opinion on whether the Board can only approve emergency appropriations; a
 copy of the opinion was sent to all members. She said that the opinion states
 that emergency appropriations are not the only appropriations that can be
 appropriated under the contingency fund. Rep. Domonkos said that Corporation
 Counsel was also asked if money can be appropriated in excess of the
 contingency fund set by the Board of Finance each year and it was indicated
 that state statute says that you can; you can use any surplus or if no surplus,
 you can borrow and tax for it the next year. She said that it appears that
 there is no break on spending other than saying "no" when an additional
 appropriation is received because there is no limitation according to the
 opinion.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. DeLUCA asked if the Budget Director can provide a detailed breakdown from the \$6,000 including this months expenditures to show where the additional money is coming from?

REP. DOMONKOS said that updates on the fund have been provided each month. She said the report received this month was not understandable and a more detailed report has been requested.

14. REPORT ON PUBLIC HEARING TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT. Submitted by Sandra L. Dennies, Grants Director, 5/13/94. Held in Committee 6/6/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

REP. DOMONKOS said that a public hearing was held and 21 agencies came in. She said that the act is an act that the state put into place that allows agencies to present proposals for projects to assist citizens. She said that proposals are submitted to the Board of Representatives, they are accepted and they have to meet a certain criteria that they are nonprofit, tax exempted organizations; they are then presented to the state and the organizations can then go to corporations in the community asking them to fund the project; the corporations then receive tax exemptions from the state on portions of what is given to the agencies. Rep. Domonkos said that the Board accepts the proposals and the Grants Director certifies that they are eligible for the state program; next month, they will be presented to the Board for acceptance.

REP. SUMMERVILLE asked if an audit is required for a proposal to be eligible?

REP. DOMONKOS said that she was not aware of audits; the program does not include any city money, it is corporate money and tax money. She said that the Board certifies that the agencies are nonprofit and tax exempt and that the programs would benefit the community.

REP. DOMONKOS Moved to Suspend the Rules to take up an item regarding the Central Services Department. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to Suspend the Rules. APPROVED by voice vote.

15. \$103,682.00 - DEPARTMENT 244 CENTRAL SERVICES - CODE.VARIOUS - additional appropriation to restore part of Central Services staff.

244.1110 salaries: Stock Bindery Clerk	\$ 25,003
Auto Copy Machine Operator	31,668
Offset Machine Operator	36,521
244.1220 car allowance	2,280
244.1221 clothing allowance	375
244.2610 equipment maintenance	2,850
244.2651 equipment rental	4,275
244.2740 telephone	360
244.2750 gasoline	350
244.2930 office expense	0
	<u>\$103,682</u>

Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/21/94. Board of Finance approved 6/29/94.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. DOMONKOS said that the item was given to the Committee at the Committee meeting by the Board of Finance which was also meeting. The Committee voted 8-0 to approve. She said that the appropriation is needed to add back three people to the Central Services Department. Moved. Seconded.

REP. ZELINSKY said that he was in favor of the appropriation but disappointed that the whole amount deleted by the Board of Finance was not included. He said that in the information he received, the total expenses versus the charges are just about a break even operation. Rep. Zelinsky said that he could not understand how the city is saving money with the elimination of the Central Services Department. He said there were six and a half employees in the department and was extremely disappointed by the action taken by the Board of Finance. Rep. Zelinsky quoted for the record from the Mayor's letter requesting the funding and concerning the disabled individual who worked in Central Services; the individual had served the city previously and faithfully for more than nine (9) years. "I'm sure you agree with me that for the limited costs involved, the City of Stamford should continue to provide assistance to Americans with disability, both the individual and the city benefits from this arrangement." Rep. Zelinsky said that some of the employees may have been retiring next year and wished that the dedicated employees who have served the city well over the years could be brought back but the Charter does not permit the Board to initiate appropriation requests.

REP. DOMONKOS said that the salaries added back are for a stock bindery clerk who will handle the mail and central supply store; the copy machine person who runs the large copier and an offset machine manager. She said that there will be three people hired back.

Rep. Domonkos said that what the Board of Finance approved and what the Committee was given differed. She said that she was given \$103,332 and the Board of Finance approved \$103,682. She said that the Committee proposed the \$103,332 unless the Board wishes to amend the amount.

A motion was made from the Floor to amend the amount to \$103,682. Seconded.

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

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve \$103,682 for the Central Services Department. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

REP. DOMONKOS Moved for Suspension of Rules to take up an item regarding employee taxes and insurance. Seconded.

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

16. \$106,857.00 - DEPARTMENT 290 EMPLOYEE TAXES & INSURANCE - CODE.VARIOUS - additional appropriation to fund payment of accumulated vacation and sick pay for employees laid off. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/27/94. Board of Finance approved 6/29/94.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. DOMONKOS said that this item was also given to the Committee during the Fiscal meeting. She said that the appropriation concerns the employees who were laid off who had to be paid for their vacation and sick time. She said that the Committee reduced the amount to \$108,078 from \$115,818 taking into account that some of the people on the list have been hired back.

Rep. Domonkos Moved for approval of \$108,078. Seconded.

REP. WILK Moved to reduce the amount to \$106,857 due to the fact that three caseworkers have been retained. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to amend the amount to \$106,857. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the \$106,857. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

REP. DOMONKOS Moved to Suspend the Rules to take up an item regarding the Management Information System. Seconded.

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

17. \$125,000.00 - FINANCE DEPARTMENT - CODE 240.5615 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM - additional appropriation to fund cost associated with hiring consulting firm to assist city for MIS. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/24/94. Board of Finance approved 6/29/94.

REP. DOMONKOS said that this item also came to the Committee at the last minute. She said that nine RFP's have been received and range from \$50,000 to \$320,000. She said a committee has been assembled by the Commissioner of Finance to review the proposals; Rep. DePina is the Board's representative on the Committee. Rep. Domonkos said that the Committee approved the request 8-0. Moved. Seconded.

REP. LOGLISCI said that he favored what the Commissioner wants to do in helping to tie together all the computers. He said that he would like to hold the \$125,000 for the reason that he has not seen the Commissioner looking to any of the large corporations in Stamford who might be willing to give us a study without costing a \$125,000. Rep. Loglisci said that many times the corporations and law firms have been contacted and services were received gratis. He said that perhaps the Commissioner could look for someone to provide us with inkind service. Rep. Loglisci Moved to Return the item to Committee. Seconded.

REP. DOMONKOS said that the question was asked and the reason for going outside is a firm is needed that has experience in municipal information systems; the corporations do not have that expertise as information systems for government are very different. She said that the RFP's received have all had extensive experience in doing needs assessment and implementation of municipal MIS systems; that was the reasoning given to the Committee. Rep. Domonkos said that the reason for wanting the funding this month was because there was money set aside in the contingency fund for '93/94 for this project; \$150,00 has been appropriated and \$400,000 was set aside in the contingency. The Commissioner wanted it included in '93/94 and if not approved now, it will have to go into the '94/95 budget.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. LOGLISCI asked if the Committee was satisfied that as much as possible was done by the MIS Committee?

REP. DOMONKOS said that the information given to the Committee sounded reasonable; the request was given to Fiscal at the last minute and Fiscal made it very clear to Commissioner O'Connor that he had time to get the nine RFP's together and at the last minute, he comes in for the money. She said that the Committee felt that the three items under Suspension of Rules was putting pressure on the Committee; if proper planning was done, the Committee would have had more time to consider the items. She said that again, if the requests are not approved, "we are stopping the workings of the city." Rep. Domonkos said that she felt that someone familiar with MIS systems should put together the system.

REP. LOGLISCI said that this evening, a third of a million dollars was given to be considered at the last minute. He said that there has not been time to look over the requests and this evening should be the last night that these types of requests are accepted and there should be some way of stopping last minute requests.

PRESIDENT RINALDI said that Leadership will be meeting and will talk about policies and procedures and what will be allowed and not allowed in terms of Suspending the Rules.

REP. MAIHOCK said that Rep. Loglisci is correct in his suggestions. She said that the system change is enormous and should not be rushed into when we are not sure what we are doing. She said that the plan needs more evaluation and the Board should not make any decisions on the spur of the moment.

REP. DeLUCA said that he agreed with Rep. Loglisci. Rep. DeLuca asked if Commissioner O'Connor checked with any other surrounding municipalities to see how their systems operate and perhaps use some of their resources rather than spending the money? Rep. DeLuca questioned the RFP's ranging from \$50,000 to \$320,000.

REP. DOMONKOS said that part of the money appropriated previously was for Joan Lom's salary; the entire \$150,00 was not for the RFP. Rep. Domonkos said that \$105,000 is left out of the first \$150,000, the rest has gone for Joan's salary and incidental items.

REP. DeLUCA said that \$125,000 is being requested this evening in addition to the \$105,000 they have, the RFP's go from \$50,000 to \$320,000, why can't the \$125,000 be cut to \$62,500 and they can come back for more when needed. Rep. DeLuca said that in that way, we know where the money is being spent.

REP. DOMONKOS said that other towns were contacted. After contacts were made, it was found that the towns themselves did not have the expertise. Rep. Domonkos said that it was made clear that the Board of Education must be included in the MIS system and it was indicated that the Board of Ed was meeting with the MIS committee, but the Fiscal Committee said that they wanted something in writing that obligates the Board of Ed because their purchasing and accounts payable system should be tied in.

Rep. Domonkos said that they were told that someone should go through the city to assess what equipment we have, what is needed and then put together a plan, a needs assessment and then a company can come in to assist the city in purchasing equipment and software.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. DeLUCA asked if the Board of Ed is agreeable to being tied in?

REP. DOMONKOS said that the Board of Ed is interested in being involved. She said that the Committee talked about reducing the amount requested but it was indicated to the Committee that the people who put in the RFP's had such a wide range of hours they would put in, and it was felt that the planning committee needed to do the assessment on how many hours it will take. She said that a contract could not be signed if only \$60,000 is approved; the full amount of money is needed to sign a contract.

REP. ZELINSKY said that he would agree to Hold the item. He did not think that four weeks would make a difference. He said that it was an insult to the Board and the Fiscal Committee to get the information the night of the Fiscal Committee meeting and on the same night the Board of Finance was meeting. Rep. Zelinsky said that a lot of questions have been raised.

REP. LOGLISCI said the Mayor and his people should determine the direction the city should go and then a consultant should be brought in.

REP. VITTI Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to Return to Committee \$125,000 for the Management Information System. APPROVED by voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Maria Nakian, Chairwoman

REP. NAKIAN said that the Committee met on Monday, June 29, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Maria Nakian, Carmen Domonkos, Gregory LaDestro, Audrey Maihock, David Martin, Elaine Mitchell and Donald Sherer; Reps. Leydon and Zelinsky were excused. Also present were Reps. Ellen Mellis and Michael Larobina; Daniel McCabe, Corporation Counsel; Norman Liu; Jack Petkus; and Tim Beeble.

Rep. Nakian placed items 1, 2, and 4 on the Consent Agenda.

1. (1&R23.17) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONVEYING BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO TURN OF RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT PARCEL OF LAND ON WESTERLY SIDE OF TURN OF RIVER ROAD AT BUXTON FARMS ROAD EXTENSION. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 2/9/94. Planning Board approved 2/22/94. Board of Finance approved 5/12/94. Held in Steering 2/16 and 3/16/94. Held in Committee 5/2 and 6/6/94.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

2. (1&R23.23) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING TAX ABATEMENT FOR GIRLS INCORPORATED OF STAMFORD. Property located at 39-41 Oak Street. Requested by Colleen M. Fairchild, Executive Director, Girls Inc. of Stamford, 137 Henry Street, P. O. Box 2402, Stamford, CT 06906. Approved for publication 6/6/94.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH REPS. CONTI AND MAIHOCK VOTING NO.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

3. (L&R23.25) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING CAPITAL PROJECTS BY NON-CITY AGENCIES. Submitted by Daniel M. McCabe, Corporation Counsel, 4/14/94. Approved for publication 6/6/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

4. (L&R23.29) PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF STAMFORD AND ALL CITY CAR RENTAL, INC., D/B/A THRIFTY CAR RENTAL. Thrifty Car Rental wants to install and operate two (2) direct telephone and advertising signs at Transportation Center. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/2/94. Planning Board approved with amendment 5/24/94. Board of Finance approved 5/12/94 contingent upon insurance clause. Returned to Committee 6/6/94.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

5. (L&R23.30) PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF STAMFORD AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO OPERATE A PHOTO LICENSE RENEWAL OFFICE ON THE CONCOURSE LEVEL OF THE TRANSPORTATION CENTER. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/2/94. Planning Board approved 5/10/94. Board of Finance approved 5/12/94 contingent upon insurance clause. Held in Committee 6/6/94.

REP. NAKIAN said that the agreement was on a month to month basis, the Department of Motor was responsible for all costs and no rent will be paid to the city. She said the issue of rent was discussed with the Mayor, Corporation Counsel and Commissioner of Public Works. She said that the state refused to pay any rent saying that they had no money put aside for this and if rent is a condition of the lease, they will not provide the service in Stamford.

Rep. Nakian said that the Committee voted seven in favor with one opposed to approve the agreement. Moved. Seconded.

REP. LOGLISCI asked if the office would be open on different days from the Government Center office?

REP. NAKIAN said that she understood the office would be open Tuesday through Friday.

REP. WHITE asked if the reason for the office was for the convenience of the commuter?

REP. NAKIAN said that she thought it was for the people going through the Transportation Center, not restricted to the commuter.

REP. WHITE said that he understood the hours to be 8:30 to 4:30.

REP. NAKIAN said that Rep. White was correct.

REP. WHITE said that he saw no advantage of having this office because the bulk of commuter traffic is from 5:30 to 8:30; the 4:30 hour would be of no help to the commuter. He said that he saw no reason for the office plus not getting any rent.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. NAKIAN said that the purpose of the office is to provide a service to the people in this part of the state as the closest full office is in Norwalk. She said that to her knowledge no motor vehicle office is open with hours that will service people who are not free during the day.

REP. WHITE said that if an office is in the Transportation Center, it is there for the convenience of the commuter and the everyday commuter cannot take advantage of it. He said that he could see no one going to the Transportation Center to get a photo I.D. as the parking is almost impossible. He said that if a license has to be renewed, it is much more convenient to go to the Government Center. Rep. White said that he could see no purpose in having the office at the Transportation Center.

REP. DOMONKOS said that she concurred with Rep. White. She said that a precedent is being set; the lease for DMV will be coming to the Board shortly and again, they do not want to pay rent and this sets a precedent for other government agencies; no one will want to pay rent and the city has to pay the expenses for cleaning, security, police patrol, etc. Rep. Domonkos said if the office does not serve the citizens, who will use it as the commuters would be the ones to benefit. She said that it would be better to rent to someone who would pay the city rent.

REP. ZELINSKY said that if the Board turns down the agreement, we can be accused of not trying to help our Stamford residents who do not have a facility like the one on Magee Avenue where there was parking and extended hours. He said that he will probably vote for the agreement. He said that he would like a letter written by the President of the Board, on behalf of the Board, stating that the hours be expanded in the Government Center rather than having just Wednesday and Friday; the hours concurring with those in the Transportation Center. Rep. Zelinsky said that it would be beneficial to the residents.

REP. LOGLISCI said that if DMV has a concern for the people of Stamford, they will expand the hours in the Government Center; the environment is safer. He said that he did not see the need for an office in the Transportation Center if it isn't going to be open at the hours that the people are there. He saw no reason to give free space and the facility in the Government Center could be used.

REP. NAKIAN said that there is a problem here in the Government Center. She said that other functions are being dislocated on the 6th floor; there are long lines of people and public bathrooms had to be closed because they were being abused by people waiting. She said that service provided in the Transportation Center may be a way of alleviating a number of people applying for licenses in this building.

REP. PIA said that he spoke to the Registrars of Voters and it is chaos there. He said the people coming to DMV congregate in the Tax Assessor's office and ask all kinds of questions having nothing to do with the employees. Rep. Pia said that he favored expanding hours at the Transportation Center.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. CURTIS said that he remembers the DMV wanting to completely shut down the office here to build the Norwalk office to consolidate their forces and at that point, there would be no office in Stamford. He said that the small photo license office came to the Government Center, then it expanded to the 6th floor and now more room is wanted at the Transportation Center. Rep. Curtis said that a message should be sent to our state delegation that they should reconsider regionalized offices of motor vehicle departments and put a complete office back in Stamford.

REP. SUMMERVILLE said that she agreed with Rep. Curtis. She said that funds have been expended through the city to renovate the 6th floor. She said that it may be worthwhile, through the Fiscal Committee, to find out how much has been spent. Also, she said that the lease has not been voted on. Rep. Summerville said that asking for the space at the Transportation Center to alleviate some of the traffic here has not been proven nor has she heard anything about that. She said that a message should be sent to the state that the office once located in Stamford and now closed was an accommodation for the residents. Rep. Summerville said that in looking over all the appropriations approved this evening, she wanted more facts on why the office at the Transportation Center would be getting free rent.

REP. MAIHOCK said that she believed that at one time, the Motor Vehicle Department had a program in the lobby of the Government Center. She said that would be a good place to locate because there would be ample use of restrooms and they would not have to use the elevators and be a problem to any other department. Rep. Maihock said that why can't a suggestion be made to use the lobby on different days as in the past. .

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the license agreement with the Department of Motor Vehicles in the Transportation Center. DEFEATED by 21 no, 14 yes votes with one abstention.

6. (L&R23.36) MATTER OF DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES EXPANSION IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER. Submitted by Rep. Nicholas Pavia, R-10 and Carmen Domonkos, D-18, 5/10/94. Held in Committee 6/6/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

7. (L&R23.37) REVIEW OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND FRANK MERCEDES, JR. Requested by Rep. Robert DeLuca, R-14, 5/11/94. Held in Committee 6/6/94.

REP. NAKIAN said that on the issue of Corporation Counsel forgiving or abating taxes, she met with Corporation Counsel to get a list of those who have received an abatement. She said that there were no cases where taxes owed to the city have been abated or forgiven for both residential and commercial properties; there have been only four cases where the interest has been lessened. She said that two were FDIC cases where by law, are not required to pay interest to the city negotiating the best deal for the city.

Rep. Nakian said that on the issue between the city and Frank Mercedes, Corporation Counsel said that Mr. Mercedes approached him asking for a lessening of the 18% interest he was being charged on the back taxes owed to the city. She said that Mr. McCabe agreed to let Mr. Mercedes make his pitch to the city leadership; that took place and no agreement was made at that meeting or following to abatement any taxes or interest owed.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. NAKIAN said that the property in question was 76 Progress Drive; it is now being foreclosed by the city. She said that a side-issue came up where the city has accepted a \$91,000 promissory note, a two-year 10% interest note taken on the Progress Drive property in lieu of interest payments on properties that Mr. Mercedes owns on Hoyt and Bedford Streets. Rep. Nakian said that there is a question on the Progress Drive property of chemical pollution and an environmental study is being done. She said if the property is polluted and the value goes down, the city has a promissory note that may not have the \$91,000 value behind it. Rep. Nakian said that according to Mr. McCabe, this was done with the consent of the leadership of Board and there are two sides on the issue.

Rep. Nakian said that the Law Department is now establishing a policy that when dealing with foreclosure on industrial sites, they will first obtain an environmental study to make sure there is no contamination for which the city could be held liable before any property is acquired by foreclosure or bidding in auction.

Rep. Nakian said that the city has not abated any taxes; that that power belongs with the Board of Representatives and Mr. Mercedes has not received any deal other than accepting the promissory note and a policy is being put in place to deal at least with one part of foreclosures.

REP. DeLUCA asked how a \$91,000 promissory note can be accepted on property that is already being attached by Frank Mercedes, Jr.'s brother, John Mercedes who has liens on the property? Rep. DeLuca said that at the meeting held in June at the Mayor's office, Corporation Counsel said that he was not aware of that. Rep. DeLuca said that Corporation Counsel must do a better job of reviewing before a note is accepted and a policy must be had whereby the full Board agrees to any notes not just the Leadership. Rep. DeLuca asked if information can be obtained whether it is permissible to accept a note on property that has a lien on it?

REP. NAKIAN said that what Mr. McCabe said was that the promissory note had nothing to do with that particular meeting and this was something that came up while he was on vacation. Rep. Nakian said that Mr. McCabe told the Committee for him to deal with the matter quickly, he telephoned various leadership people on the two boards and obtained their permission to accept this note. Rep. Nakian said that she did not exactly understand what Mr. McCabe was saying but after reading the article in the paper, she saw that it was a lien on Progress Drive in lieu of the taxes on Bedford Street. She said that was not immediately clear to her, and now she is more upset than before. Rep. Nakian said that she had no answers to Rep. DeLuca's questions and could only say what was told to her.

REP. DeLUCA asked if Rep. Nakian would follow up whether it is permissible to accept a note on property having a lien on it?

REP. NAKIAN said the information was given at the L&R meeting and it became clear what happened and not at the Leadership meeting held to discuss issues set up by the President.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

MR. MARTIN wanted the record to note that he was not contacted by Mr. McCabe, nor as a member of Leadership of the Board give any approval or indication of approval for the release of the taxes on the Bedford Street properties in exchange for a lien on 76 Progress Drive. He said the move was questionable and foolish and he was not part of the decision. He said that the decision was made prior to the so-called "Leadership" meeting on May 5; apparently, the action was already taken.

REP. STORK wanted the record to note that he, too, was not a party of any such meeting concerning this matter. He said that Rep. Nakian in her report, comments that "Leadership" of the Board gave its acknowledgement to the \$91,000 promissory note. Rep. Stork wanted it clear for the record that he was not a party to that as a member of Leadership of this Board and had he been, the only possible way of ever agreeing to the situation would be if it was a cold day in hell.

REP. SUMMERVILLE said that she agreed with Reps. Martin and Stork and for the record, at no time did she ever meet with Mr. McCabe or spoken to him over the phone or received any message recorded on her answering machine in reference to this particular item, item 7 on the L&R Agenda. Rep. Summerville wanted the record to note that according to the charter, she is a part of Leadership of the Board of Representatives and did not know what leadership is being alluded to; she was not present or made any decision on the part of leadership which she is a member of.

REP. NAKIAN said that she as Chairman of the Committee is not saying that any members of Leadership of this Board or the Board of Finance were involved in the matter; she said that she was only repeating what was told to the Committee at a public meeting and at that time, she did not think it sounded reasonable or unreasonable but after the meeting and talking to various leadership members and the members telling her that they were not part of the decision, she was placed in a position of accusing people of being part of the decision when they were not. She wanted it clearly understood that she was reporting only what was told to the Committee and not making any accusations that anyone was a part.

REP. DOMONKOS said that she was invited to the meeting with Mr. Mercedes and she questioned whether she should attend and decided to go because she wanted to know what was going on. She said that from her notes of the meeting on May 5, it was stated that the city already held a \$90,000 note so that was decided before the May 5 meeting. She said that she was never contacted or had anything to do with the decision by Corporation Counsel to take the note. She wanted this noted for the record.

REP. MAIHOCK wanted the record to show that she was not present at the meeting where the decision was made.

8. (L&R23.20) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE CITY OF STAMFORD JOINING A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 3/28/94. Held on Pending Agenda 4/13/94. Held in Committee 6/6/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

9. (L&R23.38) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A WATER COMMISSION. Powers and duties of Commission shall follow those of Sewer Commission as dictated in Charter Sec. 6-160-1 to C-6-160-4. Submitted by Reps. Ellen Mellis, D-13, David Martin, D-19 and Maria Nakian, D-20, 6/15/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

10. (L&R23.40) MATTER OF AMENDING SECTION 231-46 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RESTRICTING PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS. Requested by Rep. Michael D. Larobina, D-16, 6/10/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

11. (L&R23.32) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 679 SUPPLEMENTAL AND ORDINANCE 708 SUPPLEMENTAL CONCERNING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Submitted by Maria Nakian, Chairwoman, Legislative and Rules Committee, 5/5/94. Held on Pending Agenda 5/18/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

REP. NAKIAN Moved the Consent Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with Reps. conti and Maihock voting no on item 2.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - John J. Hogan, Chairman

REP. HOGAN said that the Committee met on June 28, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Reps. Liz Conti, Philip Stork, John Zelinsky, Robert McLaughlin, Joseph Vitti and John Hogan; Reps. Larobina and Housey were excused. C. Ray Grebey, Director of Labor Relations and James Romaniello and others from Local 786 Firefighters Union were present.

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY OF AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THAT ALL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD BE REQUIRED TO LIVE WITHIN THE LEGAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY. Requested by Reps. David Wilk, R-11, Robert DeLuca, R-14 and Lucy Corelli, R-16, 3/24/94. Held in Committee 5/2 and 6/6/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

2. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND LOCAL 786 I.A.F.F., AFL-CIO (FIREFIGHTERS' UNION). This is a four-year agreement. Wage increases: 7/1/93 - 3.25%; 7/1/94 - 2.5%; 7/1/95 - 3.25%; 7/1/96 - 3.5%. Also other changes in agreement as to medical, etc. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/13/94. Board of Finance recommended rejection, 6/9/94.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. HOGAN said that Mr. Grebey stated the city's position in negotiating the contract and stated that the wages outlined in the contract were consistent with the other unions. He said that Mr. Grebey stated that the contract did not contain a zero year increase as did the other contracts as the fund is not actuarially sound at this time to skip a year for a zero year; also, the percentages were in line with those reached by the other unions and on the average statewide for firefighters. Rep. Hogan said that Mr. Grebey told the Committee that the tuition clause has been tightened up and this should show a reduction of between \$40 and \$50,000. Also, the deductible was raised from \$200 to \$400 in the insurance clause and in the second year of the contract, a realization of a 15 to a 19% reduction.

Rep. Hogan said that another item touched on by Mr. Grebey was rebuttable presumption--adding a cancer clause to the present agreement; Mr. Grebey felt this would not be a cost item as it is now covered by the individual's hospitalization, part of which is picked up by the city; Mr. Grebey said that the burden would be shifted to workmen compensation. Rep. Hogan said that on the rebuttable presumption which means if a man has gotten cancer, he can claim it is due to the job and put the burden of proof on the employer.

Rep. Hogan said that the Committee voted three in favor, two against with one abstention. Moved. Seconded.

REP. DeLUCA said that he has a problem with Mr. Grebey saying that the cancer clause will be no cost to the city. Rep. DeLuca said that after attending the meeting, he got the impression that the cancer clause was reviewed the by Risk Manager. He said that he called Allan Brown the day after the Personnel Committee meeting and asked him if he went over the contract? Rep. DeLuca stated that Allan Brown commented that he never looked at the contract until he read about it in the paper and after that, he contracted Mr. Grebey and then went over the contract.

Rep. DeLuca said that according to Allan Brown, there is no state law regarding this clause and he believes there will be a cost whether minimal or astronomical which is contrary to what was said at the Personnel Committee meeting. Rep. DeLuca said that he could not vote for the contract because of that clause because the city has to prove that a firefighter did not receive cancer as a result of his job.

Rep. DeLuca said that he would have liked it better if the 2.5% increase was given for the first year of the contract; some say that 13.1% over four years is not bad, but looking at private industry, wages are being frozen and if increases are given, they are far below these percentages.

REP. McDONALD said that he attending the Personnel Committee meeting. He said that he was grateful to the union representatives who came to the meeting with a great deal of information and what was not available, was produced for the representatives the next day. He appreciated that and wished that such quick action could be obtained from the administration.

Rep. McDonald said that at the meeting, he found that the no cost associated with the cancer clause to be a most astonishing comment. He said that there is much evidence throughout the community and legal world where you win or lose cases based on legal presumptions; the shifting of burdens of proof have, without a doubt, economic consequences and for a representative of the administration to come before the Board and present testimony or evidence or whatever that there are no costs associated is astonishing.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. McDONALD said that the public give away of money should come with hard and fast figures and the administration did not do its homework on that. Rep. McDonald stated that the administration is seeking to add a rebuttable presumption for cancer along with heart and hypertension. He said that the issue was not of sole concern to the City of Stamford; it has been a subject of much debate on the state level and the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities has poured tremendous resources to addressing the issues of heart and hypertension legislation and in the last session of the general assembly, cancer along with heart and hypertension was addressed. Rep. McDonald said the issue died in Committee and it should die here as it is not appropriate for the Board to take on a new aspect of collective bargaining when the state will be taking up the matter in the next session of the general assembly.

REP. VITTI said that he has been on both sides of the bargaining table with the firefighters and the city. He said that the contract is a mutually negotiated agreement between the city and the firefighters local and now it is going to be turned down because certain sections are not liked. He said that that was not right and was sure that both sides are not happy with the contract but the agreement is a good one and it behooves the Board of Representatives to go forth and approve the agreement; it was mutually negotiated, the wages were modest. He urged his colleagues to pass the agreement.

REP. STORK said that it was important to highlight the task of the Board concerning this contract, and it is not to renegotiate the contract. He said that the duty of the Board is to reevaluate the contract, whether it is a fair contract or not and in his opinion, it is a fairly negotiated contract.

Rep. Stork said that the union wanted the \$1 million cap lifted on the medical plan and the city agreed and in return got the deductible from a \$100 to \$200 for individuals and from \$200 to \$400 for families. Rep. Stork said only once in the history of the city that the \$1 million cap was exceeded and that was the unfortunate incident of Timmy Coppola who passed away this year. He urged his colleagues to approve the contract.

REP. LOGLISCI said that he believed the contract was a little one-sided and the fire department came out the winner in the benefits package. He said that it appears that the Board can only vote on the dollars and not issues it disagrees with. He said that he believes that the labor negotiator dropped the ball, but that is not the Board's domain. Rep. Loglisci said that since the firefighters negotiated in good faith with the city, he will vote "yes cautiously" on the contract.

REP. BOCCUZZI asked if the wages were frozen for three years for new firemen?

REP. HOGAN said that the wages are frozen for new hires for their first three years on the job.

REP. BOCCUZZI said that if a fireman gets cancer, what is the city's obligation and isn't the city self insured?

REP. HOGAN said that under workmens compensation, the city is capped off at \$1 million and anything beyond would be picked up by an insurance company; we are self insured. He said that if an employee should come down with cancer due to the unlimited sick leave, would receive his salary and benefits until recovered or death. Rep. Hogan said the advantages to workmens compensation is that there are benefits to the widows or dependents of a deceased employee which are not available under the pension plans of the city.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. HOGAN said that now, the effort to prove the individual did not receive cancer because of the job, shifts from the individual to the city; the city has to prove that he did not.

REP. BOCCUZZI said that presently, when a fireman goes to a fire, he must comply with certain requirements and if any stipulation that is required of the fireman is not complied with, does the fireman appear before the Fire Commission to discuss why certain protection was not used and the matter goes on record and if any individual gets cancer and the record shows that the individual did not take the necessary precautions, then the city has rebuttal that the cancer was not the fault of the city. Rep. Boccuzzi said that the contract overall, is a well negotiated contract and both parties had to give and take. He said that he would vote for the contract.

REP. CONTI said that she was disturbed about the cancer clause; it was poor fiscal policy to move the burden of proof from the employees to the city. Also, she said that removing the cap on medical insurance was not an appropriate move for the city. She said that municipal employees should not be afforded any better benefits than the taxpayers who provide the benefits in taxation. Rep. Conti said that it was probably impossible to judge the affordability of both of these items in the future, therefore, these things are a part of her decision to vote against the contract.

REP. MARTIN said that he appreciated the information provided by the union but was disappointed that the administration did not provide budgetary estimates of what the contract will cost and how the various clauses impact the budget now and in the future. He said that the contract comes close to balance, however, the cancer clause goes too far and there is a cost. He believed that the contract was fiscally unwise and inappropriate and would vote against it.

REP. LaDESTRO said that comparisons have been made between the firemen and the private sector and municipal workers. He said that a distinction has to be made as the firefighters are exposed to dangerous conditions that people in the private sector are not necessarily exposed to. Rep. LaDestro said about the element of proving where the cancer came from or didn't come from, the flip side has to be looked at; if the burden is on the fireman, how can he prove that he did get the cancer from a particular incident. Rep. LaDestro said that is what the city bargains for--to take the burden away from the fireman who does not have the funds necessary to prove that type of thing. He was glad that the city has taken the position that they have and would be voting for the contract.

REP. JOHNSON said that he will not be voting on the contract because of principle interest. Rep. Johnson left the Floor.

REP. ZELINSKY left the Floor due to a possible conflict of interest.

REP. STORK Moved for a Roll call vote. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote for a Roll call vote. DEFEATED by voice vote.

PRESIDENT RINALDI proceeded to a vote to approve the firemens contract. APPROVED by 21 yes, 10 no votes with three abstentions.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. HOGAN said that he abstained on the vote because he was directly affected by one of the revisions in the contract, section 9, paragraph 209.

REP. HOGAN said that he had a resolution from Corporation Counsel saying that the Board approved the contract. Also, there was a resolution prepared if the contract was not approved.

3. PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEARS COMMENCING JULY 1, 1993-1996 NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND LOCAL 786, I.A.F.F., THE EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION DULY REPRESENTING THE FIREFIGHTERS OF TRHE CITY OF STAMFORD.

REP. HOGAN quoted from the cover letter, "Instead, in drafting these resolutions, I have assumed that all of the requirements for a vote by the Board have been satisfied. (The date of May 19, 1994 was provided to me by Mr. Grebey.) I respectfully suggest to the Chair that that I think is a typo and should have been June 19)" Rep. Hogan said that the contract was received in the Board office on June 13.

Rep. Hogan Moved to amend the resolution to read, "June 13." Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote on the amendment. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

REP. HOGAN read the resolution. A copy is attached. He Moved for approval of the resolution. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the resolution. APPROVED by voice vote.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - Gregory LaDestro, Chairman

REP. LaDESTRO said that the Committee met on June 28, 1994, 7:00 p.m. Present were Patrick White, Lucy Corelli, Andrew McDonald, Nicholas Pavia and Gregory LaDestro.

1. PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING REQUEST OF MERLIN ALPER, ELAINE ALPER, AND JACQUELINE MOSS TO THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO ABANDON DAIRY VIEW LANE.
Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/8/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

PUBLIC WORKS & SEWER COMMITTEE - Bobby Owens & Jeffrey Curtis, Co-Chairmen

REP. OWENS said that the Committee met on Tuesday, July 5, 1994, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Reps. Jeff Curtis, Ronald Sabia, Robert DeLuca, Fred Johnson, Kit Martinsen, Marggie Laurie and Bobby Owens.

1. MATTER OF THE POTENTIAL COSTS TO THE TAXPAYERS RELATED TO THE POSSIBLE CLOSING OF STAMFORD'S INCINERATOR. Submitted by Reps. Carmen Domonkos, D-18 and Maria Nakian, D-20, 12/14/93. Reports made and Held in Committee 1/3, 2/1, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2 and 6/6/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Audrey Maihock & Ralph Loglisci, Co-Chairs

REP. LOGLISCI said that the Committee met on Thursday, June 30, 1994 at 7:45 p.m. and voted to Hold the ordinance by a vote of 5-0.

1. FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE ABATEMENT OF LEAD HAZARDS. Submitted by Rep. Robert DeLuca, R-14, 1/4/93. Held on Pending Agenda 1/12/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

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

REP. DeLUCA said that the Committee met on Wednesday, June 29, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Committee members Robert DeLuca, Thomas Pia, Gerald Rybnick, Kit Martinsen, Bobby Owens, and Alice Fortunato; also, Steve Elkins, Director of Parks and Recreation; Parks and Recreation Commissioner Ed Springer; Lori Guzda and Lynn Colatrella and others from Curtain Call and Julius Wilensky and other from the Halloween Yacht Club.

1. REVIEW ACCEPTANCE OF CURTAIN CALL LEASE FOR OPERATION OF ETHEL KWESKIN THEATRE. Requested by Robert DeLuca, Co-Chairman, Parks & Recreation Committee, 5/16/94. Held in Committee 6/6/94.

REP. DeLUCA said that the Committee voted 5-1 to approve. Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the lease. APPROVED by voice vote.

2. PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING LEASE BETWEEN CITY OF STAMFORD AND HALLOWEEN YACHT CLUB. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/3/94. Planning Board approved 5/24/94. Board of Finance approved 6/9/94 with change in insurance from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

REP. DeLUCA said that at the meeting, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve but in this evening's mail, a change in the lease was received. Rep. DeLuca said that the changes were; the yearly rent went from \$15,000 to \$15,410 and liability insurance went from \$500,000 to \$1 million. Rep. DeLuca said that he spoke to Mr. Wilensky of the Yacht Club and he agreed to the changes. Rep. DeLuca Moved for approval with the changes. Seconded.

REP. MARTIN asked if the lease was approved by the Planning Board and Board of Finance?

REP. DeLUCA said that the lease was approved by both Boards and the Finance Board made the changes.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the lease. APPROVED by voice vote.

REP. DeLUCA Moved to Suspend the Rules to take up an item concerning tennis fees at Scalzi Park. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to Suspend the Rules. APPROVED by voice vote.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: (continued)

3. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED SCALZI PARK TENNIS FEES. Submitted by Stephen L. Elkins, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 6/23/94. Parks and Recreation Commission approved 6/22/94.

REP. DeLUCA said that non-resident fees were omitted from the previous fee schedule. He said the fees recommended by the Commission that a guest fee be \$2.00 per player per court per hour; guest season pass would be \$75.00 and must be sponsored by a resident season pass holder; and for juniors 14 years and under, a season pass for \$25.00. Rep. DeLuca Moved for acceptance. Seconded.

REP. ZELINSKY asked if this was the first time that the Commission came up with a guest fee and a guest season pass because to his knowledge, we never had these fees.

REP. DeLUCA said that in the past, there were non-resident fees for so much per hour and per court. He said that the terminology is being changed from "non-resident to "guest."

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the fees. APPROVED by voice vote.

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

REP. ZELINSKY said that the Committee was scheduled to met on Wednesday, June 29, 1994, however, the meeting was cancelled. He said that he spoke to Commissioner Pavia and Director Elkins and was told that they had no time to look into finding a location.

1. MATTER OF CITY OF STAMFORD PROVIDING A FENCED IN PUBLIC SPACE TO BE USED BY UNLEASHED DOGS BY THEIR OWNERS. Submitted by Reps. John R. Zelinsky, Jr., D-11 and Maria Nakian, D-20, 3/3/94. Reports made and Held in Committee 4/4, 5/2 and 6/6/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEEURBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - Michael Larobina, Chairman

REP. LAROBINA said that the Committee met on June 13, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Committee members Larobina, Sabia, Pia and Nakian; also present was Mr. Carmine Longo, Sr., Parking Supervisor for the Dept. of Traffic and Parking; Bruce Goldberg, legal counsel for the URC and Elizabeth Saunders, Chairman of URC and John Heller, Executive Director of URC.

1. MATTER OF THE CITY BEING ABLE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TWO PARKING LOTS OWNED BY THE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. Lots are at West Park Place, adjacent to Curley's Diner extending to Broad Street along side Il Falco's Restaurant and New Summer Street, between the Stamford Water Company and Union Trust Company. Presently, URC leases these two lots to a private contractor. Submitted by Michael Larobina, Chairman, Urban Renewal Committee and Rep. Donald Sherer, R-18, 4/13/94. (re letter from C. V. Longo, Parking Supervisor, 4/13/94) Held in Committee 6/6/94.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. LAROBINA said that the Committee met in response to a letter from Mr. Longo. He said that there were three issues in the letter: 1. Whether or not the city was given the opportunity to bid on the operation of the parking lots on lower Summer Street and one on Blocks 8 and 9; 2. Whether or not the City of Stamford was paying for electricity bills for lighting on the parking lots in the past; and 3. There might be some overlap between the daytime operations and the evening operations of these parking lots and enforcement responsibilities between the city and the contractor hired to operate the lots at night.

Rep. Larobina said that on the first issue, the URC produced ample letters and documentations that the city was given a bid perspective to bid on the contract; they produced plenty of documentation showing that the city knew about the contract and bid and for some unexplained reason, the city failed or neglected to submit a proposal. Rep. Larobina said that the Committee concluded that the city had every opportunity to be a part of the bid process.

Rep. Larobina said that on the second issue on the electricity, the Committee concluded that it is beyond the resources of the Board of Representatives to audit the electricity bills for the City of Stamford; the Committee voted to send a letter to the city auditor asking him to look into the matter. The letter will be sent to all members and will be made a part of the record. The letter is attached to these Minutes.

Rep. Larobina said that with the last issue, Mr. Longo and Mr. Heller agreed to meet and work out an arrangement so there are no problems between the daytime and evening operations. Rep. Larobina said that there is no legislative action that the Board can take; the property is owned by URC and there is a contract in place.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Elaine Mitchell, Chairwoman

REP. MITCHELL said that no action is needed by the Board. She sent out a complete report and the report will be attached to these Minutes.

1. APPROVAL OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO MODIFY HOSPICE CARE, INC. AIDS BUDGET TO ADJUST LINE ITEMS FOR NURSES, SOCIAL WORKERS AND HEALTH AIDES. Total grant amount is \$15,000 which remains the same. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/9/94.

See report attached to these Minutes.

2. APPROVAL OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO MODIFY ST. LUKES COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM BUDGET TO ADJUST LINE ITEMS FOR UTILITIES, MAINTENANCE AND INSURANCE. Total grant amount is \$23,514 which remains the same. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/9/94.

See report attached to these Minutes.

3. REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOME APPLICATION GRANT PROCESS. Requested by Elaine Mitchell, Chairwoman, Housing and Community Development Committee, 6/10/94.

See report attached to these Minutes.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Donald Sherer, Chairman - No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Marggie Laurie, Chairwoman

REP. LAURIE said that the Committee met on Monday, June 27, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Marggie Laurie, Robert McLaughlin, Audrey Maihock and Patrick White; also, Reps. John Boccuzzi, Greg LaDestro and Alice Fortunato, members of the Community, Jack Petkus and Ted Collins.

1. REPORT ON DIAL-A-RIDE SUBSIDIES. Submitted by Marggie Laurie, Chairwoman, Transportation Committee, 4/13/94. Reports made and Held in Committee 5/2 and 6/6/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

REP. LAURIE said that Dial-A-Ride is not yet set to charge fares; it may be August or September before the plan is implemented.

REP. MAIHOCK said that she would not approve any plan that has exclusions or discriminates.

2. MATTER OF THE NEED FOR CROSSING GATES AT MILLERS CROSSING (ENTRANCE AND EXIT OF VARSITY CLUB OFF HOPE STREET). Requested by Marggie Laurie, Chairwoman, Transportation Committee, 5/31/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

REP. LAURIE said that the state and city are working with community to find ways to improve the safety of the crossing.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HOUSE COMMITTEE - Gerald Rybnick, Chairman - No report.

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE - John J. Boccuzzi & Nicholas Pavia, Co-Chairmen
No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Nicholas Pavia, Chairman - No report.

ETHICS REVIEW COMMITTEE - Gregory LaDestro & Maria Nakian, Co-Chairpersons

1. FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 706 SUPPLEMENTAL CONCERNING THE STAMFORD MUNICIPAL CODE OF ETHICS. Submitted by Rep. Maria Nakian, D-20, 1/24/94. Held in Committee 3/7, 4/4, 5/2 and 6/ 6/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - John J. Boccuzzi & Ralph Loglisci, Co-Chairmen

REP. BOCCUZZI said that the Committee met on Tuesday, June 28, 1994 at 6:45 p.m. Present were Mayor Esposito, Chief Tully, Deputy Chief Walter Young, Fire Chief Ron Graner, Exec. Director of the Housing Authority Edward Schwartz, State Representative John Wayne Fox, Grants Director Sandy Dennies, Reps. Lucy Corelli, Annie Summerville, Elaine Mitchell, Nicholas Pavia, Carmen Domonkos, Co-Chair Ralph Loglisci and Co-Chair John Boccuzzi.

1. REQUEST TO REVIEW STATE AND FEDERAL GRANT AVAILABLE TO THE CITY THAT DEAL WITH PUBLIC SAFETY. Requested by many Representatives, 6/10/94.

REP. BOCCUZZI said that he contacted State Rep. John Wayne Fox and asked that he look up any grants that the city is participating in and what grants are available dealing with public safety. Rep. Boccuzzi said that he received a letter and a report from Rep. Fox which will be sent to all members.

Rep. Boccuzzi said that there is a \$300,000 drug elimination program to be based at Southfield Village and a \$125,000 youths sports program based at Southfield Village. Rep. Boccuzzi said that a federal grant can only be targeted to the areas of Stamford that have federal housing and the formula is so much per unit. He said that the largest amount can be received if the program is directed towards the housing development with the most federal housing. He said that in the sports program to be based at Southfield Village, any youths from any other projects or developments who wish to participate can do so; the drug elimination program works the same.

Rep. Boccuzzi said that recently we received the ROCCY program that was turned down originally; the original was geared toward the police department and was not geared toward what the application was for. He said that Chief Tully redid the program and we now have the ROCCY program. Rep. Boccuzzi said that the program provides community block watch, community based policing and provides police activity in all the areas. He said that the ROCCY program is also a spring board for other possible grants. Rep. Boccuzzi said that the Committee was concerned that the money seemed to going all in one direction, not that it isn't needed, but if possible, the money should be directed toward other parts of the city where there are problems. He said that due to the way grants are written and are so specific, we cannot do what we want, but once the ROCCY program is started, other applications can be approved. Rep. Boccuzzi said that the ROCCY program is in place and will be enforced.

2. EXPLANATION BY MAYOR ESPOSITO AS TO WHY AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD WAS NOT SUBMITTED FOR THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT WHICH WOULD HAVE PROVIDED FUNDING FOR 15 POLICE OFFICERS. Requested by Rep. Carmen Domonkos, D-18, 6/13/94.

REP. BOCCUZZI said that the reason the application was not sent in was that the administration and the group deciding on the application felt that the fiscal responsibility for the program over the course of four years was too much for the city. Rep. Boccuzzi said that the Safe Neighborhood Program was submitted prior to Chief Tully becoming Police Chief. He said that the program would have cost the city over four years \$1,285,332 and in the discussions of the program, the administration should have broaden their inner circle as to what the city really wanted and what the fiscal boards were willing to commit in order to have such a program. Rep. Boccuzzi felt that the Board should be a part in deciding on such a program and this would have been a good chance to start the community based policing.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. BOCCUZZI said that although the program was directed at one section of the town because of the way the grant was written, it would have been a start. He said that if the program was started, it may have been possible to move the police officers over and into the areas adjacent to where the program was taken place.

Rep. Boccuzzi said that a question was asked if the Police Department received new officers could they be included into minimum man power; the answer was "no" as these officers' duties would have been strictly at the home base of the program which would have been Southfield Village. Rep. Boccuzzi said that the city would have to be pick up at the end of four years; the program is only funded for two years and new legislation would have to take place for the program to be funded again.

Rep. Boccuzzi said that the Committee felt that the program should have been looked into by more people and not just those who decided to turn down the program.

REP. LOGLISCI said that the Board was out of the loop in making a decision of adding 15 officers at a time when the city seemed to be at a crisis looking for more police protection. He said that the community wanted the program and at that time, a decision was made on fiscal terms only and not made by the Board of Finance or the Board of Representatives. Rep. Loglisci said that the grant came down and the normal procedure left the Board out; it went to the Mayor and Police Department while everyone was saying it was too bad we don't have the money but there was a possibility of getting the money and having 15 police officers. Rep. Loglisci said that the decision was taken away from the Board and the Board should pay attention and be aware as many more decisions will be taken away.

REP. BOCCUZZI said that State Rep. John Wayne Fox agreed to inform the Board and the Board of Finance of any programs that could possibly affect the safety of the city. Rep. Boccuzzi thanked Rep. Fox for making the commitment.

AUDIT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE - Robert DeLuca & John J. Boccuzzi, Co-Chairmen

No report.

REVALUATION COMMITTEE - John J. Hogan, Jr., Chairman - No report.CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE - David Martin & Donald Sherer, Co-Chairmen

REP. MARTIN said that the Committee met on June 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 17, 20, 22 and the 23 starting at 7:00 p.m. and going until 10:00 p.m.

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION. Requested by Rep. Robert DeLuca, R-14, Ralph Loglisci, R-14 and Thomas Pia, R-7, 1/21/94. Held on Pending Agenda 2/16/94. Held in Committee 5/2 and 6/6/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. MARTIN said that the Committee was interviewing candidates and three more meetings are scheduled for early July to continue the interviewing. He said that hopefully some recommendations will be made by July 14, and be ready for the August 1 meeting. Also, Rep. Martin said that the Committee is working on a charge for the Commission and if any Board members have something they would like to have addressed, he urged them to contact Gabe DeLuca or Maria Nakian who are Co-Chairs of a subcommittee developing the charge.

PRESIDENT RINALD thanked David Martin and Donald Sherer and the Committee for their diligence and appreciated the time the Committee put in working on the matter.

RESOLUTIONS

1. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION HONORING DR. GEORGE GORUN UPON HIS RETIREMENT. Submitted by Rep. Michael D. Larobina, D-16, 6/13/94.

REP. LAROBINA Moved to approve the resolution. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called to approve the resolution. APPROVED by voice vote.

MINUTES

1. APRIL 4, 1994 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Not ready.
2. MAY 2, 1994 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Not ready.
3. MAY 3, 1994 SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING - Not ready.
4. JUNE 6, 1994 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Not ready.

COMMUNICATIONS - None.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS - None.

ADJOURNMENT - Upon a motion duly made and Seconded and Approved by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 a.m.



Anne A. Kachaluba, Administrative Assistant
and Recording Secretary
23rd Board of Representatives

APPROVED:



Mary Lou T. Rinaldi, President
23rd Board of Representatives
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Enclosures