

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING - FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1995

23RD BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

Pursuant to a "Call" issued by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, a Special Meeting of the 23rd Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut was held on Friday, June 30, 1995, in the Legislative Chamber of the Board of Representatives, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut. The "Call" was for 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mary Lou Rinaldi, President of the Board of Representatives.

The "Call" of the Special Meeting was read by President Mary Lou Rinaldi.

"On Friday, June 30, 1995, at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Representatives meeting room, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Board of Representatives, under Charter Section C6-20-2, for the following item:

"Fireworks Display for Saturday, July 1, 1995 (raindate Sunday, July 2, 1995). Donations of \$56,000, have been collected from the private sector and Board of Finance and Board of Representatives approval is needed before the weekend display."

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.

Mayor Stanley J. Esposito was absent.

There were 26 members present and 14 absent. Absent were Maria Nakian (excused), Philip Stork (excused), Steven Montello (excused), Elizabeth Conti (excused), Ellen Mellis (excused), Patrick White (excused), Carmen Domonkos (excused), Angela Housey (excused), Mildred Perillo, Donald Sherer, Andrew McDonald (excused), John R. Zelinsky (excused), Joseph Vitti (excused) and David Scalzi (excused).

The Chair declared a quorum.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Carmen Domonkos, Chairwoman

1. \$56,000.00 - DEPARTMENT 649 JULY 4 FIREWORKS, #3289 FIREWORKS - additional appropriation to cover private contributions. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/27/95. Board of Finance approved 6/30/95.

PRESIDENT RINALDI entertained a motion to approve the appropriation. A motion to approve was made from the Floor. Seconded.

REP. DeLUCA asked if the Mayor gave any reason why he could not be present this evening? Rep. DeLuca stated that the Mayor called the meeting for Friday night, the start of a long weekend. He said that the Mayor could have called the meeting for Thursday night. Rep. DeLuca said that he thought the Mayor would be present since he issued the "Call."

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

PRESIDENT RINALDI said that the Mayor did not call to say whether or not he would be present. She said that it was not necessary for the Mayor to be present when he issues a "Call." President Rinaldi said that she could not speak for the Mayor.

REP. SABIA said that a special meeting is called each year and he asked why the funding for fireworks cannot be taken up a month ahead?

PRESIDENT RINALDI said that she did not know when the Mayor started the fund raising and it would have been nice if the appropriation was on the June Agenda. She stated that it does not have to come down the eleventh hour.

REP. MARTIN said that a budget is to represent a plan and if the Mayor planned ahead, fireworks should have been in his budget along with the revenue. Rep. Martin stated that the Mayor could have told the Board that there would be no fireworks unless funds were raised. He said that each year, the funding is an emergency appropriation; this reflects that the Mayor is busy fund raising for his campaign and fund raising for the fireworks is at the last minute.


REP. BOCCUZZI Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve \$56,000 for the fireworks display. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting vote.

REP. LOGLISCI said that he wanted to refer to Rep. Martin's very political comments. Rep. Loglisci said that it is difficult to raise the money early-on because corporations are not thinking about July 4 until close to the date. He said that if the funding is put in the budget, it would probably end up costing the city rather than having donations. He said that the issue should not be one-sided.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion duly made and Seconded, and approved by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Note: The Administrative Assistant was not present at this meeting. The Secretary was present to record this meeting.


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

APPROVED:


Mary Lou S. Rinaldi, President
23rd Board of Representatives

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Enclosures