

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 10, 1995

23RD BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

The regular meeting of the 23rd Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, July 10, 1995 at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chamber of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 8:17 p.m. by President Mary Lou Rinaldi after both parties met in Caucus.

INVOCATION was given by Beth Hall, Ministry Intern
Stamford Church of Christ, 1264 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT

"Our God, thank you for bringing together this group of people tonight. Thank you for pricking the hearts of people so that they are moved to serve others as their representatives. Please give these men and women the compassion required to speak on behalf of the city, and the wisdom to make decisions to their benefit. Help us never to become so immersed in the papers and protocol that we forget the people. And in the end, may we all give the praise and glory to you.

"You have revealed yourself to many people in many ways. Thank you for revealing yourself to me through Jesus Christ, and for giving me his life as an example of servant leadership.

"As we all come to you with different hearts and different visions of who you are, we thank you for accepting our imperfect understanding. Thank you for hearing others in the way they come to you. Thank you for hearing my prayer as I come to you in the name of Jesus. 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 32 members present and eight absent. Absent were Reps. Gerald Rybnick (excused), Donald Sherer (excused), John R. Zelinsky, Jr., (excused - ill), Philip Stork, Elizabeth Conti, Angela Housey, William Doyle (excused) and Mildred Perillo.

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 MRS. HYACINE B. MALBON requested by Representatives Fred Johnson, Nicholas Pavia and Bobby Owens.

"Mrs. Malbon was a resident of Stamford for over 60 years. Our deepest sympathy to her family."

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: (continued)

For the late HATTIE HENDLER MILLER requested by Representative Ellen Mellis of the 13th District.

"Hattie Hendler Miller, wife of Samuel Miller of Lakewood, California, mother of Barbara Sachs of Stamford and of David Em of Sierra Madre, California, died on June 21, 1995 in Lakewood, California.

"On behalf of the Board of Representatives, I wish to extend to Barbara, her husband Ken, and their children, our deepest condolences and sympathy. I hope that time and countless heartfelt memories will ease your pain and loss. Our thoughts are with you all."

For the late GERALD ALERIC BARSTOWE requested by Representatives Elaine Mitchell, Annie M. Summerville, Patrick White, Jeffrey Curtis Sr., John J. Boccuzzi, and Gloria DePina.

"Gerald Aleric Barstowe died July 4, after drowning near Southfield Park beach. He was 14. He was the son of Gerald Barstowe of Bermuda and Audrey Lyles of Stamford and a lifelong resident of Stamford. He was a member of Community Tabernacle of Deliverance Church. He played football, and was a member of the track team at Westhill High School.

"In addition to his parents, he is survived by three sister, Ashley Wallace, Whitney Little and Tara Little all of Stamford; his paternal grandmother, Olga Barstowe of Bermuda; his maternal grandparents, Myrtle Anderson and Robert Lyles, of Stamford; three aunts and three uncles; and several cousins and friends.

"Gerald will be greatly missed and our deepest sympathy is extended to Gerald's parents and family."

For the late MARILYN MURPHY requested by Representatives Carmen Domonkos, Ellen Mellis, Annie M. Summerville and Alice Fortunato.

"Marilyn Murphy was a devoted public servant who served as Director of the Stamford Volunteer Center. She was loved by many and will be missed. Sincere condolences to her husband Tom and family."

For the late WILBUR COUTERMASH requested by Representatives John J. Boccuzzi and John F. Leydon, Jr.

For the late JOSEPH PETER SANDOR requested by Representatives Gerald Rybnick and John F. Leydon, Jr.

"Mr. Sandor was born in Stamford on July 18, 1914. He was the son of the late John and Mary Sutvaj Sandor. He was a retired self-employed carpenter and a lifelong resident of Stamford. He was a member of the Carpenters Union Local and the Holy Name Society at St. Benedict Church.

"Mr. Sandor is survived by his wife, Sophie B. Sandor; a son, Arthur J. Sandor; a brother, John Sandor; two sisters, Ann Sandor and Mary Millspaugh; and two grandchildren. Our sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Sandor and family."

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: (continued)

For the late RICHARD J. LABATI requested by Representative Ronald Sabia.

"Mr. Labati was a son of the late John and Margaret Ochelli Labati. He graduated from Greenwich High School. In 1968, he graduated from the Williams College School of Banking in Massachusetts. He lived in Stamford for 40 years and was affiliated with the Lions' Club in Greenwich. Mr. Labati was a vice president of Putnam Trust Co. in Greenwich.

"Mr. Labati is survived by his wife, Joanne LaBella Labati; two daughters, Cheryl Hafey and Lynn Bausch; a brother, John Labati; two sisters, Florence Balocca and Marion Marino and two granddaughters. My deepest sympathy to Mrs. Labati and family."

For the late DANIEL A. VACCARO SR. requested by Representative Gerald Rybnick and Mayor Stanley J. Esposito.

"Mr. Vaccaro was born in Stamford, a son of the late Paul and Rose Gentlessco Faccaro. He was a member of the Stamford Police Department for 39 years. He was a member of the Stamford Police Association, the executive board of the Connecticut State Police Association and was a local vice president of the Connecticut State Police Association. He was also a Navy World War II veteran.

"Mr. Vaccaro is survived by his wife, Mary Solinas Vaccaro; two sons, Paul J. Vaccaro and Daniel A. Vaccaro Jr.; a daughter, Palma N. Vaccaro-Sivel; a brother, Gene Vaccaro and four grandchildren. He will be missed. Our sympathy to Mrs. Vaccaro and family."

MAYOR STANLEY J. ESPOSITO'S ANNUAL MESSAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994/95 AS PER CHARTER SECTION 3-10-6.

MAYOR STANLEY J. ESPOSITO "Good evening everyone. It is my pleasure to be among you this evening to offer the State of the City address for fiscal year 1994/95. These are certainly exciting time for the City of Stamford--a great time to be Mayor, and a great time to be a member of the Board of Representatives and also a great time to live in this great city of ours. Some of the actions that we have taken together this year will go a long way toward assuring a bright future for our city. We can all be proud of our collective accomplishments.

"As we look back over fiscal 1994/95 this evening, I'd like to take this opportunity to give you an update and illustrate how our departments have begun to use creativity and ingenuity, while staying within our budgetary parameters, to work cooperatively and to effect change. All of our department heads have exhibited professionalism and have worked hard this year with, what I think, are significant gains.

"You know I promised that the focus of my administration would be economic development. We would work hard to retain companies currently here and attract new companies to our city. Our economic development team, Kip Bergstrom and Lixuan An and I have been hard at work with numerous successes, of course, the Swiss Bank Corporation. Many months of tough, and, at times, very delicate negotiations resulted in the bank's decision to move here. I can tell you that being at the bargaining table and fighting to make this happen for the City of Stamford there were some pretty tense times. But, since it worked out for the city, it was worth it.

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"The important thing to remember here is that before a global banking firm can make a decision as radical as moving out of the financial district in New York, they have to be sure they can do business outside of Manhattan. Swiss Bank has made that determination, and because a company of their stature has done so, others will follow. We have already had many inquires from other financial firms about Stamford. We are well on our way to becoming the financial center of Connecticut.

"Let me say here that the cooperation of many of our Board; Planning, Zoning, the Urban Redevelopment Commission, the Board of Finance and of course, the Board of Representatives was key in this particular matter. You all stepped up to the plate and did what was needed in record time to help make this a reality. I and the citizens of Stamford thank you.

"Because of the amount of publicity surrounding the Swiss Bank move, our other economic development successes have been overshadowed. Let me give you a few examples: The retention of the Gartner Group, the world's leading information technology advisor will remain here in the City of Stamford and expand adding an additional 700 jobs. The retention of IMR, one of the largest accounting software developers. They have purchased the ABB building on Long Ridge Road--they will stay and add an additional 500 jobs. And, the expansion of the Conair Corporation. While we have attracted businesses from as far away as Switzerland and California, we have also attracted many from New York and New Jersey. Some of them included the Wheatly Group, one of the largest software developers for the insurance industry, they came from Long Island; Daymon Associates, one of the largest off-brand food packaging design companies came from New York City; Mutual of New York, who by the way has done an outstanding job renovating #1 Atlantic Street, and the Dreyfus Corporation has opened a financial center there; Munich Re; The Women's Tennis Organization; Lind Lab from Sweden; and a list of about 20 more.

"You should also know that the establishment of our Enterprise Zone has resulted in the recruiting and retention of 11 manufacturing companies with a total of 300 new jobs which will raise \$1 million in revenue to the city over the next 10 years, and this is over and above any incentives they will receive. So you see, we mean business when we talk economic development, and I can assure you that we have many other economic development irons in the fire that we expect to add to our corporate ledger.

"The message is most assuredly out that Stamford is the sound choice for business. And, it's an important message because all of you know as well as I do that the answer to our city's future lies in increasing our corporate tax base and minimizing the burden of our residential property owners. The way to achieve that is through an organized economic development plan, and, as you can see, we have, in a very short time, made great strides.

"In order to remedy the botched property revaluation of 1992, our Finance Department implemented a computer assisted mass appraisal system. What this system does is give us the ability to revalue property more often and at much less expense. MMC, the company that corrected the botched reval is studying when the most advantageous time will be to revalue our property again. Right now, as you know, we're planning the next reval in October of '97, and we expect to see a significant amount of commercial property back in the mix. This will begin the process of reaching our goal of lessening the burden on our homeowners.

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"While we're on the subject of taxes, you should know that our tax collecting office has collected 98.3% of the current tax levy as of April 30, 1995. This is the highest percentage of collectables in the past five years. At this time, there are also 1,479 liens filed for delinquent real estate taxes with a value of close to \$6 million. The Tax Collector, in conjunction with our Law Department, will remain vigilant in pursuing this revenue.

"And, also in the area of the Finance Department, our management information System, which will finally create an integrated financial system, has been bid, and final selection of a vendor is expected in August with implementation this September. After decades of reports telling us how crucial this type of system would be for proper controls over the city's finances, we will finally see implementation.

"This year, once again, the city received a triple A credit rating from both Moody's and Standard & Poors. We also expect, once again within three weeks, to receive the Government Finance Officers Association Award for excellence in financial reporting.

"Our Public Works Department has also had an exciting and productive year. As a city, we closed the second and last remaining incinerator in March. We have finally put an end to the fly ash controversy and assured an environmentally responsible method of solid waste disposal while improving the air quality in Shippan, the Cove/East Side and South End areas of our city. Additionally, the sludge thickeners have been capped to nearly eliminate the noxious odors that plagued the areas around the sewage treatment plant. We continue to operate, by the way, the most effective sewage treatment plant in this region.

"Our recycling efforts have been tremendously successful. Stamford recycles at the highest rate of any city in the State of Connecticut. We are quickly approaching our own personal goal of 50%. Our mixed paper recycling program will have a significant impact on this particular number.

"We continue to maintain approximately 345 miles of roads, the largest road system in Connecticut, and we did it with a 35% reduction in staff over the last five years. Still, paving, sidewalk and bridge projects continue on through the city while our road system continues to offer clean and safe passage for motorists.

"Our Building Department reports that it issued 5,275 permits in fiscal '94/95 which exceeds the previous year by some 691 permits or approximately 15%. This, I think is a strong indicator of the recovery that we are experiencing in our economy and in residential and commercial construction here in the City of Stamford.

"Our Parks and Recreation Department and its Director, Steve Elkins, continues to promote family entertainment in our parks and to encourage their use. Our first ever Easter egg hunt on the great lawn at Cove Island attracted about 2,000 people. It was a marvelous event and we certainly expect to see it grow and expand in the future. Nearly 8,000 people attended our first annual circus at the Terry Connors Rink. This is an innovated, and I might add, profitable way of making use of the Terry Connors Ice Rink during its annual shutdown.

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"While major improvement projects in the parks have been put on hold until the Master Plan for the parks gives us an indication of how our parks should be evolving, we have seen two very important parks here in the city refurbished and rededicated this year. They are Carwin Park and Hatch Field. Our Parks Department has done a marvelous job on both of these facilities, and if you haven't visited them recently, I suggest that you do if only to see what can be accomplished when someone is determined to make a pleasant atmosphere out of one that only saw deterioration and neglect.

"Over the past year, our Parks Department has forged financial partnerships with some of our corporate residents that have assisted in the beautification of some of our downtown parks and increased use and attention to them. Some of these partnerships include GE Capital, the Stamford Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Special Service District. Many more projects are planned; for instance, the dedication tomorrow of the seated Lincoln in Veteran's Park, and by the way, each and everyone of you in the audience as well are invited. This all leads to an enhanced quality of life in the Downtown and the coordination of purposes between the public and private sector. Oh, and once again, Stamford has received the Tree City USA award for planting more trees than any other Connecticut municipality. We have received this award for seven consecutive years.

"Our Law Department, while defending the city in 229 claims that had been filed against the city, has been busy in the collection of delinquent back taxes, and has also become the strong enforcement arm against zoning violations. As of May, 1995, \$5 million has been collected in delinquent taxes with the aid of outside counsel, and three of the longest standing zoning violations have been brought to the courts. Also, the Law Department has reorganized the committee to review the sale of excess city property. Now that the commercial property market has rebounded, we are paving the way for the sale of these parcels in an effort to make them part of the tax revenue stream here in the city.

"The long unsettled police contract was finally settled by arbitration this year. The city won a key point in the elimination of unlimited sick leave. Immediately following the implementation of that contract, we saw a 42% decrease in sick time. While that number has reduced a bit since then, we are still seeing a marked improvement over past practice. Twenty-five new police recruits are not in training. Thirteen of them are now scheduled to begin community based policing.

"The ROCCY Program is progressing nicely at Southfield Village. The most important aspect of this program is the participation of the neighborhood organization and their commitment to its success. The residents of Southfield Village want and deserve a safe environment in which to live, and we have begun the ground work toward providing that for them, but they will also have a hand and a say in how that is done.

"Chief Tully and our Police Department have also established greater patrol visibility and closer contact with the community through the park and walk program, the traffic enforcement unit and neighborhood alliances with the communities of the West Side and the South End. In these two communities, police supervised vigils are discouraging drug dealing in the neighborhoods and more importantly, promoting the feeling among residents that they can indeed, effect change and help the police take back their neighborhoods from the crime that drugs promote.

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"The department has begun many more innovative initiatives, but one of the more creative is the business FAX watch program in conjunction with the Downtown Special Service District. This particular program enhances crime prevention communication between downtown merchants and the department and creates an immediate heads up for our police about potential problems.

"As you know, we have received the Management Study of Stamford's Fire Department and are looking into its recommendations. A committee is being formed to review the 400 plus page document and pass on their views and recommendations to me once their work is complete. This is an extremely important study which will affect the future of how our Fire Department operates and delivers service in the future. Since this is a safety issue, I believe we need to take a careful and thorough look at the implications of the study, and be very sure before implementing its recommendations. This is not something to take lightly since the safety of Stamford's citizens rests on how we go forward from here. I am going to be asking you for advice by the way on this issue as we move forward.

"As I have said, it has been a busy and exciting year. We planted the seeds of change here in the City of Stamford which will soon grow into a new renaissance, one which will evolve over the new few years.

"In 1997, with the Swiss Bank move, comes the beginning of major improvements to our Transportation Center funded by the State of Connecticut. The center island platform which will be part of the project will enable the rapid transit system planned from Washington, D.C. to Boston, Massachusetts to pass through Stamford, making it available to our own residents.

"The Rail Trail will begin at the Transportation Center and mark the path to our downtown with lighting and amenities. This will create a safe route, through the Swiss Bank complex and around it, from the Transportation Center to places of work, shopping and entertainment. Now, follow Washington Boulevard, in your mind if you will, from The Gateway of Stamford to the new campus of the University of Connecticut in the old Bloomingdale's building.. Early architect renderings are of an enhanced, pedestrian friendly building, open to the street and inviting to visitors. Landscaping and amenities to both the university facility and the parking garage will result in a safe, friendly atmosphere which will encourage pedestrian traffic.

"Also, we now have a retail study being performed for the city which will indicate the appropriate types of retail that should be attracted to our downtown and also the outlying areas. Our downtown has seen quite a bit of improvement since the creation of the Downtown Special Service District but we have yet far to go. I have a clear vision of what Stamford should strive to be at the end of this new renaissance.

"Stamford isn't Norwalk, nor is it Milford or Orange or Danbury, Connecticut. We are becoming the financial center of southern Connecticut and that is how we want to be known--not as a haven for big box retail, clogged roads or neon lights. The future of retail in the City of Stamford must be carefully planned so that it results in an appropriately sized and configured retail in targeted areas, and most importantly, results in the return of desirable retail activity to Atlantic and Bedford Streets. You can be sure I will insist on the upgrading of the retail outside of the mall to a level which is expected in the city as great as Stamford.

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"Plans for a retail center are in place for parcel 38, or what we all know as the 'hole in the ground.' These will be 'power retail' stores which have become very popular here of late. I hope that once this particular project is complete, it along with the Stamford Town Center, will encourage retail along Tresser Boulevard and create pedestrian traffic from there to Atlantic Street, but that is a little while off.

"The Urban Redevelopment Commission is looking at proposals for blocks 8 and 9. There are already plans for a multiplex movie theatre on old Summer Street and a 'theatre alley' connecting it to the Palace Theatre on Atlantic Street, The Palace, by the way, will soon begin its renovation and become a state of the art facility which will give us two of those facilities in downtown Stamford, both the Palace and the Rich Forum.

"Plans for blocks 8 and 9 include housing and retail, open space and more parking. It will be the final development in our downtown, and will complete the face of the city. We all certainly want to see this last piece of prime downtown real estate developed to its highest and best use to truly cap this chapter in our city's history.

"As you can see, Stamford is on the verge of a major renaissance, a real economic boom. And, to assure a smooth transition to boomtown and create a city that works, I have created a planning and pre-implementation team to oversee all of the major construction projects which are on the horizon. The team will meet early on with architects and developers to discuss the coordination between projects, the impact on things like traffic flow, parking, infrastructure, open space--any number of possibilities, and stress the coordination between the projects. We will also advise on the permitting process and provide access to necessary departments as needed.

"When all is said and done, we want to be sure we have a city that is people friendly, that works and flows well and that lives up to the image of a major corporate and financial center that we are, in fact, becoming.

"In my mind, it is no accident that Money magazine has named Stamford the sixth best place in America or that we have been ranked third in the nation as the best place in which to raise children. Our goal, however, yours and mine, should be to shoot for #1; together we can do it, it just takes a little cooperation and vision.

"We've all worked hard this past year and we have a full plate facing us in the coming years. I look forward to working with you to effect the changes that lie on the horizon. It will take all of us working together, and I promise it will be worth it.

"Thank you very much."

CLERK SUMMERVILLE said that the Stamford school system lost many wonderful teachers this year. She said that on behalf of the Board, one way of saying "thanks" to all of them was to decide on one person to be the spokesman for all the teachers. She said that the Board salutes all the retiring school teachers who have given so many wonderful hours of service and wished them a happy retirement.

CLERK SUMMERVILLE introduced Carmine Vaccaro. She said that Carmine and his siblings have been teaching in the school system since 1953; Carmine has taught for 36 years in Stamford schools and is now retiring. She said that recently there was a nice story written up about the Vaccaro family in the Advocate. Clerk Summerville said that Carmine was one of the wonderful teachers she alluded to. She said that Carmine is very active in many organizations that all of us are familiar with. She said that Carmine will read a poem about teaching and about his siblings in the teaching profession.

MR. VACCARO thanked Clerk Summerville for giving him the privilege and honor of speaking before such an august Body. He said that he wrote the poem because he is proud of his 36 years in the Stamford public school system, and also is proud of his other three siblings, two brother and sister, having a combined total of 134 years in public education. Mr. Vaccaro said that he offers a challenge to any other family who has four siblings, no more than four, to try to top that record because records are made to be broken.

Mr. Vaccaro said that the poem is entitled, "Thirty six Year of Teaching."

"Thirty six years in teaching oh what a ride, working with colleagues side by side. Started at Dolan, it was then junior high, Glenn Moon was its principal, my, oh, my. I put that expression in because if any of you know Glenn Moon, you know to work for him, he was quite a taskmaster. You could work anywhere in the world, not only in this country, but anywhere in the world.

"It began with my sister Marianne in '59. She also has 36 years and she teaches at Springdale. Brother Joe was there already so we followed behind. He had 34 and a half years all at Dolan. Brother Lou came along a little bit later and now we were four different educators. Joe taught math, I taught physical education, kinda hard to get use to already, Marianne teaches elementary, and brother Lou has 28 years in and teaches social studies at Stamford High. He is also the tennis coach and in charge of the PEP club.

"My nine years at Dolan began my career, then on to elementary for another 12 years. Turn of River was next in line for me, a middle school it was going to be. 15 years later, it seem to be over, now it was my turn to be in clover. With the grace of God I'm still going strong. I pray my retirement will be healthy and long. Whatever the outcome, whatever may be, it was great being part of Stamford's teaching history."

Mr. Vaccaro thanked the Board for their attention.

CLERK SUMMERVILLE said that Carmine wears all kind of pins and has only two Board of Representative pins.

PRESIDENT RINALDI, on behalf of the Board, presented Mr. Vaccaro with a Certificate of Appreciation and a pin with the City of Stamford seal.

MR. VACCARO thanked the Board for the honor bestowed upon him.

REP. STORK joined the meeting. 33 members present and seven absent.

REP. DePINA left the meeting at 8:45 p.m. 32 members present and eight absent.

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 14, 1995 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 7:40 p.m. A quorum was present.

Present at the meeting:

Mary Lou Rinaldi, Chairwoman	John J. Hogan, Jr.	Robert DeLuca
Carmen Domonkos	Ralph Loglisci	Marggie Laurie
Bobby Owens	Annie Summerville	Maria Nakian
Elaine Mitchell	Philip Stork	Nicholas Pavia
Donald Sherer	Thomas Pia	Jeff Curtis (excused)
Audrey Maihock	David Martin	Anne Kachaluba

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

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were the 12 items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda, two item appearing on the Addenda and one item Moved from the Economic Development Committee.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were nine of the ten items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. One item was ordered on to the Pending Agenda.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were the four items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and one item from the Pending Agenda. Ordered off the Addenda was the item re contract between the city and C. R. Grebey, Director of Labor Relations.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS & SEWER COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda, one item from the Addenda and one item from the Pending Agenda.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Pending Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Ordered off the Pending Agenda was the item re police extra duty jobs.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and one item from the Addenda.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was one of the two items appearing on the Tentative Agenda and one item from the Addenda. One item on the Tentative Agenda was ordered to the Pending Agenda. One item on the Addenda was ordered off; re facade of Palace Theatre.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)

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

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

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

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

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. Item on the Pending Agenda was Moved to the Fiscal Committee.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

REVALUATION COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda 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 were two items 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, July 5, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Domonkos, Loglisci, Nakian, Pavia, Sabia, Sherer and Juram; excused was Rep. Hogan. Also present were Reps. Laurie, Leydon, Maihock and Owens.

Rep. Domonkos placed items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 14. All Secondary Committees concurred or waive the reading of the Secondary report.

Rep. Domonkos Moved the Consent Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with Rep. McDonald abstaining on item 5, Rep. Maihock abstaining on item 8 and Rep. Leydon abstaining on item 11.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

1. BILLING RATE FOR FIRE WATCH EXTRA DUTY EMPLOYMENT. INTERIM RATE OF \$37.29, plus \$.54 for medicare insurance costs = \$37.83, plus \$ 2.27 the 6% sales tax, = total of \$40.10. (\$39.53 APPROVED BY BOARD 5/1/95) Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/12/95. Held in Committee 6/5/95.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

REP. DOMONKOS said that last month, an interim rate for the fire watch extra duty was approved and also for the police. She said that last month, a flat rate for the police was set for each job. She said that it was felt that some research should be done to see if there should be a flat rate for the extra duty fire watch; the flat fee helps to pay for the cost of administering the project. Rep. Domonkos said this was discussed with Mr. Ruszkowski and the Fire Department indicated that there were very few extra duty fire jobs, approximately 75 a year, 80% through the Board of Education so there is no tax or billing as it is an automatic transfer. She said that there were only about 15 outside jobs a year which does not cost a great amount of money to administer.

Rep. Domonkos said that it was decided and recommended by Mr. Ruszkowski that the flat fee be charged of what it costs to hire an overtime deputy fire marshal, which is \$37.29 per hour; the medicare insurance cost has to be paid which is \$.54 which comes to 37.83 plus the 6% sales tax to be paid to the state, \$2.27, brings the total billing to \$40.10 per hour for extra duty fire watch. The Committee approved the above by a vote of seven to zero. Moved. Seconded.

The Secondary Committee report was waived.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the billing rate for the fire watch extra duty employment. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

2. \$2,081,310.00 - APPROVAL FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDING REALLOCATION FROM SAID PROJECTS TO PROJECTS WHICH HAVE AN IMMEDIATE NEED FOR FUNDING OR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING.

From: 112-2011 16-3 High Ridge	\$ 300,000
	370,000
	100,000
	100,000
	250,000
	10,000
112-3211 17-4 Sewer	413,000
112-2891 17-1 High Ridge	400,000
343-1881 Incinerator	30,910
346-074 Dumpster	<u>107,400</u>
	<u>\$2,081,310</u>

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

Item 2 (continued)

To:	320-0691 Roof replacement	\$ 300,000
	610-3151 Terry Connors rink roof	370,000
	330-1681 City storm drains	100,000
	310-5611 City guard rails	100,000
	310-1441 Rippowam Rvr mill pond drg.	250,000
	310-1591 Sidewalk repairs	10,000
	310-1591 Sidewalk repairs	200,000
	330-1491 City wide road correction	213,000
	330-1491 City wide road correction	400,000
	346-9531 Incinerator complex	30,910
	346-9531 Incinerator complex	<u>107,400</u>
		\$2,081,310

Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/18/95. Planning Board approved 6/21/95. Board of Finance deferred 6/8/95. Held in Committee 6/5/95.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

3. \$ 915,275.00 - INTERDEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER - FROM 997-9982 CITY LABOR CONTRACT ESTIMATES TO VARIOUS - to transfer MEA contract funds to accounts listed in backup information.

1110 salaries	\$698,107
1127 differential	16,015
1130 part time	16,611
1135 perm part time	23,957
1201 overtime	95,543
1310 FICA	<u>65,042</u>
	\$915,275

Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/25/95. Board of Finance approved 6/8/95.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

4. \$ 566,548.00 - DEPARTMENT 994-9202 MEA CONTRACT FY 93/94 RETRO PAY - additional appropriation to fund MEA contract fiscal year 93/94 retro payment. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/1/95. Board of Finance approved 6/8/95.

Above also referred to PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

5. \$ 165,000.00 - LAW DEPARTMENT - CODE 230.5150 PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS - additional appropriation to pay appraisal services in connection with tax appeals filed against 1993 revaluation. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/1/95. Board of Finance approved 6/8/95.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE ABSTENTION. REP. McDONALD.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. DOMONKOS said that the Board requested that a status report be given on item 5. She said that Corporation Counsel McCabe was asked for an update on the item. She said that the Committee was told that the condo was for sale but in the interim would be used to store office equipment from abandoned offices due to evictions. She said that learned through the media was that this has not been done and the city is still renting trailers to store the equipment. She said that Mr. McCabe was asked what this was costing the city to rent the 15 trailers and the cost is running \$40,000 a month or \$480,000 a year the city is spending to store equipment that has been abandoned by business who have moved out of town. Rep. Domonkos stated that \$5,000 a month also has to be paid for the condo which is empty and not used. She said that the city has \$350,000 in back taxes for the condo, \$480,000 a year to store equipment and \$60,000 a year to maintain the condo.

Rep. Domonkos said that Mr. McCabe was asked what the city intends to do to stem the flow of this money; it was indicated that the city plans to hold an auction to auction the equipment to get rid of it. Also, it was indicated that it was possible that the city would lease the North Street old Health Department which now houses the police training academy and the academy may be move to the Strawberry Hill location.

Rep. Domonkos said that it was asked what became of the parking spaces that were to be rented to the court personnel while construction is going on? She said that there is some difficulty finding out what spaces belong to the condo so there is no movement forward at this point.

6. \$ 25,000.00 - PAYROLL DEPARTMENT - CODE 246-5161 OUTSIDE PAYROLL SERVICES additional appropriation to cover anticipated shortfall and anticipated changes. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/1/95. Board of Finance approved 6/8/95.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

7. \$ 5,495.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - CODE 414-1650 NEW EQUIPMENT - additional appropriation to upgrade breath testing maching. To be reimbursed by grant funds. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/25/95. Board of Finance approved 6/8/95.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

8. \$ 7,080.00 - MAYOR'S COMMISSION - ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE #668 - CODE 94-668-5501 CONTRACTED SERVICES - additional appropriation - funds will be subcontracted to two organizations, Girl's Inc. to conduct peer leadership training and Meridian Council will conduct parenting programs. This is a grant. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/25/95. Board of Finance approved 6/8/95.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE, REP. MAIHOCK.

9. \$ 4,914.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - FY 94-95 573 WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN (WIC) CODE 94-573 VARIOUS - additional appropriation to cover amended contract.
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| 94-573-1130 part time | \$2,090 |
| 94-573-1310 FICA | 328 |
| 94-573-2740 telephone | 1,500 |
| 94-573-3738 health certification | <u>996</u> |
| | \$4,914 |
- Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/31/95. Board of Finance approved 6/8/95.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

10. \$ 35,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC & PARKING - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994/95 FOR PROJECT CODE 280-239 CITYWIDE SIGNALS - additional appropriation to cover grant. \$10,000 received from Morgan Related and \$25,000 from Laurelwood Partnership. To be financed by grant. Adoption of resolution regarding funding to be financed by grant, if obtained, otherwise to be financed temporarily and/or permanently by borrowings, as to which the City expresses its official intent, all as more particularly stated on Exhibit A. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/25/95. Planning Board approved 6/6/95. Board of Finance approved 6/8/95.

Above also referred to TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

11. \$ 10,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC & PARKING - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994/95 FOR PROJECT CODE 280-309 GREYROCK PLACE WIDENING - additional appropriation to widen Greyrock Place between Broad Street and Forest Street. To be financed by grant, if obtained, otherwise to be financed temporarily and/or permanently by borrowings, as to which the City expresses its official intent, all as more particularly stated on Exhibit A. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/25/95. Planning Board approved 6/6/95. Board of Finance approved 6/8/95.

Above also referred to TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

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

12. \$ 25,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995/96 FOR PROJECT CODE 311 FLEET MANAGEMENT STUDY - additional appropriation to hire consultant to evaluate vehicle maintenance procedures and operations. To be financed by bonds. Adoption of resolution regarding funding to be financed partially, temporarily and/or permanently by borrowings as to which the City expresses its official intent, all as more particularly stated on Exhibit A. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/31/95. Board of Finance approved 6/8/95.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

13. \$ 1,992,900.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994/95 FOR PROJECT CODE 810-169 STARK SCHOOL RENOVATIONS - additional appropriation for renovation and expansion project. To be financed by bonds. Adoption of resolution regarding funding to be financed partially, temporarily and/or permanently by borrowings as to which the City expresses its official intent, all as more particularly stated on Exhibit A. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/7/95. Planning Board approved 6/21/95. Contingent upon Board of Finance approval.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

REP. DOMONKOS said that the Committee approved item 13 by a vote of 7-0.
Moved. Seconded.

The Secondary Committee report was waived.

REP. PIA said that he was not against the project. He asked if anyone has seen the plans for the project? He said that he would not vote for anything until someone tells him that they have seen the plans.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. PIA (continuing) said that he went through the Newfield and Roxbury project and that is a disaster; more money was spent and wasted on that building and he did not want the same thing to happen at Stark School. He said that the school is a basic school and all the grandiose architectural whims request of the architects because they want to perpetuate some project so that they can say, "Look what we built in Stamford." Rep. Pia said that he did not want that and would vote against it.

Rep. Pia said that millions of dollars have been wasted on Newfield School and probably the same at Roxbury School. He said that he did not want to fight against Italian marble in the entry way to the building with a special coating so no one slips and skylights that cost thousand of dollars each which supposedly do not affect the air conditioning and in the winter, probably cold because of the glass.

Rep. Pia asked if anyone saw the plans for Stark School?

REP. DOMONKOS said that the Committee is not made up of architects. The Committee questioned those present about this request. She said that we should look at the Public Works Department who during the last four or five years has approved all the contracts. She said the Commissioner and his capital projects team are the ones responsible for the drawings and bid process, not the Board of Education. Rep. Domonkos said that with this project, when the original appropriation for '94/95 was approved, \$4.2 million, phase 1 went out to bid on the plans drawn and approved by Public Works, and all the bids came in over the \$4.2 million. She said that this year, a request was made for another \$1.9 million which they felt would cover phase I; the Planning Board said "no, we think that you should be able to bring this in for the original amount of \$4.2 million." Rep. Domonkos said that the project went out to bid again and came in higher; Public Works went back to the architects and hired a consultant to review the architect's work as they heard there were a lot of extras which they did not want any extras. Rep. Domonkos said that she understood that each line item was reviewed and cut backs were made to whatever they could; again, it was rebid and came in over.

Rep. Domonkos said that she, personally, would not review plans as she is not an architect. She said that perhaps Rep. Pia should go to the Public Works Department and review the plans and make suggestions. She said that the Committee meets each month into the late evening and does not have time to go through papers and drawings for a \$9 million school; this was not the Committee's job. Rep. Domonkos said that the Public Works has Commissioner Pavia, engineers and experts who have passed on the project.

REP. BOCCUZZI said that he would vote for the item but the Board of Education must have input on the plans and know what they will be getting for the money. He asked if the \$1.9 million plus covered the total cost for the school or will another appropriation be coming before the project is finished?

REP. DOMONKOS said that this is phase 1; the total cost will be approximately \$8.5 and 9 million. She said that Stark School will be totally renovated and 10 classrooms will be added.

REP. BOCCUZZI said that once the project is started, we have to know what the bottom line is going to be; there has to be some indication what the cost will be. He said that when renovations were done at Stamford High, the cost started at \$5.5 million and ended at \$12.5 million.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. DOMONKOS said that the projected cost is \$8.5 million. She said that it depends on the marketplace and hoped that the project could be kept at \$8.5 million.

REP. LOGLISCI said that he was concerned that some new building were just put up and it seems to be a less than enthusiastic response from people in those buildings as to the finished product. He said that we must be sure that we are getting the most for our dollar.

REP. DOMONKOS stated that 25% of the cost is for code compliance; to meet the state code for schools. She said that the school is 40 years old and it has to be brought up to compliance. She said that 24% of the cost will be reimbursed by the state.

REP. DeLUCA asked if there is a completion date on the project?

REP. DOMONKOS said that because of the delays, the project was to start this summer and would have been a 24-month construction project, but now the contract cannot be signed until the fall; with this summer lost, the time will be 36 months before completion.

REP. DeLUCA asked if there were any penalty clauses in the contract if the project extends beyond 36 months?

REP. DOMONKOS state that that question was not asked.

REP. DeLUCA said that with the renovations at the Kveskin Barn Theatre, there were many delays and no penalty clauses; the job was allocated at \$600,000 and cost about \$750,000 and the job was not what we wanted.

REP. DOMONKOS said that generally, there are penalty clauses built in but that question was not asked.

REP. DeLUCA asked if the contract included alternate items which the Board has no say about?

REP. DOMONKOS said that all that can be spent is what is appropriated.

REP. DeLUCA Moved to hold item 13 until answers can be obtained on some of the questions. Seconded.

REP. DOMONKOS said that the project has been held up and she did not know how long the bid will hold; the project has been bid four times. She said that she takes exception to holding the item after the Committee worked so hard; no one came to her before with any questions. She said that she always says that if anyone has any questions, to contact her or attend the meeting so that the questions can be answered in advance.

REP. JURAM said that the Board of Education was asked to come back with comparable costs for projects done in other towns and cities or private and parochial schools for the same type of project and did they come back with the information?

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. DOMONKOS said that the Board of Ed was gathering information but has not been successful in getting all the information. She said that the Board of Ed indicated that it was approximately \$115 a square foot for construction and renovation costs; other towns were asked what they spend and it was in the range from \$105 to \$120 a square foot to do renovations and new construction.

REP. McDONALD said that the item was supposed to be included in the Mayor's capital projects budget; \$17.5 million of spending was approved for capital projects without batting an eye. Rep. McDonald said that the administration's mishandling of the matter that this item was not addressed originally in that capital projects budget. Rep. McDonald said that it would be a disservice to citizens that are served by Stark School to hold up this project because the original request was botched. He said that we would be delaying the implementation of this project and the cost could be serverly increased by not moving the project forward at this time.

REP. NAKIAN said that this project is phase 1 of the building to achieve handicapped access, general building, and fire safety code compliance. She said that it was not the major of the total renovation but a lot of things that have to be done to the building. Rep. Nakian said the bids were just opened or in the process. She said that we cannot see the contract because it has not been awarded and cannot be awarded until the money is in place, and this amount of money is needed to make up the amount needed to award the contract. She said that this was not the time to address some of the design questions as they are not part of this phase and urged the members not to return the item to Committee.

REP. BOCCUZZI said that he did not think the item should go back to Committee but hoped that the Fiscal Committee will keep tabs on the costs as the project is going on and the final cost. He said that if there is going to be a large overrun, it will be hard to get the money.

REP. DOMONKOS said that she agreed with Rep. Boccuzzi. She said that the Committee has been asking the Mayor to provide a status report on capital projects as required by ordinance or Charter, but the report is not received. She said that she has not received a report since Jim Carr was the Commissioner of Finance; he provided that information. Rep. Domonkos stated that the administration has not keep the Board up-to-date on the projects so it is impossible to follow capital projects without a report.

Rep. Domonkos asked that perhaps the President could write a letter requesting the report.

PRESIDENT RINALDI said that a letter will be sent out.

REP. STORK asked Rep. Domonkos if there is really a bind on the project if the item is held or can Rep. Pia's questions be answered?

REP. DOMONKOS stated that the contract has to be drawn up; once the bids are awarded, it takes about two months to award the contract. She said that it was hopeful that the project would start the end of September or October. She said the Committee was informed that time was of the essence. Rep. Domonkos said that a letter was received from the Mayor requesting that the Board act on the item at the July meeting pending approval of the Planning Board and Board of Finance.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. STORK asked if it would be in order to amend the Special Call of the meeting on July 17 (to consider Charter Revision) to place the Stark School item on that agenda to give the Committee a week to get answers?

PARLIAMENTARIAN HOGAN said that the "Call" is the legal "Call" of the meeting and the subject brought up by Rep. Stork is not germane to the original "Call," therefore, another special meeting would be required. Parliamentarian Hogan said that the Chair can rescind the "Call" and send out another one with two items on it.

REP. STORK said that there have been special meetings in the past with two "Calls" and with a week to go before the special meeting, it would be in order to amend the "Call" to place this item on the agenda. Rep. Stork Moved to amend the "Call" of the July 17th meeting to add an item. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI said that the meeting on Charter Revision will be a long one and the discussion on the Stark School item may make for a very long meeting.

REP. STORK said that he would like the motion to stand.

REP. DOMONKOS said that she will be leaving for vacation tomorrow and will not be here for a week; perhaps, someone else can take over to gather the information.

REP. PIA said his point is being missed. He wants to know if this is a basic school or has a lot of frills? He said if no one knows the answer, he will get the answer. Also, he said that we are going to convene on the 17th and he will have the answers by then. He said that he would do the research; if there are frills, he wants them out.

REP. DOMONKOS said that Rep. Pia's question was asked and it was indicated that the Board of Education had hired a special consultant to review the plans with the architect, and a number of items were cut back, approximately \$400,000 worth of items were trimmed on the contract. She said that the Planning Board was finally satisfied and the Committee was comfortable that the cost was cut to the minimum.

PRESIDENT RINALDI proceeded to a vote to Hold the item until July 17 and to revise the "Call" of the special meeting to place this item on that agenda. DEFEATED by 16 no and 14 yes votes.

The record will note that Clerk Summerville was informed that Rep. DePina left the meeting sometime ago. 31 members present.

PRESIDENT RINALDI proceeded to a vote to Hold the item. DEFEATED by 17 no and 13 yes votes.

REP. LOGLISCI Moved for a five-minute recess. Seconded.

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

Recess was from 9:45 p.m. to 9:50 p.m.

PRESIDENT RINALDI proceeded to the main motion to approve item 13. DEFEATED 16 yes and 15 no votes. 21 votes needed to approve.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. LOGLISCI said that he wanted it clear that the vote is in no way an intention to block the money. He said that it was the feeling of the Republican members and those Democrats who joined in the vote that the Board must have the information to allow the members to make intelligent decisions.

REP. McDONALD said that he voted with the majority on the last vote. He Moved to reconsider the item. Seconded. Rep. McDonald said that he noticed that the matter was going to be given up and \$2 million lost for the renovation. He Moved for reconsideration so the item can be referred back to the Fiscal Committee for further action.

REP. DeLUCA asked how many votes were needed for reconsideration?

PARLIAMENTARIAN HOGAN stated that a majority of those present and voting. 31 members were present.

PRESIDENT RINALDI proceeded to a vote to reconsider item 13. APPROVED by 18 yes and 13 no votes.

REP. MARTIN Moved to Hold item 13 until the special meeting or next month at the President's discretion. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI said that the item will be Held until the August meeting. She called for a vote to Hold the item. APPROVED by voice vote.

The record will note that Rep. Boccuzzi asked to be excused for the balance of the meeting.

14. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF PARATRANSIT VEHICLES. To replace two buses for Dial-A-Ride program. \$18,600 will be provided by the state and a \$74,700 by the Federal Transit Administration. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/6/95.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

15. UPDATE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY. Requested by Nicholas Pavia, Chairman, Economic Development Committee, 12/13/93. Held in Committee 1/3, 2/1, 5/2/94, report made & Held 2/6 and 3/1/95. Held in Steering 2/16 and 3/16/94. Held on Pending Agenda 1/18/94 and 3/15/95.

Above also referred to ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

REP. DOMONKOS said that a report was presented to the Committee by Mr. Bergstrom, Economic Development Director and Mr. Rich, Chairman of the Economic Development Commission. She said that the meeting was a joint one between the Economic Development Committee and Fiscal. She said that a copy was sent to all members with notes made by her.

Rep. Domonkos said that most people were interested in the jobs; the record totalled 550 for expansion and 2370 for contraction. She said that the report indicated that some of the figures in the expansion came from SACIA, but SACIA does not keep figures on jobs leaving the city. She said that if anyone has any question, please call Mr. Bergstrom for more details.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. MARTIN said that when the economic development function was being developed, he expressed concern about the tendency across the country of many economic development functions, under both democratic and republican administrations to come around at election time to show reports about the jobs gained and if added up, the employment in the United States has doubled in the time period when in fact, employment has been flat. He said that it was important to understand what Mr. Bergstrom was doing, but the numbers are illusory; Swiss bank is adding 1600 job, the jobs are not here yet, but some of the jobs in the contraction have already disappeared. Rep. Martin stated that other firms in the city who are undergoing contraction have not yet announced their contraction. He said that the firms retained, we don't know which ones are retained and which ones would have stayed anyway. Rep. Martin said that the numbers were difficult to come by and was concerned that this now becomes part of the campaign rhetoric either for or against the administration.

Rep. Martin said that what is needed is objective measures on the total economic projects of the city and how we are doing, better or worse, in the surrounding communities. He said that to found out that the city has gained jobs while every other town has gained jobs, speaks poorly of our economic development.

REP. DOMONKOS stated that the 1600 job under Swiss Bank will not be Stamford people getting 1600 jobs; two-thirds of the jobs will be moving from New York and whether the people will be moving is not known. She said that there will be approximately 30% of the jobs available to Stamford or area residents as the jobs are already filled by people currently employed by Swiss Bank.

REP. LOGLISCI said that statistics are not an accurate science; statistics are a measuring stick and if jobs have been flat and it is indicated that Stamford has gained jobs, that is a plus. He said that when unemployment funds run out for a person, they are taken off the statistics. Rep. Loglisci he didn't know about the previous conversation other than for political reasons, but statistics overall show that Stamford is gaining jobs and that is important.

REP. DOMONKOS said that Mr. Bergstrom indicated that the Economic Development office recruited the North American headquarters of Swiss Bank Corporation. She said that that was not totally had it occurred. She said that when she asked how Swiss Bank contracted Stamford and found out about the large acreage available in downtown, Mr. Bergstrom indicated that the state advertised in a national magazine an 800 number that the state was offering incentives for corporations to move to Connecticut; the Swiss Bank called the number and that was how the original contact was made.

REP. DOMONKOS Moved to Suspend the Rules to take up an item for the Board of Education, roof replacement, not on the Agenda. Seconded.

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

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

16. \$ 626,700.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994/95 FOR PROJECT CODE 810-281 ROOF REPLACEMENT STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL - additional appropriation for roof replacement and masonry parapet wall repairs. To be financed by bonds. Adoption of resolution regarding funding to be financed partially, temporarily and/or permanently by borrowings as to which the City expresses its official intent, all as more particularly stated on Exhibit A. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/6/95. Planning Board approved 6/21/95. Contingent upon Board of Finance approval. Board of Finance approved 7/13/95.

REP. DOMONKOS said that as the case with Stark School, six Board of Education items were left out of the capital projects budget. She said that of the six items, four were Held and two items were recommended for approval due to health and safety reasons.

Rep. Domonkos Moved to approve the item contingent upon Board of Finance approval. She said that the work should be done this summer. She said that the Committee approved the item by a vote of 7-0. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve item 16. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

REP. DOMONKOS Moved to Suspend the Rules to take up an item regarding window replacements for Rippowam Center. Seconded.

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

17. \$ 407,450.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994/95 FOR PROJECT CODE 810-606 RIPPOWAM RENOVATION - additional appropriation for replacement of windows. To be financed by bonds. Adoption of resolution regarding funding to be financed partially, temporarily and/or permanently by borrowings as to which the City expresses its official intent, all as more particularly stated on Exhibit A. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/23/95. Planning Board approved 6/6/95. Contingent upon Board of Finance approval.

REP. DOMONKOS said that this was another item that was left out of the capital projects budget. She said the windows at Rippowam have been falling out and it has become a dangerous situation. She said the Committee voted 7-0 to approve. Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve item 17. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

REP. LOGLISCI commented that Kip Bergstrom told Rep. Domonkos how Mr. McCormick of Swiss Bank called the state's 800 number to put things in motion; this was not a fact Kip was trying to hide. Also, he said that the request for additional funding for Stark School was not due to an error in the budgeting by the Mayor as erroneously stated by Rep. McDonald.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Maria Nakian, Chairwoman

REP. NAKIAN said that the Committee met on Monday, June 26, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Nakian, Domonkos, Fedeli, Leydon, Maihock, McDonald, Martin and Scalzi; Reps. Mitchell and Zelinsky were excused. Also present were Reps. Owens, Summerville and DeLuca; on items 1, 2 and 3, Glen MacWilliams, Supervisor of Public Works Highways; item 5, Lou David, Supervisor, Public Works solid waste and Birch Baugh, Consultant on recycling; item 6, Stephen Elkins, Director of Parks and Recreation, Officer Gary Peterson of the Park Police and Daniel McCabe, Corporation Counsel. A public hearing was held on items 4 and 7, no one from the public attended.

Rep. Nakian placed item 7 on the Consent Agenda. Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with one abstention, Rep. Rinaldi.

1. (L&R23.94) APPROVAL OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR STAMFORD GOVERNMENT CENTER - SHAMROCK BUILDING SERVICES, INC. Contract is for two (2) years with an additional option of one year by the City. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/6/95. Contingent upon Board of Finance approval. Held in Steering 4/12/95. Held in Committee 6/5/95.

Above also referred to HOUSE COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

2. (L&R23.77) FOR REPUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 214-16 AND 214-17 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW AND ICE. Submitted by Reps. Carmen Domonkos, D-18 and Maria Nakian, D-20, 2/15/95. Held in Committee 3/1/95. Approved for publication 4/3/95. Returned to Committee 5/1 and 6/5/95.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

REP. NAKIAN said that the proposed ordinance was amended by the Committee; a copy was sent to everyone. She said that the first amendment was in response to a concern that was raised at the last meeting; it will now read, "The snow shall be removed within 12 hours of the ceasing of such fall." Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the amendment. APPROVED by voice vote with one no vote, Rep. Maihock.

REP. NAKIAN said that the second amendment was in Section B of the ordinance, "Notwithstanding the above, no owner or occupant of, or condominium association or person in charge of, property abutting a sidewalk shall be liable for a citation for a violation of this ordinance for snow plowed from the street onto said sidewalk by a plow operated by or contracted to the City of Stamford." Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the amendment. APPROVED by voice vote with one no vote, Rep. Domonkos.

REP. NAKIAN said that since the amendments were two substantive amendments, the proposed ordinance will be for republications. She said that the Committee voted 6-0-0 to approve. Moved. Seconded.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

The Secondary Committee concurred.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve republication of the ordinance. APPROVED by voice vote with one no vote, Rep. Maihock.

3. (L&R23.84) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 137, ARTICLE III OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING SPRING AND FALL PICKUP. Submitted by Michael A. Pavia, Commissioner of Public Works, 8/26/94. Held in Committee 10/3/94, 1/5, 2/6, 3/1, 5/1 and 6/5/95. Held on Pending Agenda 10/12/94. Returned to Committee 4/3/95.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

REP. NAKIAN said that the Committee requested information on the costs of a pickup program and the information was provided by Mr. MacWilliams and sent to all Committee members. She said that the Committee is divided on this issue; some members feel that it is best to repeal an ordinance which has not been followed in probably 15 or 20 years and the half of the Committee believes that only by keeping this ordinance can there be any leverage to get Public Works to institute somekind of pickup of household debris.

Rep. Nakian said that the Committee voted 4-4-0, defeated on a tie vote. She Moved for approval. Seconded.

The Secondary Committee report was waived.

REP. MARTIN said that there was value in the city to provide some sort of program to assist homeowners to get rid of their debris, such as a spring pickup or a program similar to New Haven's. He said that he did not believe in keeping an ordinance that isn't being used.

REP. MAIHOCK said that she disagreed with Rep. Martin. She said that once the ordinance is removed, it is most difficult to have the ordinance put back in. She said that the ordinance should remain until such time as it is put into effect again.

PRESIDENT RINALDI proceeded to a vote to repeal the ordinance concerning spring and fall pickup. DEFEATED by 21 no and 8 yes votes.

REP. NAKIAN said that the chapter will remain in the Code. She suggested that those in favor of some kind of program should work with Public Works so that a program can be developed.

REP. DOMONKOS said that she was not satisfied with the information from Public Works when they were asked what the cost of a spring pickup would be. She wished the item to remain in the Legislative and Rules Committee.

The record will note that Rep. Pavia left the meeting due to a work commitment.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

4. (L&R23.96) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY ON ATLANTIC STREET, LIST NO. 004199, CARD NO. W006 OWNED BY THE STAMFORD CENTER FOR THE ARTS, INC. Requested by Vincent J. Flynn, Esq., Cacace Tusch Santagata, 4/24/95. Approved for publication 6/5/95.

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

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve item 4. APPROVED by voice vote with one no vote, Rep. Maihock.

5. (L&R23.98) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 137, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 137-30 ADDING MIXED HOUSEHOLD PAPER TO THE LIST OF ITEMS TO BE RECYCLED. Submitted by Michael A. Pavia, Commissioner of Public Works, 4/24/95. Held in Committee 6/5/95.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

6. (L&R23.100) AMENDING PARK REGULATIONS - PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICY AND PERMIT TO ALLOW USE OF KEG BEER IN PARKS FOR CITY OF STAMFORD. PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES. Submitted by Stephen L. Elkins, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 5/8/95. Parks and Recreation Commission concurred with decision to continue to permit consumption of beer in city park facilities, but is extremely concerned with large beer keg parties. Returned to Committee 6/5/95.

Above also referred to PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

7. (L&R23.73) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY AT 433 WEST MAIN STREET OWNED BY THE FIRST HAITIAN FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF STAMFORD. Requested by Dwight T. Gregory, Superintendent, New York Conference, Free Methodist Church of North America, 575 Main Avenue, P. O. Box 1375, Passaic, NJ 07055, 1/30/95. Held in Committee 3/1 and 4/3/95. Held on Pending Agenda 4/12/95. Approved for publication 6/5/95.

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

8. (L&R23.102) LEGALITY AND FEASIBILITY OF IMPOSING A CURFEW FOR CITY YOUTHS UNDER THE AGE OF 17 OR 18. Requested by Rep. Jeffrey T. Curtis Sr., D-9, 8/17/94. Reports made and Held in Committee 9/7/94, 3/1 and 6/5/95. Held in Steering 9/12/94, 3/15 and 4/12/95. Held on Pending Agenda 10/12/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

9. (L&R23.101) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING TAX ABATEMENT FOR TWO EMPTY LOTS BEHIND 135 FISHING TRAIL, LOT NUMBERS 58, 59, LIST NUMBERS 0016312, 0016313, CARD NUMBER W011, W012. Requested by Joel M. Berns, Vice President, Stamford Land Conservation Trust, 70 Kenilworth Drive East, Stamford, CT 06902, 5/15/95.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

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

REP. HOGAN said that the Committee met on Thursday, July 6, 1995. Present were Committee members Vitti, McDonald, Conti, Fedeli, and Hogan; excused were Reps. DePina, Stork and Zelinsky.

Rep. Hogan said that the Committee voted 5-0-0 to place item 2 on the Consent Agenda. Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with two no votes, Reps. Mitchell and Owens.

1. FEASIBILITY OF CREATING AN ORDINANCE THAT ESTABLISHES GUIDELINES FOR MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY LISTS FOR QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR POSITIONS. Request by Reps. Robert DeLuca, R-14, Ralph Loglisci, R-14, John J. Boccuzzi, D-2 and Jeffrey T. Curtis Sr., D-9, 12/6/94. Held in Steering 12/14/94 and 3/15/95. Held in Committee 2/6, 3/1, 5/1 and 6/5/95.

REP. HOGAN said that the procedure is that once a list is activated or choices made from the list, that is the active date and the list is active for two years. He said that there are over 75 positions in the city and to give an examination every two years for the 75 positions to maintain a list is not logical; an example would be for auditor. This position does not open up often. He said that the Committee recommended this be taken off the Agenda.

2. POSSIBILITY OF CHARGING A FEE TO TAKE EXAMINATIONS. Requested by Reps. Robert DeLuca, R-14, Ralph Loglisci, R-14, John J. Boccuzzi, D-2 and Jeffrey T. Curtis Sr., D-9, 12/6/94. Held in Steering 12/14/94. Held in Committee 2/6, 3/1, 4/3, 5/1 and 6/5/95.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH TWO NO VOTES. REPS. MITCHELL AND OWENS.

REP. HOGAN said that a request was received from the Personnel Director and Commission to initiate fees for civil service examinations to cover the costs. He said the Committee studied the matter and followed the recommendation of the Personnel Director and Commission; they asked for a \$10.00 for all examinations except for the police and fire departments. A \$25.00 fee was asked for those departments. Rep. Hogan said that charging a fee is a custom and practice in other cities. He said that the Committee wants the record to note that they are in favor of the principle of fees for public employment.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. HOGAN said that fees would be waived for anyone on public assistance, making a gross income of \$15,000 or less or on unemployment compensation. He said that the Personnel Department made it clear that they did not want to administer the program. Rep. Hogan said that the Committee decided that in order to effectuate the program, the program was strictly in the province of the Personnel Department. He said that he contacted other department heads regarding the collection of the fees and was told that they did not want to collect anyone else's fees. He said that the Building Department collects their fees, the Fire Department collects their fee and the Board of Representatives collects their fees; a report is made daily to the Finance Department. Rep. Hogan said that the Committee recommends that the responsibility of the administration of the program be entirely in the province of the Personnel Department.

PRESIDENT RINALDI asked by what mechanism does the Committee convey the vote of the Board to the Personnel Department; a letter or a resolution?

REP. HOGAN said the matter would be put in the form of a resolution and can be presented at the next meeting.

PRESIDENT RINALDI stated that the vote this evening was to approve the concept and next month, the resolution will put in place the parameter as to how the program will be administered.

REP. MAIHOCK said that unless it is specifically understood how the fees are going to be collected, she would not favor the resolution as there has been much trouble in the city over the handling of money.

3. FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 602 SUPPLEMENTAL DESIGNATING CERTAIN POSITIONS FUNDED BY GRANTS AS UNCLASSIFIED. Submitted by Rep. Robert DeLuca, R-14, 5/2/94. Held in Committee 6/6, 9/7/94 and 6/5/95. Held in Steering 6/15 and 7/13/94. Held on Pending Agenda 9/12/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

REP. HOGAN said that the ordinance in the Charter only states the body, "All positions funded by non-renewable grants of less than three years are hereby designated unclassified pursuant to Section 5-97g of the Charter. He read Ordinance 602: "Whereas, Section 5-97g of the City of Stamford Charter provides that the Board of Representatives may designate an existing or newly created position as unclassified by ordinance; and

"Whereas, some positions are funded through grants and are of limited duration, limited duration shall be defined as positions funded by non-renewable, non-reimbursable grants of less than three years; and

"Whereas, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Stamford that positions of limited duration be designated as unclassified positions."

Rep. Hogan said the ordinance designates that the grant positions were to be designated as unclassified for a period of three years. He said the Committee voted to amend the ordinance that all positions funded by non-refundable, non-renewable grants of less than three years, less than "five years" be substituted for the three years.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. HOGAN said that most of the contracts coming before the Board now are for a five-year duration.

4. REPORT ON FIRE DEPARTMENT PROCEDURES REGARDING CANCER CLAUSE IN THE LABOR CONTRACT. Requested by Rep. Carmen Domonkos, D-18, 8/1/94. Held in Committee 9/7, 10/3, 11/1/94 and 2/6, 6/5/95. Held in Steering 11/16/94 and 2/15/95. Held on Pending Agenda 12/14/94 and 3/15/95.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

5. DISCUSSION REGARDING FEASIBILITY OF AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD BE REQUIRED TO LIVE WITHIN THE LEGAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY. Requested by Robert DeLuca, R-14 and Lucy Corelli, R-16, 3/24/94. Held in Committee 5/2, 6/6, 7/5, 8/1 and 9/7/94. Held on Pending Agenda 9/12/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - Donald Sherer, Chairman - No report.

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

REP. OWENS said that the Committee met on Thursday, June 29, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Curtis, Johnson, DeLuca, Martinsen and Owens; also, Rep. Mellis, Jeannette Semon, Supervisor of Liquid Waste, Attorney Dante Puzzuoli representing Saddle Horn Farm, John Pugliesi of the Edward Frattaroli surveying firm and Alice Bazlen seeking information on sewer lines in her area.

1. APPROVAL TO EXTEND SANITARY SYSTEM TO SERVICE PROPERTY SHOWN ON CARD S-48, LOT 14A, DEN ROAD AND WHICH WILL ALSO AFFECT EXISTING SANITARY SEWER SHOWN ON CARD W-150, LOTS 23, 24 AND 25, LONG RIDGE ROAD. To be at the expense of the applicant, Saddle Horn Farm L.L.C. Submitted by George Connors, Administrative Officer, Sewer Commission, 5/22/95. Sewer Commission approved with conditions on 5/16/95.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

2. MATTER OF UNSIGHTLY CONDITIONS AT THE CIVIL DEFENSE BUILDING ON HAIG AVENUE. Submitted by Reps. Philip R. Stork, R-15, Ronald Sabia, R-15 and Robert DeLuca, R-14, 6/12/95.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

PUBLIC WORKS & SEWER COMMITTEE: (continued)

3. MATTER OF SEWAGE AND/OR WASTE ODORS IN THE COVE AND THE STATUS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS INVESTIGATION. Requested by Rep. Andrew J. McDonald, D-4, 1/9/95. Held in Committee 2/6 and 3/1/95. Held on Pending Agenda 3/15/95.

REP. OWENS said that Jeannette Semon stated that she has not received any complaints as of today. Rep. Owens said that he talked to the representative in that area and he said that he did receive a complaint; perhaps the notification from Ms. Semon came prior to the complaint. Rep. Owens said that Ms. Semon advised that anyone in the neighborhood should contact her anytime of the day or night in order find out where the odors are coming from. He said that the Committee has done as much as can be done on the item. He said that perhaps the representatives in the area can tell their constituents to call Ms. Semon.

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

No report.

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

REP. DeLUCA said that the Committee met on Wednesday, June 21, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Committee members DeLuca, Owens, Mellis, Martinsen and Sherer; Rep. Joram; E. G. Brennan Commission members Buzzeo, Lindstrom and Pavia; Michael Dale, Manager of Brennan Golf Course; John Hudock, Parks & Recreation Department Administrator; and approximately 25 senior golfers.

1. REVIEW ISSUANCE OF SENIOR PASSES AT THE E. GAYNOR BRENNAN GOLF COURSE. Requested by Robert DeLuca, Chairman, Parks & Recreation Committee, 6/8/95.

REP. DeLUCA said it was a good meeting in regards to items 1 and 2. He said that the seniors and those utilizing the facilities are happy with the results of the people. He said that it appears that there shouldn't be any more problems.

2. REVIEW USE OF PUBLIC MEETING ROOMS AND PARKING AREA AT THE E. GAYNOR BRENNAN GOLF COURSE. Requested by Robert DeLuca, Chairman, Parks & Recreation Committee, 6/8/95.

Resolved with item 1.

3. PROPOSED RESOLUTION REDEDICATING THE HATCH FIELD PLAYGROUND ON RICHMOND HILL AVENUE TO WALTER S. LONGO MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND. The late Mr. Longo was a former employee of the Parks and Recreation Department who worked for many years with the inner city youth. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/12/95.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

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

REP. LEYDON (reporting) said that the Committee met on July 5, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. Present were members Maihock, Laurie, Alswanger and Leydon; excused were members Scalzi, Doyle and Zelinsky. Present for item 1 were Michael Nast, Superintendent of Schools; John Abbott, Director of Pupil Services; Larry Doyle, District Department Head for Social Work; and Reps. DeLuca and Owens.

Rep. Leydon Moved item 2 on the Consent Agenda. Seconded.

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

1. REVIEW POLICY REGARDING NON-RESIDENTS ENROLLED IN STAMFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Submitted by Rep. Robert DeLuca, R-14, 5/26/95.

REP. LEYDON said that a discussion was held on the policy regarding non-residents. He said that Supt. Nast indicated that this matter has not been aggressively pursued but is a high priority now; guidelines are being developed which will be distributed to all staff members prior to the start of the next school year and staff members will be told that they are encouraged to report incidents which they believe non-resident attendance in the schools. Rep. Leydon stated that the efforts made will be supported by the Board of Education in any investigations of incidents.

REP. MARTIN said that he has estimates of a handful and maybe as many as 50 students; was there any estimate provided on how many students may be non-residents?

REP. LEYDON said it was estimated between 45 and 50 students were non-residents.

REP. LOGLISCI said that \$9 million is being spent to build a school for an additional 137 students and he hoped that the Board of Education will look into the problem to help save money for the citizens so Stamford students can be educated.

REP. MARTIN asked if there was an estimate of how many Stamford students are illegally attending other schools in surrounding communities? He said that if the matter comes back, he would like to know how many students come in the city and how many go out.

REP. LEYDON stated that the question was not addressed.

2. PROPOSED RESOLUTION RENEWING CITY'S SELF-INSURED STATUS. Due to budget cuts made to Risk Management by the Board of Finance, the State has requested renewal of self-insured status. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/13/95.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - Maria Nakian, Chairwoman

REP. NAKIAN said that the Committee met on Thursday, June 29, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Nakian, Boccuzzi, Pia, Martin, Summerville and Vitti; Rep. Sabia was excused. Also present were Anne Dayton, Acting Director; Bruce Goldberg and Holly Boots of URC, Elizabeth Saunders, Chair of the Commission and Commissioner Robert Rimmer; Steven Dougherty, Director and Alfred Munkinbeck of Laurel House.

1. FOR PUBLICATION - RESOLUTION CONCERNING APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF LAND IN THE SOUTHEAST QUADRANT (EXTENDED) URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT FOR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT TO LAUREL HOUSE, INC. Submitted by Anne F. Dayton, AICP, Interim Director, Urban Redevelopment Commission, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06904-2152, 6/14/95.

REP. NAKIAN said that the Visiting Nurses building is one of the buildings on the Swiss Bank site. She said the building is historic but doesn't believe it's registered. Rep. Nakian said that there has been an effort to find a way to save the building and now the plan is that Laurel House will take the building and will pay all the costs associated with moving that building. Laurel House is proposing to buy reuse parcel 36 which is on the corner of Greyrock Place and Main Street. The building will be moved from Guernsey Street. Rep. Nakian stated that there is no costs to the city and Swiss Bank has agreed to donate \$40,000 to \$50,000 to the project; the money that would cost to demolish the building. Rep. Nakian said that there is a strict deadline; the building has to be off the site by December 1, and for this to happen, preparations to move the building must begin in August. She said that the details of the reuse parcel are not all in place but will be by the time the Committee holds a public hearing.

Rep. Nakian said that the Committee voted five in favor to approve for publication. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve item 1. APPROVED by voice vote with one abstention, Rep. McDonald.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Elaine Mitchell, Chairwoman

No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Kit Martinsen, Chairwoman - No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Marggie Laurie, Chairwoman - No report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HOUSE COMMITTEE - Gerald Rybnick, Chairman - No report.

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE - Nicholas Pavia & John J. Boccuzzi, Co-Chairmen

No report.

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

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

No report.

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

REP. HOGAN said that there was no quorum present.

1. MATTER OF HAVING REVALUATION CONDUCTED EVERY TWO OR THREE YEARS. Submitted by Reps. John R. Zelinsky, Jr., D-11, Maria Nakian, D-20 and David Martin, D-19, 11/24/93. Held in Steering 12/13 & 12/15/93. Held in Committee 2/1, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2/94, 2/6, 3/1, 4/3, 5/1 and 6/5/95. Held on Pending Agenda 5/18/94 and 11/16/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE - Donald Sherer & David Martin, Co-Chairmen

REP. MARTIN said that the Committee met on Thursday, July 6, 1995. All Committee members, as well as a few additional representatives and Commission Chairman Mallozzi attended. Rep. Martin sent out a detailed report to all members.

1. ACTION ON 15TH CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION REPORT. Requested by David Martin and Donald Sherer, Co-Chairmen, Charter Revision Committee 6/9/95.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

REP. MARTIN said that a special meeting will be held on July 17. He said that the law gives the Board the option to reject provisions that are suggested by the Charter Revision Commission; the Board cannot change anything or add to the old Charter. He said that the report shows the five items considered by the Committee and framed in that context (reject). Rep. Martin stated that in reviewing the Charter, if one feels something should be rejected, that is the way it has to be constructed; in the form of rejection which will require 21 votes of the Board. He asked that the Co-Chairs be contacted with any questions about rejections so that the resolution is set up properly.

Rep. Martin said that there were some computer problems. Rep. Nakian dedicated a lot of her time over the weekend working with Chairman Mallozzi and Counsel and on this desk this evening was a copy of the proposed Charter with some corrections. Rep. Martin said that there was a possibility of getting another final version; a "white" version and a "black line" version telling you what you can change, what is added or deleted.

RESOLUTIONS

REP. SUMMERVILLE Moved to approve items 1 and 2. Seconded.

1. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING DEBRA KATZ ON BEING NAMED CONNECTICUT'S SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR. Submitted by Rep. Annie M. Summerville, 6/14/95.
2. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JAMES FORDE AS STAMFORD'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR. Submitted by Rep. Annie M. Summerville, 6/14/95.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve items 1 and 2. APPROVED by voice vote.

MINUTES

1. APRIL 3, 1995 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Approved.
2. MAY 1, 1995 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Not ready.
3. MAY 8, 1995 SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING - Not ready.
4. JUNE 5, 1995 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 11:00 p.m.



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

APPROVED:


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

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Enclosures