

The Regular Meeting of the 25th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held Monday, March 2, 1998 at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:24 p.m. by President Domonkos

INVOCATION:

Given by Rep. Donald Sherer.

“Dear Lord, thank you for allowing us to once again convene for the betterment for the City of Stamford and its citizens. Thank you for granting us the wisdom and the strength to carry on during these very important decisions that we have to make.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Conducted by President Carmen L. Domonkos.

ROLL CALL:

Conducted by Clerk Annie M. Summerville. There were 39 members present and one member absent and excused: Herman Alswanger.

MACHINE TEST VOTE:

The machine was in good working order.

PAGES:

MOMENTS OF SILENCE:

For the late:

Margaret Murray, by Reps. Loglisci and Zelinsky;
Aileen White, by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Julian Nosenzo, by Reps. Domonkos and Sherer;
Leo Gray, by Reps. Loglisci and Zelinsky;
Elvira Raino, by Reps. Loglisci and Zelinsky;
Minnie Scalise, by Reps. Loglisci and Zelinsky;
Helen Boodman, by Reps. Loglisci and Sherer;
Myron Schacht, by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Anthony Panaro, by the 25th Board of Representatives;
John A. Fahey, Jr., by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Capt. Stephen Vitta, by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Dom Pinto, by Reps. Fox and White;
Frank Lopiano, Sr., by Reps. Fox and White;
Carmela Morabito, by Reps. Fox and White; and
Raffaele Iorfino, by Rep. Loglisci.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the Steering Committee report was waived.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE Paul A. Esposito, Chair
Annie M. Summerville, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Esposito reported that Item Nos. 1, 2 and 3 were held in Committee.

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| 1. A25.014 | <u>Social Services Commission</u> Stephen Chizmadia (R)Reappoint. 125 Sundance Road Stamford, CT 06905 Term Expires: 12/01/00 12/18/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy | HELD IN COMMITTEE |
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01421418909; Transfer Station, OSHA Safety Requirement; to fund vaccinations for Hepatitis B for employees.
01/30/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/98 - Approved by Board of Finance
02/17/98 - Committee approved 9-0-0

AGENDA

Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare **Concur**

3. [F25.027](#) **\$18,000.00** ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Activity No. F38012; Revenue No. 243F9303319306; AIDS Education Risk Reduction Grant; to fund increased state allocation for this grant.
01/30/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/98 - Approved by Board of Finance
02/17/98 - Committee approved 8-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare **Concur**

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1, 2 and 3 was approved.

Rep. Martin stated that the Joint Public Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. The location will be decided upon later on this month.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE Maria Nakian, Chair
(Report) William MacInnis, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, February 23, 1998
7:00 P.M. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Nakian reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee was held on Monday, February 23, 1998. Present were Committee Members Nakian, MacInnis, Gasparrini, Lasko, Mitchell, Skigen, Spadow, Fedeli and Sherer present. Reps. Drucker and Ventura were excused. Also present were Thomas Cassone and Thomas Hamilton on Item No. 2 and Dan Calloluri, head of permits and cashiering in the Division of Operations.

1. [LR25.006](#) REVIEW; City of Stamford's existing Code of Ordinances to determine if any additions, deletions or changes are necessary.
01/20/98 - Submitted by Rep. Dmonkos (D-18)

**HELD IN
COMMITTEE**

Rep. Nakian reported that the Committee began reviewing the first twenty-five chapters of the Code, and will be looking at the ordinances with a view to any that should be repealed, added, made subject to civil citations, etc. City departments will be asked to provide their input on some of the ordinances. Rep. Nakian stated the item is technically held.

2. [LR25.007](#) ORDINANCE; for publication; requiring property owners receiving tax abatements to repay said abated taxes when the property is sold for profit and such property is never used for its intended purpose.
02/02/98 - Submitted by Reps. Fedeli (R-17) and Sherer (R-18) **HELD IN COMMITTEE**

Rep. Nakian stated this item was discussed at great length with corporation counsel, and his opinion is that the power to grant a tax exemption rests entirely with the tax assessor. The Board of representatives deals with only the small period of time from the time the property is acquired until the time it is removed from the grand list and declared tax exempt. Corporation Counsel felt in cases where the property was not being used for the stated purpose, that would be up to the tax assessor to follow up on and would have to be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Rep. Nakian referred to the case that brought this to the Board's attention. The exemption was questioned because the building was under construction, not because it was being used for the not-for-profit purpose. She stated that it is difficult to tell at what point an organization has decided it is not going ahead with the use of the building for the intended purpose.

Rep. Nakian stated that Corporation Counsel's opinion is that we have no legislative authority over this, i.e., passing an ordinance saying that there is a blanket provision that the City recoup these taxes. This would have to be done by the tax assessor and/or the court system. The item is technically held, and Chair Nakian will request it be taken off the agenda at the next Steering Committee meeting.

Rep. Nakian also stated that Mr. Hamilton is evaluating a proposal to hire a consultant to evaluate all tax exempt property, and that he thought, and the Committee agreed, that it would be a worthwhile expense because the City could recoup quite a bit of money from some of these properties. Rep. Nakian stated that this matter will hopefully be dealt with administratively.

3. LR25.008 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication, amending Chapter 179, Article I - Street Vendors - to **HELD IN COMMITTEE**

provide for a park vending license.
02/11/98 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian (D-20)

Rep. Nakian stated the purpose is to provide for a park vending license which is not currently provided for by our current ordinance, and to make this permit both for the one calendar year as the City permit is, or a special one-day permit. Other municipalities have found that the one-day permit leads to a lot of litter, so the City will require a \$200 bond. The permits will be subject to all the rules and regulations of the Parks & Recreation Commission. The permit will be specific to a park and to a time. Also, the permit will be subject to prior approval by the Health Department if the permit is for vending food. At the same time, the City ordinance will be amended to provide for a one-day permit. Because the Committee wants to make sure that all references in the ordinance are caught, the ordinance is held for one month.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE Randall Skigen, Chair
(Report) Ralph Loglisci, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, February 18, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Skigen reported that the Personnel Committee met on February 18, 1998 in the Democratic Caucus Room, jointly with the Education Committee. Present were Reps. Fortunato, Loglisci, MacInnis, Owens, Spandow and Skigen. Reps. Fedeli, Gasparini and Lasko were excused. Also present from the Education Committee were Reps. Mellis, Giordano, Imbrogno, Esposito Poltrack and Nabel. Also present were Director of Human Resources James Haselkamp; School Superintendent Michael Nast; Board of Education Personnel Director Faye Ruotolo; Staff Members Judy Singer, Rosa Quesado and Board of Education Members Robert King and Dan Weiner.

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| 1. P25.006 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for publication</u> ; creating the position of Instructional Media Communications Specialist in the Board of Education. 12/10/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 01/28/98 - Held in Committee 02/17/98 - Committee approved 6-0-0 | APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA |
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Secondary Committee: Education

Concur

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| 2. P25.007 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for publication</u> ; creating the position of Research Analyst in the Board of Education. 12/10/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 01/28/98 - Held in Committee 02/17/98 - Committee approved 6-0-0 | APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA |
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Secondary Committee: Education

Concur

3. [P25.008](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication;
creating the position of Manager of Student
Information Services in the Board of Education.
12/10/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/28/98 - Held in Committee
02/17/98 - Committee approved 6-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

Secondary Committee: Education

Concur

4. [P25.009](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication;
creating the position of Community Resource
Facilitator in the Board of Education.
12/10/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/28/98 - Held in Committee
02/17/98 - Committee approved 6-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

Secondary Committee: Education

Concur

Chair Skigen stated that the ordinances adopted were the draft that contained a provision that upon vacancy, these positions will go back into the Civil Service. Upon motion duly made, the Consent Agenda was seconded.

Rep. Martin asked the Committee to re-examine one of the ordinances to determine whether a Civil Service position should be created for a situation where there is no current incumbent. Rep. Boccuzzi stated that the recommended salaries for these positions are not being approved at this time, even though the ordinance is being approved.

The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous voice vote.

LAND USE COMMITTEE Gerald M. Fox III, Co-Chair
Donald B. Sherer, Co-Chair
([Report](#)) Meeting: Tuesday, February 24, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Sherer reported that the Land use Committee met on Tuesday, February 24, 1998. Present were Committee Members Boccuzzi, Fox, Sherer, Nakian, Shapiro, White and Loglisci. Also in attendance were Robin Stein, Director of Land Use Bureau; Dr. Konendreas, and Tobin Coleman from the Advocate.

1. [LU25.001](#) ORDINANCE; for publication; clarifying existing **APPROVED BY**

street-naming ordinance and revisions thereto to provide a method for naming city streets.
12/01/97 - Submitted by Reps. Domonkos (D-18), Martin (D-19), Nakian (D-20) and Skigen (D-19).
01/29/98 - Held in Committee
02/24/98 - Committee voted 6-1-0

**VOICE VOTE
(Loglisci opposed)**

Rep. Sherer stated that this ordinance clarifies the existing street-naming ordinance. He stated there was considerable discussion due to three controversial road namings that have emanated through subdivision approvals. The Committee has drawn up an ordinance for publication that, in essence, includes streets within subdivisions throughout the existing ordinance.

Rep. Sherer stated the issue of vanity addresses, and a new paragraph added requires that the legal address be a numbered address on a recognized city street for all city services. This was to avoid the discretionary naming of buildings as an address.

Rep. Sherer moved the item; said item was seconded and approved by voice vote (Loglisci opposed).

2. [LU25.002](#) APPROVAL; Street Acceptance of River Ridge Court. **APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**
12/16/97 - Submitted by Keith A. Russo of the Fieber Group
01/29/98 - Held in Committee
02/03/98 - Approved by City Engineer
02/24/98 - Committee voted 6-0-0

Rep. Sherer stated that River Ridge Court is in fact on a river and is on a ridge, so it meets the requirements of §21-2. Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 2, was approved.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE Bobby E. Owens, Chair
Patrick J. White, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room
(in conjunction with Fiscal Committee)

Rep. Owens reported that the Operations Committee met on Tuesday, February 17, 1998, as secondary committee to the Fiscal Committee. Present were Committee Members Reps. Curtis, Owens, Nabel and Nanos. There was not a quorum.

**PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH
COMMITTEE**
(Report)

Alice Fortunato, Chair
Lucy F. Corelli, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Chair Fortunato reported that a meeting of the Public Health & Safety Committee was held on Thursday, February 19, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Reps. Corelli, Curtis, DeLuca, Fortunato, MacInnis, Mobilio, O'Neill, Poltrack, Skigen and Giordano. Also in attendance was Asst. Fire Chief Peter Brown.

1. [PS25.003](#) APPROVAL; of seven-year lease agreement for South End Ladder truck; amount of lease: \$410,216.00
02/06/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/98 - Approved by Board of Finance
02/19/98 - Committee voted 9-0-0
- APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA (Martin
abstained)**

Chair Fortunato reported that John Byrne was unable to attend the meeting but sent a memo describing the process, and this memo has been provided to each representative. Asst. Chief Brown stated that in November the maintenance division of the Fire Dept. conducted its yearly testing of ladder trucks. At that time, the 27-year old truck failed the test and was removed from service immediately. It was determined that \$140,000 was needed to make the truck serviceable, and it was also determined that repair was not feasible. Thereafter, it was determined that an RFP process would be utilized, and vendors submitted bids on new, demo, used and refurbished trucks as well as different financing options: purchase, 5-year lease, 7-year lease and 10-year lease. A recommendation was made to the Chief, and the Fire Commission and Director Byrne approved the project.

Chair Fortunato stated that the best course of action was to lease the truck for seven years, and the lease payments will be funded in the operating budget. The cost of the truck is \$410,216, and the lease option allows the City to make seven annual payments of \$72,172 beginning in February 1999. The committee voted 9-0.

Rep. Martin stated he will be meeting with Director Hamilton to discuss the appropriateness of how the City handles long-term lease financings. He believes there is a better way to handle these matters. For that reason, he will be abstaining on this item.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved by voice vote (Rep. Martin abstained), the item was approved.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE Herman P. Alswanger, Co-Chair

(Report)

Mary L. Fedeli, Co-Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, February 25, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Fedeli reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, February 25, 1998. Present were Committee Members Reps. Fedeli, Fox, O'Neill, Nabel, Imbrogno, Gaztambide, White and Sherer. Rep. Poltrack asked to be excused. Others present included Board Members Boccuzzi and DeLuca along with Director of Operations Pat Broom, Corporation Counsel Tom Cassone, Moira McNulty and Mickey Docimo from the Office of Operations, Mr. Charles Lee, Phillip Adler, Mark Peyser and Rick Redniss.

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| 1. <u>PR25.003</u> | APPROVAL; of License and Operating Agreement with Stamford Golf Centre, LLC for Rosa Hartman Park. 01/05/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 01/27/98 - Approved by Planning Board 02/11/98 - Approved by Board of Finance 02/25/98 - Committee voted 5-3-0 | APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (White, Nabel & O'Neill opposed; Poltrack abstained) |
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Rep. Fedeli stated that the City is entering into an agreement with North American Golf Properties regarding Rosa Hartman Park. The development will include a driving range, a clubhouse, dining area, small bar area, and can be rented for parties, a miniature 19-hole golf course, batting cages and a playground for use by Stamford residents. Stamford residents who hold a golf permit will receive a 10% discount and the local baseball teams will receive some free practice time. There is a 20 year lease with two five-year options; the city will receive \$25,000 per year as payment in lieu of taxes, and this fee will increase by \$750 yearly; the City will also receive a payment based on total gross revenues, as described in the contract. The only cost now to the City is to sewer the property.

Rep. Fedeli stated there were some environmental issues raised by the Committee. These issues will be taken into account when they go in front of the Environmental Protection Board. Most committee members felt it would be a great use for the land in that it is underdeveloped and has been used primarily as a dumping ground. Also, Stamford really needs a family facility like this. The Committee approved 5-3, with Reps. White, Nabel and O'Neill voting no. Rep. Fedeli moved the item. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. O'Neill stated that he is concerned about the development of public parks as commercial enterprises and believes that open space is a valuable commodity in the City, and believes that we are sending out the wrong signal to potential developers who will view the parks in a different light. Rep. O'Neill further stated that our forefathers had the wisdom to set aside property for public use, and putting a for-profit enterprise in a city park is inappropriate in principle, and in practice, if we are to develop our parks for private enterprise, residents should reap the benefits equally with established non-resident and resident fees attached to the development.

Rep. White concurred with Rep. O'Neill. Rep. White stated that we are actually giving up public park land for private development, and this should never be done. He believes that this is a bad precedent and the land should be preserved as a public park either by making it open space or by developing it by the City, not by private enterprise.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved by voice vote (Reps. White, Nabel and O'Neill opposed; Rep. Poltrack abstained), said motion was approved.

2. [PR25.004](#) APPROVAL; of E. Gaynor Brennan 1998 golf fees
02/04/98 - Submitted by Michael Dale, Manager,
E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course
02/25/98 - Committee voted 7-1-0
- ¹APPROVED
BY VOICE VOTE
as amended
(Corelli, Drucker,
Mobilio, DeLuca,
Loglisci, Ventura
and Lasko
opposed)**

Chair Fedeli stated that the Golf Commission stated that it was charged by Mr. Hamilton with making the course self-sufficient. In order to do that, the fees needed to be increased, and they have not been increased in the last three years. The seniors were opposed to the \$2 charge for seniors, and the Committee approved all fees with one amendment. Chair Fedeli moved the fees; said motion was seconded.

Chair Fedeli moved the amendment, as described below, because seniors who only pay nine holes should only pay \$1. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. DeLuca moved to amend the amendment whereby the seniors would not pay any fee. Said motion was seconded. Rep. DeLuca stated that when he attended the meeting, there was an inference that seniors were filling up the golf course and that the imposition of a fee would discourage seniors from playing. He said that this is not true, that most seniors tee off at 7:00 in the morning, play the back nine holes and are finished by 9:00 or 9:30 a.m. Rep. DeLuca stated another misconception is when Brennan Golf Course is compared to Whitney Farms in Monroe, which is a private profit-making facility and other profit-making facilities. Rep. DeLuca stated that the \$2 could be a hardship for some seniors, who have paid their dues.

Further, Rep. DeLuca stated the administration is reducing taxes but creating user fees. These user fees have far exceeded the tax reductions, and the same will be true with the golf fees. Rep. DeLuca said that if the users should pay their fair share, then maybe this

¹ Under Weekday Greens Fees, Seniors with Pass, the proposed increase was \$2; this was amended to provide for a \$1 fee for 9 holes and a \$2 fee for 18 holes. The amendment passed by machine vote 30-8-0 (Owens, Loglisci, Corelli, Mobilio, DeLuca, Ventura and Lasko opposed).

principle should be taken a step further and those residents without children or grandchildren in schools should pay a lesser school tax.

Rep. Sherer said that although the seniors' concerns were heard at the meeting, many were comfortable with the \$1 payment for nine holes. Further, Rep. Sherer stated the golf commissioners said that there is no location where a senior can play golf for nothing, and the \$1 fee is reasonable. He also stated he did not get the impression that the intent was to reduce usage of the golf course by seniors as a result of implementing this fee.

Rep. Boccuzzi agreed with Rep. Sherer. He also attended the meeting, and said that this amendment was put on the table by the seniors that were there, who were only concerned about those seniors who play four, five or six holes. Rep. Boccuzzi stated that this is still the best deal around.

The amendment, to reduce the senior fees to zero, upon motion duly made and seconded, was defeated by machine vote (attached hereto and made a part hereof is the vote record for those opposing and abstaining).

Rep. Fedeli restated the original amendment, which was to have the seniors (with a pass) for nine holes be \$1 and eighteen holes be \$2. Said motion was seconded and approved by machine vote (attached hereto and made a part hereof is the vote record for those opposing and abstaining).

Rep. Fedeli moved the main motion, as amended. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. DeLuca asked that the president of the Board send a memo to the Golf Commission advising them what transpired on Saturday, February 28, 1998. While home, he received telephone calls from people playing golf at E. Gaynor Brennan, who inquired whether the new 1998 rates were approved. Apparently, E. Gaynor Brennan was already charging the 1998 rates. Rep. DeLuca learned that the manager has programmed the computer for the new rates. The manager justified his actions by stating that it was just a matter of formality that the Board would approve these new fees.

Rep. DeLuca then requested that the computers be reprogrammed back to the old rates and refunds were offered to those who played on that Saturday. However, on Sunday, February 29, 1998, Rep. DeLuca did not see a notice offering refunds to players on Saturday. A new note was put up.

President Domonkos indicated she would send a letter to the Golf Commission.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved by voice vote, the 1998 fees were approved (Reps. Corelli, Drucker, Mobilio, DeLuca, Loglisci, Ventura and Rep. Lasko opposed).

3. [PR25.005](#) APPROVAL; of new fees for Terry Connors Ice Rink
02/06/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/25/98 - Committee voted 6-0-2 ²**APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE as amended**

Rep. Fedeli stated that the Committee approved all fees with one amendment. Rep. Fedeli moved the item, and said motion was seconded. Rep. Fedeli stated the amendment dealt with the \$90 per hour ice time for high school practice. The Committee felt that this was an inappropriate fee to charge area high schools, and the amendment is to remove this from the fee schedule.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he agreed with the Committee in that he felt it was unfair to charge high schools.

Rep. Boccuzzi questioned why these fees were included in the first place, believing there was a good reason for this request, although, he is not in favor of charging high schools. He added that the City pays the Board of Education custodial fees when it holds events in the schools, citing Project Music for example.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the amendment was approved unanimously. Rep. Fedeli moved the main motion; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Suspension of Rules:

Rep. Fedeli reported that the Committee voted to suspend its rules to take up an item not on the agenda. However, in light of the events during caucus, the Committee decided to hold the item for one month.

Upon motion duly made and seconded and defeated by unanimous voice vote, the rules were not suspended to take up the following item.

4. [PR25.006](#) APPROVAL; of resident and non-resident fees for Cove Island Park.
02/05/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

(Report)

Ellen Mellis, Chair
Philip Giordano, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, February 18, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

² The proposed \$90 hour subsidized rate for Practice Ice Team for the schools was eliminated by unanimous voice vote.

Rep. Mellis reported that the Education Committee met on Wednesday, February 18, 1998. Present were Committee Members Esposito, Imbrogno, Poltrack, Nabel, Giordano and Mellis; Paul Ventura was excused. Sadie Green-Carter and Herman Alswanger were absent.

1. E25.002 REVIEW; status of technology in schools, including distribution and usage of computers
01/30/98 - Submitted by Rep. Mellis (D-13) **REPORT
MADE**

2. E25.003 REVIEW; of the Special Education Program including criteria for placement and/or mainstreaming of students with special needs.
01/30/98 - Submitted by Rep. Mellis (D-13) **REPORT
MADE**

3. E25.004 REVIEW; number of students attending Stamford schools from out of the district (both city and state).
01/30/98 - Submitted by Rep. Mellis (D-13) **REPORT
MADE**

Chair Mellis stated that a report on the above three items has been provided to each representative.

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT Jeffrey Curtis, Chair
COMMITTEE Joseph Gasparini, Vice Chair

No report.

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE** Elaine Mitchell, Chair
Rachel Drucker, Vice Chair
Meeting: Saturday, February 21, 1998
9:30 a.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Mitchell reported that the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met on Saturday, February 21, 1998. Committee Members present were: Coscarelli-Curtis, Green-Carter, Giordano, Johnson, Gaztambide, Mellis, Mitchell and Mobilio; Rachel Drucker was excused. Also in attendance was Tim Beeble, Sandra Dennies and Reps. Owens and Jeff Curtis and Abbie West of the Stamford Advocate.

1. [HCD25.002](#) Setting of the Year 24 Schedule for the Community Development planning and budgeting process for the Year beginning July 1, 1998 **HELD IN
COMMITTEE**

12/02/97 - Submitted by Timothy Beeble, Director,
Community Development

01/05/98 - Report Made

02/02/98 - Report Made

Rep. Mitchell stated this item was held in Committee and will be reconsidered on Wednesday, March 4, 1998 when the Committee reconvenes.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Gabe DeLuca, Chair
([Report](#)) Peter C. Nanos, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, February 24, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Chair DeLuca reported that the Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, February 24, 1998. Present were Committee Members DeLuca, Johnson, Poltrack, Nanos and Zelinsky. Also present were Rep. Owens and Fedeli; Mr. Kohn of the Operations Department; David Schmidt, CEO of ProPark Inc. and Angela Carella of the Advocate.

1. [T25.002](#) APPROVAL; of the lease with Pro Park Incorporated for the parking lot between Tresser Boulevard and Bell Street. **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
01/22/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/27/98 - Approved by Planning Board
02/11/98 - Approved by Board of Finance
02/24/98 - Committee voted 4-0-0

2. [T25.003](#) APPROVAL; of the parking facilities management agreement for the Bell Street and Forest Street (a/k/a Bedford Street) parking garages and parking facility. **RETURNED TO COMMITTEE**
02/03/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/98 - Approved by Board of Finance
02/24/98 - Committee voted 4-0-0

Chair DeLuca apologized to his Committee for not informing them of the change in this item. Apparently, there is no provision for bonding as called for the RFP. Rep. DeLuca spoke with Mr. Vechhia, purchasing agent, who will be providing a bonding agreement for review this evening. The bond agreement was not provided for this evening's meeting, and therefore Chair DeLuca moved that this item be returned to Committee. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. T25.004 REVIEW; feasibility of providing one main area for drop-off/pick-up and taxis at the Stamford Transportation Center to minimize traffic jams in the **REPORT MADE**

immediate area.
02/02/98 - Submitted by Rep. Poltrack (D-4)

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| 4. T25.005 | REVIEW; feasibility of providing entrance/exit ramps connecting the New York and New Haven sides at the Transportation Center. 02/02/98 - Submitted by Rep. Poltrack (D-4) | REPORT MADE |
| 5. T25.006 | REVIEW; adequacy of lighting and seating at the Transportation Center. 02/02/98 - Submitted by Rep. Poltrack (D-4) | REPORT MADE |
| 6. T25.007 | REVIEW; feasibility of generating income for Stamford by allowing the operation of various retail businesses at the Transportation Center. 02/02/98 - Submitted by Rep. Poltrack (D-4) | REPORT MADE |

Chair DeLuca stated that Items 3 through 6 were discussed, and a report has been submitted to each representatives.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 1, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADMINISTRATION & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Gloria DePina, Co-Chair
Paul Ventura, Co-Chair

No report.

HOUSE COMMITTEE Annie M. Summerville, Chair

No report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE - OLD TOWN HALL Maria Nakian, Chair
Meeting Monday, February 23, 1998
1:00 p.m.- meet at front steps at Old Town

Hall)

(A tour of the Old Town Hall will be provided)

Rep. Nakian reported that the Special Committee did not have any formal meetings, but it did go on two field trips that were very interesting. The Committee, in looking into how other communities keep their historic buildings for public use, went to Greenwich and was impressed with its operation there. However, the Committee felt that Greenwich did not parallel Stamford. The Committee then went to Norwalk, which is just opening its new museum, and the Committee praised Norwalk's project. The Committee then took a tour of Stamford's Old Town Hall and found it to be a monumental building with a lot of memories.

The Committee would like to see a plan put in place to preserve the Old Town Hall. The Committee will be meeting one last time to come up with recommendations to present to the Mayor. Rep. Nakian reported that she has reviewed a significant amount of material on historical preservation. She summarized by stating that this Board should seize this opportunity to preserve the building.

1. REVIEW; use of municipal buildings for community purposes in other municipalities. **REPORT MADE**
12/30/97 - Submitted by President Domonkos and Clerk
of the Board Summerville
02/02/98 - Report Made

RESOLUTIONS

MINUTES

1. [February 2, 1998 Regular Meeting](#) **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the minutes of the February 2, 1998 meeting were approved.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he would like his comments transcribed verbatim on pages 4 and 16 of the February 2, 1998 meeting. Clerk of the Board Summerville requested that Rep. Zelinsky write out his comments because of audio problems. Rep. Zelinsky stated he would do this.

COMMUNICATIONS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Rep. DeLuca stated that former Rep. Scott Morris advised that on February 19, 1998, as a result of a letter written by President Domonkos regarding the heliports, the first hurdle in the Transportation Committee at the State has been passed. Bill No. SP306 has been sent to the Senate for approval, and approval looks favorable. Further, Rep. DeLuca stated that Michael Fedeli voted in favor of this item.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

*The proceedings are available on audio tape at the
Offices of the Board of Representatives*