

The Regular Meeting of the 25th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will be held Monday, December 6, 1999 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 8:40 p.m.

INVOCATION: Given by Representative Lisa Poltrack

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Carmen Domonkos

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie Summerville. There were thirty-six members present and four members absent or excused: excused were Reps. Sherer, Green-Carter and Nanos; absent was Rep. Hunter. Rep. Hunter joined the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

MACHINE TEST VOTE: The machine was in good working order.

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MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late.

Ellen H. Dickerson, by Reps. Giordano, Zelinsky and Domonkos;
Anita Docimo, by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Ethel Mildred Farrell, by Reps. Giordano and Zelinsky;
Robert Elleby Ross, Jr. by Reps. Giordano and Zelinsky;
Sophie Manetos, by Reps. Giordano and Zelinsky;
Patsy Conte, by Rep. Giordano;
Charles Curto, by Rep. Giordano;
Hilia D. Elan, by the 25th Board of Representatives;
John W. McCauley, by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Abraham Seplowitz, by Reps. Mellis and Zelinsky;

David H. Henderson, by Reps. Giordano and Zelinsky;
Roiss Gelb; by Reps. Sherer and Zelinsky;
Nicholas Gorman; by Rep. Giordano;
Dennis J. Murphy; by Reps. Mellis and Zelinsky;
Mary Farrington; by Reps. Giordano, Spadow and Zelinsky;
Marcello Rondano, by Reps. Giordano and Loglisci;
Frances E. Zezima, by Reps. Giordano and Loglisci;
Ann Sennewald, by Reps. Giordano and Zelinsky;
Nicholas J. Gorman, Jr., by Reps. Giordano and Zelinsky;
Dorothy Woodbury, by Rep. Mellis;
Edward Grannelli, Sr., by Rep. Loglisci;
Irving Barnett, by Rep. Loglisci;
Annette King, by Rep. Loglisci;
Mary Lee Graham, by Rep. Loglisci;
Joseph P. DeFazio, by Rep. Loglisci;
Stefano "Steve" Fortuna; by Rep. Loglisci;
Raymond F. Hogan, Jr., by Rep. Loglisci;
Shirley Swain, by Reps. Imbrogno, Loglisci and MacInnis;
Thomas E. Aunce, by Rep. Zelinsky;
Edith Kaiser, by Rep. Zelinsky;
Anne Grossman, by Rep. Zelinsky; and
John McMichael, by Rep. Zelinsky.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Meeting: Wednesday, November 10, 1999
(Report) 7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Boccuzzi moved to waive the Steering Committee Report; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Suspension of the Rules:

Rep. Skigen moved to take up an item not on the agenda; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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| 1. | Sense-of-the-Board Resolution Congratulating the Stamford High Varsity Field Hockey Team on its State Championship Victory
11/02/99 - Submitted by Rep. Skigen | APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE |
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Rep. Skigen stated this sense-of-the-board resolution congratulates the Stamford High School Field Hockey Varsity team on winning the state championship. Rep. Skigen read the resolution into the record; said resolution is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Rep. Skigen stated he

attended the game, that it was a terrific game, the girls played hard and it was an extremely exciting game. Rep. Skigen congratulated the girls.

Coach Mary Michailidis stated that she was overwhelmed by receiving the resolution and thanked the Board. Ms. Michailidis gave out field hockey pins to the representatives.

Rep. Giordano moved to take an item out of order; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. Sense-of-the-Board Resolution Honoring Lois Pont Briant on her retirement for her twenty-four years of service. 11/02/99 - Submitted by 25th Board **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

Rep. O'Neill read the resolution into the record. Said resolution is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Ms. PontBriant stated that she started in 1967 on the Board of Representatives, and it has been a joyful excursion for her and that she has loved every minute of it. Ms. PontBriant stated she has tried to be professional and has tried to deal with everyone fairly, and feels she has always been dealt with fairly. Ms. PontBriant thanked Rep. O'Neill, adding that he has been on the Historical Society with her; and John Boccuzzi who was on the Board with her when she started. Ms. PontBriant stated she started with Steve Kelly and that it was a very pleasurable Board. Ms. PontBriant noted that she has worked with several representatives, including David Martin and Maria Nakian, adding they are doing a super job. Ms. PontBriant thanked everyone and stated that she would still be involved with the City.

The Majority Leader called for a 15-minute recess at 9:00 p.m. At 9:15 p.m., the President called the meeting back to order

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: Paul A. Esposito, Chair
([Report](#)) Annie M. Summerville, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, November 23, 1999
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Esposito reported that the Appointments Committee met on Tuesday, November 23, 1999. Present were Committee Members Esposito, Summerville, Boccuzzi, Blackwell, Corelli, Fortunato, Loglisci and Mellis; also in attendance were Reps. Giordano and Conrad.

1. [A25.096](#) Smith House Board of Directors **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
Edna Boslet (D) Rep. Starks
60 Dean Street
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires 12/01/02

11/01/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

Chair Esposito moved Ms. Boslet's appointment to the Smith House Board of Directors; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. [A25.097](#) REVIEW; of matter of board, authority and commission positions that have been vacant for six months or longer. **REPORT MADE**
11/10/99 - Submitted by Rep. Esposito

Chair Esposito reported that the Committee voted to have Chair Esposito contact the Republican and Democratic Town and City Committee Appointment chairs and to monitor existing vacancies and to urge the submission of names to the Mayor. Chair Esposito stated he will continue to monitor this situation.

FISCAL COMMITTEE:
(Report) David Martin, Chair
Bobby E. Owens, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, November 22, 1999
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Martin stated that the Fiscal Committee met on Monday, November 22, 1999. Present were Committee Members Martin, Owens, DeLuca, Green-Carter, Giordano, Loglisci, Mellis, Nanos, Sherer and Shapiro.

1. [F25.213](#) **APPROVED ON**
\$13,000.00 **CONSENT**
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **AGENDA**
Board of Representatives; Equipment; additional funds
required to replace malfunctioning and non Y2K
compliant voting system.
11/01/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/10/99 - Approved by Board of Finance

Secondary Committee: Administration & Technology - Concur

2. [F25.218](#) **APPROVED BY**
RESOLUTION; approving Exhibit A authorizing the **UNANIMOUS**
Mayor and the Director of Administration to issue bonds **VOICE VOTE**
in connection with various grant additional appropriations.
11/01/99 - Submitted by Thomas Hamilton

Chair Martin stated that this is a housekeeping item, and the only reason it is brought to the Board is to delete Item No. 25.107 from the list as it is a duplicate; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. Chair Martin moved the resolution; said resolution was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. [F25.206](#) **APPROVED ON**
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Water

\$708,767.00 Pollution Control Authority; for required design modification changes including contaminated soil remediation, asbestos/lead study and highway garage; Upgrade and Expansion Project; source of funds: \$134,565 bonding and \$574,202 grant; See F25.219 below.
09/28/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
09/28/99 - Approved by Planning Board
10/14/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
10/18/99 - Committee approved 6-0-0 (subject to CT State Bond Commission approval)
11/03/99 - Failed by Machine Vote
11/10/99 - Resubmitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Secondary Committee: Operations - Concur

4. [F25.219](#)
\$708,767.00 RESOLUTION; approving Exhibit A (as amended), authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Administration to issue bonds in connection with the Water Pollution Control Authority; for required design modification changes including contaminated soil remediation, asbestos/lead study and highway garage; Upgrade and Expansion Project; See F25.206 above.
11/10/99 - ReSubmitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

**APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

5. [F25.215](#)
\$344,081.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Water Pollution Control Authority; to fund demolition of 1973 incineration building and refurbishing of 1958 incineration building as well as bond counsel expenses and interest; source of funds: loans; See F25.216 below.
11/01/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/10/99 - Approved by Board of Finance

**APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

Secondary Committee: Operations - Concur

6. [F25.216](#) RESOLUTION; approving Exhibit A (as amended), authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Administration to issue bonds in connection with the Water Pollution Control Authority's demolition of 1973 incineration building and refurbishing of 1958 incineration building as well as bond counsel expenses and interest; See F25.215 above.
11/01/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

**APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

7. [F25.211](#)
\$51,219.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); to enhance grant funds that provide partial reimbursement of salary for computer technician and office support specialist within Police Department; source of funds: taxes. See F25.212 below.

**APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

11/01/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/10/99 - Approved by Board of Finance

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health - Concur

Chair Martin stated that in addition to the approval, the Committee noted that the funds do not come from the operating budget but come from the Special Revenue Fund from grants and that the source of funds is a transfer from the Operating Budget for \$22,719 and from a grant for \$28,500. With these minor corrections, the item was approved on Consent by the Committee 10-0-0.

8. [F25.212](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Cops **APPROVED ON**
\$22,719.00 More '96; various accounts; t support partial reimbursement of **CONSENT**
 salary for computer technician and office support specialist within **AGENDA**
 Police Department; source of funds: grant. See F25.211 above.
 11/01/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
 11/10/99 - Approved by Board of Finance

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health - Concur

Chair Martin added that the sources of funds is not grants, but taxes. The item was approved 10-0-0 on Consent by the Committee

9. [F25.214](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Weed & **APPROVED ON**
\$50,000.00 Seed Asset Forfeiture; to fund multi-jurisdictional task force that **CONSENT**
 will target gang activity and drugs and robberies linked to "after **AGENDA**
 hour clubs;" source of funds: grant
 11/01/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
 11/10/99 - Approved by Board of Finance

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health - Concur

10. [F25.209](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **HELD IN**
[\\$128,407.00](#) Health and Social Services; Welfare to Work Formula Funds; **COMMITTEE**
 funds to provide education referrals, training, supportive
 services, assistance in job searches and job placement to 35
 individuals; source of funds: federal Department of Labor
 grant.
 10/05/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
 10/14/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
 11/03/99 - Held in Committee

Secondary Committee: Housing/Community Development/Social Services

11. [F25.217](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Smith **APPROVED ON**
\$6,000.00 House; Septic System; to replace and program control panel **CONSENT**

that services east and west pump stations; source of funds: **AGENDA**
balance in capital account; See F25.220 below.
11/01/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
10/14/99 - Approved by Planning Board
11/10/99 - Approved by Board of Finance

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health - Concur

Chair Martin added that the source of funds is the Smith House Special Revenue Fund. The Committee approved the item on Consent 9-0-0.

12. F25.220 RESOLUTION; approving Exhibit A in connection with the **HELD IN**
capital project additional appropriation for Smith House; Septic **COMMITTEE**
System; to replace and program control panel that services east
and west pump stations. See F25.217 above.
11/01/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

Chair Martin stated that no resolution is required for the Smith House Septic System additional appropriation; the item was held and will be removed from the Agenda

13. F25.197 REVIEW; of matter of additional state funding for Smith House **HELD IN**
Nursing Home and response to Mayor's Report. **COMMITTEE**
07/14/99 - Submitted by Rep. Martin
08/23/99 - Held in Committee
11/03/99 - Held in Committee

Secondary Committee: Personnel

Chair Martin stated that Item No. 13 was held in Committee for further discussion.

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1, 3-9 and 11, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Martin thanked Rep. Owens for chairing the meeting last night. Chair Martin stated that he received a request from Budget Director Dena Diorio to have a conference regarding the presentation of the budget books and improvements that can be made for the coming year. Chair Martin is calling a meeting of the Administration Subcommittee of the Fiscal Committee, and all Fiscal Committee and representatives are invited to attend.

Clerk of the Board Summerville noted that Rep. Alswanger has joined the meeting.

**LEGISLATIVE &
RULES COMMITTEE:**
(Report)

Maria Nakian, Chair
William MacInnis, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, November 29, 1999

7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Nakian reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday, November 29, 1999. Present were Committee Members Nakian, MacInnis, Esposito, Gasparrini, Skigen and Day. Reps. Mitchell, Fedeli and Spandow were excused. Also present were Reps. Loglisci, Giordano and Nabel. Public hearings were held on Nos. 1 and 2 and no one from the public attended.

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| 1.
LR25.098 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u> ; limiting access to city boat slips to individuals who are current with their local tax payments.
09/17/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P.Malloy | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 2.
LR25.099 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u> ; providing for a tax abatement for property located at 645 Glenbrook Road by the Little Workers of Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary, Inc.
09/27/99 - Submitted by Alex J. Martinez, Esq. | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 3. LR25.097 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for publication</u> ; enabling the designation of certain city streets as "Scenic Roads."
09/09/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nabel
09/15/99 - Placed on Pending Agenda | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
| 4. LR25.102 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication ; amending Chapter 179 of the Code of Ordinances to designate the Office of Cashiering & Permitting as the office to issue vending licenses.
11/10/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1, 2 and 4, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Suspension of the Rules:

Chair Nakian moved to suspend the rules to take up the following motion. The item is a tax abatement agreement, and the reason for a suspension of the rules is that the State Office of Economic and Community Development did not notify the City until the very end of November that they had approved the transfer of the tax abatement, and they are requiring that all the paper work for this, including the resolution before the Board tonight, be approved and sent to the State by the 31st of December. Chair Nakian stated that if the paper work is not submitted by the 31st of December, the City will not receive the \$90,000 in payment in lieu of taxes that it receives from the State for the former New Hope (presently Bayview) Towers. Chair Nakian moved to suspend the rules to take the item up; said motion seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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| 5. LR25.104 | RESOLUTION; approving the assignment of the | APPROVED BY |
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City's tax abatement agreement from NHT
Associates to Cornerstone/Bayview for property
located at 300 Tresser Boulevard
12/03/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

**VOICE VOTE
(Rep.
Summerville
abstained)**

Chair Nakian stated that the item assigns the tax abatement agreement between the City of Stamford and New Hope Towers Associates to Cornerstone Bayview Incorporated. The tax abatement to New Hope Towers was signed with the City in 1984. In October of 1997, the property was sold to Cornerstone/Bayview Associates, which is a not-for-profit 5013(c) corporation based in Washington, DC. The sale was approved by HUD, and there is an agreement between this organization and HUD with all the conditions and safeguards that go along with low cost and moderate housing. Chair Nakian stated the Board is not approving the sale, the owner or the tax abatement agreement, but transferring the agreement that is in place currently to Bayview Towers. Chair Nakian added that if this is not done by year end, the City loses the payment-in-lieu of taxes from the State. Chair Nakian stated that she also believes that we would then have to negotiate a new tax abatement agreement with Bayview Towers, if this item is not approved.

Chair Nakian stated she agrees with other representatives that the Board does not like to have to take up this item at the last minute. Chair Nakian apologized to those who did not receive the document as it was mailed out on Friday. Chair Nakian stated that being annoyed at the process is not a good reason to turn down \$90,000 from the State and she urged that the Board approve it and allow the City to submit the paper work to the State on time.

Chair Nakian stated the Committee met this evening to hear an explanation from Andrew McDonald. Since the meeting was not noticed, no vote was taken on the resolution. Chair Nakian stated that the Committee would support the item, and there is no official committee report on the item. Chair Nakian moved for acceptance of the assignment of the tax abatement agreement that the City had with New Hope Towers transferred to Cornerstone/Bayview Inc. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Mitchell asked whether a letter from the owners could be acquired that states that the tax abatement is for these 200 units as they are now, for low to moderate income families and that if there are any changes in the future that the Board be notified before the changes are made. The President stated she would send a letter to that effect.

The item was approved by voice vote; Rep. Summerville abstained

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Randall Skigen, Chair
(Report) Ralph Loglisci, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, December 1, 1999
7:00 p.m.- Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Skigen reported that the Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, December 1, 1999. Present were Committee Members Cannady, Fedeli, Fortunato, Gasparrini, Loglisci, MacInnis, Skigen and Spadow. Also present were Reps. Mellis, Imbrogno, Giordano and Conrad; Barbarajean Seagall, Mary Willis, Andrew McDonald , James Haselkamp, Lois PontBriant, Roseanne McManus, Robert King, Thomas Mooney, Dena Diorio and Mayor Malloy

1. [P25.057](#) APPROVAL; of City of Stamford Motor Vehicle Use Policy. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
07/26/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
08/12/99 - Referred to Committee - Board of Finance
09/01/99 - Held in Committee

Chair Skigen reported that a revised policy was sent down on December 1, 1999 from the Mayor's Office. The item was discussed with the Mayor, and Chair Skigen stated that it is moving in the right direction from the Committee's perspective. Chair Skigen added that the meeting was held, asking all representatives to review the policy and get any comments to him before the next meeting.

2. [P25.053](#) APPROVAL; of 3% across-the-board pension increase for members of the Stamford Police Pension Trust Fund. **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Reps. Martin & Shapiro opposed; Reps. Fedeli & Owens abstained)**
06/03/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
07/14/99 - Placed on Pending Agenda

Chair Skigen stated that the plan is actuarially over-funded, and the plan trustees have asked for a 3% across the board increase for all retirees, who retired prior to January 1, 1994. The Committee voted to approve the item 6-0-2, with Reps. Loglisci and Fedeli not voting due to a possible conflict of interest. Chair Skigen moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Martin stated that the Board keeps repeating this item over and over again, yet the Board never votes to solve it. Rep. Martin stated he is going to vote against the item, not because he has any objection to the police officers who retired some time ago. Rep. Martin stated that adequate provisions for these pension plans should have been done some time ago.

Clerk of the Board Summerville reported that Rep. Loglisci left the floor and is not participating in this matter due to a possible conflict of interest.

The item was approved by voice vote, Reps. Martin and Shapiro opposed; Reps. Fedeli and Owens abstained.

3. [P25.062](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; creating the position **APPROVED**

of Youth Advisory Council Line ("Yacline") Referral Center Operator.

10/07/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

11/03/99 - Returned to Committee

**ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

4. [P25.063](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; creating the position of Youth Advisory Council Line ("Yacline") Support Specialist..
10/07/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/03/99 - Returned to Committee

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

5. P25.064 REVIEW; of feasibility of providing a deferred compensation plan for elected, appointed and unclassified officials.
11/03/99 - Submitted by Rep. Skigen

**HELD IN
COMMITTEE**

Chair Skigen stated this item was held and that every member should have received a memorandum that he prepared regarding this matter. Chair Skigen asked that anyone with comments regarding the item submit them to him prior to the next meeting.

6. P25.065 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; concerning the creation and designation of the position of Executive Aide to the Superintendent of Schools as Unclassified.
11/05/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

**HELD IN
COMMITTEE**

Secondary Committee: Education - Concur

Chair Skigen stated that this matter was held at the request of Superintendent Mazzullo who could not be present for the Committee meeting.

7. [P25.066](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; concerning City and Town Clerk pensions.
11/05/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

**HELD IN
COMMITTEE**

Chair Skigen reported that a lengthy discussion regarding Item P25.066 was held. The Committee felt that there were a number of factual matters that needed to be clarified before the item was voted on, and the Committee voted to hold the matter.

8. P25.067 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; concerning the creation and designation of the position of Student Intern as unclassified.
11/05/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

**APPROVED BY
VOICE VOTE*
(Rep.
Summerville
abstained)**

Chair Skigen reported that the proposal is drawn in such a way as to allow the hiring of high school students on an on-going basis during their high school years to work on a part-time basis for the City. The current plans are to hire individuals with computer training and expertise to work with the Information Technology Department, which is now responsible both for the City side and the Board of Education side. The positions are to be designated as unclassified because the nature of the position is such that individuals who would be filling these positions don't fit under any of the classified service exceptions.

Chair Skigen stated that John Lindquist has met with Dianne Christiano of the School to Career Placement Program as well as the teachers in the high school computer labs to develop this idea. Chair Skigen added that Mr. Lindquist will make the hiring decisions based on recommendations from the teachers in the computer labs. Students will be able to work out of their schools during the school year and either in the schools or the Government Center during summer months.

Chair Skigen moved the ordinance; said motion was seconded.

Chair Skigen stated there is an amendment to the ordinance regarding the pay scale. The pay scale will be lower than what is set forth in the pay plan. Chair Skigen moved the following amendment: add a new paragraph that states: "The pay range for this position shall be \$8 to \$12 per hour." Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky asked whether these positions will be taking positions away from other people that would normally apply for positions within the City of Stamford. Chair Skigen stated that this is not the case as the City is currently understaffed in Information Technology, and right now, there is a budget for this program, and due to the demand for IT personnel, they have been unable to hire.

Rep. Zelinsky asked who decided on the hourly wage of \$8 to \$12 while there are some city positions that pay less than this. Chair Skigen stated that Mr. Haselkamp, in conjunction with Mr. Lindquist and Dianne Christiano derived this amount. Chair Skigen stated that they felt this was a very good deal for the City in terms of the services it would be receiving against what the City would have to pay to an outside vendor.

Rep. Zelinsky asked who the actual hiring authority is. Chair Skigen replied that at this point in time because the plan is to only hire people for information technology, John Lindquist will be the appointing authority, with recommendations from the teachers in the high school.

Rep. Owens asked, in reference to the children participating in this program, are all the high schools involved in this program. Chair Skigen replied that this is correct. Rep. Owens asked since the only students who would be selected would be those who are currently in an IT program at school, do these classes exist at the high schools now? Chair Skigen replied that there are computer lab courses, and a student would only be eligible for this specific position, although the ordinance is drafted more broadly in case it is expanded in the future, based on recommendations from teachers who teach the computer labs. The jobs

will be in both programming and hardware, so if a student has an expertise in opening up computers, he/she would be eligible for the position; similarly, if a student has an expertise in the software applications, the student would be eligible.

Rep. Owens asked how many students were involved in this program per year. Chair Skigen stated that at this point it is anticipated they will hire approximately ten. Chair Skigen stated that right now there are approximately 120 students in high schools in computer labs. Chair Skigen stated that subject to the teachers recommendations, it would be basically the top ten percent of students in those classes.

Rep. Summerville asked if there is any criteria established, other than teacher recommendations, for these positions. In other words, are there applications to be filled out, or any other mechanism that a student can use to demonstrate that he/she is qualified. Rep. Summerville asked how competitive this application process is, and does the process rely solely on an individual being recommended by a teacher. Rep. Summerville is referring to the City being an equal opportunity employer. Rep. Summerville asked whether it is solely on a teacher's recommendation or whether there is a mechanism for someone who is qualified, who did not obtain a teacher recommendation.

Chair Skigen stated his understanding is that all of the students in the classes will be notified of these positions. Chair Skigen stated that he assumes that the student would then go to their respective teachers and ask to be able to interview for the positions. The teachers are going to recommend who they feel are the best students, and if Mr. Lindquist feels that a person is qualified and able to perform the job tasks, then presumably Mr. Lindquist will hire the person, as long as they have the ability to fill the needs of the position and the time to do so.

Rep. Summerville asked Rep. Skigen, as chair of the Personnel Committee, if he was comfortable with this process. Rep. Skigen stated that under an unclassified position, he was comfortable with it. Rep. Skigen stated that this position is designed only for a student to apply while he/she remains in high school. If the student then wants to come to work after graduation on a full time basis for the City, he/she would have to go through the classified service, taking tests or whatever the normal processes is. Chair Skigen stated that one of the concepts they were trying to address here is a concern that this Board has expressed repeatedly in the past, that the City is not hiring enough city residents for city positions, and it was felt that this would be a good entree for city high school students to get into city government, where people would know them, they would get to know city government and that this system would encourage them to come to work for the City after graduation.

Rep. Summerville stated that she respects Chair Skigen's opinion, but she is very nervous because she knows that the City has a hard time hiring minorities for one reason or another. Rep. Summerville stated that Chair Skigen has given the Board different legitimate reasons why the City of Stamford, Connecticut cannot hire minorities. Rep. Summerville said, while she is not saying it will happen, she wants to make sure that this is truly an equal opportunity set up for all of the children, and not just dependent upon an

individual teacher's recommendation. Rep. Summerville thought a test might be appropriate in this situation. Rep. Summerville felt there could be situations where a teacher did not like a student for some reason or another, and it did not mean she could not excel. Rep. Summerville added that teachers are human, like everyone else, and she feels if the City of Stamford is going to set an example, she wants to be careful that these wonderful opportunities are only eligible to those who receive recommendations. Rep. Summerville added that she likes the concept of hiring city residents as employees, and she wants this process to be fair and equal to everyone.

Chair Skigen stated he understands Rep. Summerville's concerns, and added that the ordinance is currently for publication, and he will address these issue with Messrs. Haselkamp and Lindquist before the Committee approves the item for final adoption.

Rep. DePina stated, piggybacking on Rep. Summerville's comments, asked if a child feels he/she is qualified for that position, what steps can that student go through if they feel they were overlooked. Rep. DePina stated that teachers do sometimes have their pets, and they will give that student a job over someone else. Rep. DePina wanted to know what safety nets the City will have that every student will have an opportunity to apply for the job, and that not just one teacher will be the person. Rep. Depina wanted to know if there would be a cross-section of people that will make the determination of who will get these jobs.

Rep. Fedeli stated that she understood, from being at the meeting, that there would be an open interview process, and all students would be allowed to interview. Rep. Fedeli stated she believed there would be a technology test given at the school, and that any student that was part of the program should be able to pass. Rep. Fedeli thought that this test was designed so that every student at that level should be able to pass it, and then they would be eligible for consideration.

Rep. DePina stated that this is not clear enough for her. She added that there is no safety net for a student who feels that he/she was overlooked. Rep. DePina felt that a student should have a place to go where he/she can say that they were not really given an opportunity to apply. Rep. DePina stated that not all kids test the same way. Rep. DePina stated she wants to make sure this is fair and that there is another outlet that a student can go through if they don't feel they were given the opportunity.

Chair Skigen stated he understands Rep. DePina's concerns and he will try to address them at the next meeting.

Rep. Zelinsky asked whether this applied only to specific positions for the student intern, because he knows for a fact that for about a year and a half there has been at least one student intern that has worked for the City in the customer service department. Rep. Zelinsky asked whether this applies to that individual or any other city department where the department head feels they want to use a student as opposed to hiring and filling a full time position within the City. Chair Skigen stated that the ordinance is drawn broadly enough that if it was decided in the future to hire a student, there would not be a need to create another ordinance, however, at this time, the only intent is to hire in the IS area.

Rep. Zelinsky asked if this applied to current student interns in other departments, such as customer service. Chair Skigen stated he does not know of any other student interns from our high schools. Rep. Zelinsky stated he did not know if the intern was a high school or college student.

Rep. Summerville stated that she may not make the public hearing, but she thought Mr. Haselkamp could consider other ways of hiring these students, even considering a lottery type of situation. Chair Skigen said he would mention it. Rep. Summerville asked if any other representative attends the public hearing if they could mention this idea.

The main motion, as amended, was approved by voice vote; Rep. Summerville abstained.

Suspension of the Rules:

Chair Skigen moved to take up the following item; said motion was seconded and failed by voice vote.

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| 9. P25.068 | APPROVAL; of labor contract between Stamford Public Schools and the Stamford Teachers Union. 11/22/99 - Submitted by Stamford Public Schools | NO ACTION
TAKEN |
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Chair Skigen stated that in discussions prior to the meeting, those representatives who indicated they did not want to suspend the rules based this on the fact that they did not receive the contract or the addendum to the contract until they arrived at the meeting this evening. Chair Skigen stated he did not feel they were trying to send any message regarding the contract itself, just that people want to review the contract prior to voting.

President Domonkos noted that Rep. White left the floor for this discussion.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 3 and 4, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

LAND USE COMMITTEE: Donald B. Sherer, Co-Chair
Patrick White, Co-Chair
Meeting: Thursday, December 2, 1999
7:30 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Chair White reported that the Land Use Committee met on Thursday, December 2, 1999. Present were Committee Members Boccuzzi, Loglisci, Nakian, O'Neill, Sherer and White. Board Members Harry Day and Ellen Mellis were present and spoke on Item No. 3; Jeanne Franklin, Senior Center Director was present and spoke on Item No. 2; Donald Anderson of the Stamford Partnership and Rick Redness representing Dreyfuss were present on Item No. 1.

1. LU25.029 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for final adoption; authorizing the Mayor to sell the Clinton Avenue Extension in exchange for four Richmond Hill Avenue Parcels and other Consideration.
10/08/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
10/14/99 - Approved by Planning Board
- APPROVED
BY
VOICE VOTE
(Reps. White &
Owens opposed)**

Co-Chair White reported that this was actually a public hearing. There was one person, Donald Anderson of the Stamford Partnership, who spoke in favor of this matter. Rick Redness was also there, and he brought maps and diagrams. Committee members discussed the matter, and it voted 5-1-0. Co-Chair White moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Co-Chair White stated he was the one person who voted against it, and for the record, he believes that in most cases swapping city land for other land is not necessarily a very good policy, and in this case he does not believe it is a good policy despite the supposed gains. Co-Chair White's reason for this is that this will intensify this development and do nothing to add to the downtown except to get Stamford bogged down in more traffic.

Rep. Owens stated he seconded Mr. White's comments.

The motion was approved by voice vote, with Reps. Owens and White opposed.

2. [LU25.030](#) APPROVAL; of naming the entranceway to the Senior Center "Annette's Garden."
10/18/99 - Submitted by Jean Franklin
- APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**
3. [LU25.022](#) RESOLUTION; requesting acceptance of Millbrook Road and Millbrook Road East as City Streets Under Charter Division 2, Estimates and Capital Projects, Sections C8-20-1 to C8-20-11 and Division 6, Sections C8-60-1 to Sections C8-60-17.
04/29/99 - Submitted by Robert A. Hall, Esq.
- APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

Rep. White stated that approval of LU25.022 was the start of the process for street acceptance.

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

**OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE:**

Bobby E. Owens, Chair
Susan Nabel, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, November 22, 1999
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room
(in conjunction with Fiscal Committee)

Chair Owens stated he had no items on his agenda, however, he wanted to thank his committee for attending as secondary committee at the Fiscal Committee meeting this month.

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE:

(Report)

Alice Fortunato, Chair
Lucy F. Corelli, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, November 18, 1999
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Fortunato reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on Thursday, November 18, 1999. Present were Committee Members Biancardi, Corelli, DeLuca, Giordano, Lyons, MacInnis, O'Neill, Poltrack, Skigen and Fortunato. Invited guests included Directors McDonald, Byrne and Bureau Chief Stein

1. PS25.020 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; dealing with blighted properties in the City of Stamford.
05/07/99 - Submitted by Reps. DeLuca and Fortunato
11/02/99 - Report Made **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
2. [PS25.023](#) REVIEW; of amending the existing False Alarms Ordinance.
10/13/99 - Submitted by S. DeVito (Police Dept.) **HELD IN COMMITTEE**

Chair Fortunato stated that Deputy Chief DeVito and Director Byrne appeared before the Committee and stated they had hired a consultant to review the existing false alarms ordinance. They will be appear before the Committee again once this documentation is completed. The item was held.

3. [PS25.024](#) APPROVAL; of lease between City of Stamford and Samuel Lotstein Realty Company, LLC for a police substation at 25 Atlantic Street; term of lease: 9/1/99 through 8/31/99; annual rent: \$1.00.
10/29/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/00/99 - Approved by Planning Board
11/10/99 - Approved by Board of Finance **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
4. [PS25.025](#) REVIEW; of Sprint microwave antenna installation at Long Ridge Fire Station and status of Health Department public hearings.
10/03/99 - Submitted by President Domonkos **REPORT MADE**

Chair Fortunato reported that Director Byrne indicated there were no problems with the readings taken at the Long Ridge Fire Station. Director Byrne also stated that the

Connecticut Siting Council has priority in these issues. Chair Fortunato also stated that Health Department hearings are scheduled for later this month.

Rep. Martin stated that in further discussions with Attorney Jim Minor, he feels that Mr. Byrne's comments in retrospect are incomplete with regard to the State law.

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

**PARKS & RECREATION
COMMITTEE:**

Herman P. Alswanger, Co-Chair
Mary L. Fedeli, Co-Chair
Meeting: Thursday, December 2, 1999
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Co-Chair Fedeli reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on Thursday, December 2, 1999. Present were Committee Members Alswanger, Fedeli, Cannady, Gaztambide, Imbrogno, Lyons, Nabel, O'Neill, Poltrack and Sherer. Also present were Rep. Giordano; Corporation Counsel Andrew McDonald; Pat McGrath, Tony Conti, Paul Grillo and Brien Malloy from the Golf Authority; Sandy Goldstein and Rick Meyers from Keep Stamford Beautiful; and Moira McNulty and Dan Collelouri from the Office of Operations.

1. [PR25.040](#) APPROVAL; of lease between Sterling Farms Golf Course and the City of Stamford; term of lease: 5 years; annual rent: 11% of gross revenue.
08/03/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
08/10/99 - Approved by Planning Board
09/09/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
08/25/99 - Held in Committee
09/29/99 - Held in Committee

**HELD IN
COMMITTEE
BY [MACHINE
VOTE](#) (24-11-
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Co-chair Fedeli reported that the lease was amended to include one change in the term. Originally, the lease called for a five year term with a five year option for renewal with payment to the City of 11% of gross revenue. The lease has been amended to a ten-year lease, keeping the 11% of gross revenue. Co-Chair Fedeli stated that in conjunction with this lease was a question regarding the payback of the monies owed, and it has been agreed that these monies will be paid back over ten years at \$26,000 per year. Co-Chair Fedeli stated questions came up regarding public space and improvements to the picnic and playground areas. The Authority pointed out to the Committee that they did replace the picnic tables, however, they warped as the wrong type of wood was used. The warped tables have now been replaced. Co-Chair Fedeli stated that Andrew McDonald pointed out that the Authority contributes \$7,500 to the upkeep of the grounds of the Ethel KweSkin Theater.

Co-Chair Fedeli stated that questions still remain about the playground area, and whether it is housed on City property. The Authority has made numerous requests for the City to repair it, but this has not happened. The Committee urged the Authority to take a more active role in this area, and the Authority agreed to do so. Co-Chair Fedeli stated that Pat McGrath spoke and suggested that the channels of communication be opened. Co-Chair Fedeli reported that there were some concerns with the ten-year lease as the City would have less accessibility to the Authority. The Authority was open to coming in at least once a year to discuss any items that the Committee has.

Co-Chair Fedeli reported that Representative O'Neill expressed his concern that he has been unable to acquire maps from the Land Use Bureau for this location. Co-Chair Fedeli stated she would follow up on acquiring these maps. The item passed 9-1-0, and Co-Chair Fedeli moved the item. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that it is his understanding that the Golf Authority has not actually approved the lease, and therefore it is not a legal document from the Golf Authority. Rep. Boccuzzi stated that the Golf Authority minutes approved giving the lease to the Golf Authority attorney to make sure that everything is okay. Rep. Boccuzzi stated he believes the Board is putting the cart before the horse here. Rep. Boccuzzi added that he has no objection to the ten-year payback, but to handle this matter properly, it should be accepted by the Golf Authority, then send it to us for our approval. He added that he has no problem with the document itself, he is just concerned that it has not been legally accepted by the Golf Authority. Rep. Boccuzzi moved to hold the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. DeLuca stated he was against holding the item because the Committee approved the item 9-1-0. Rep. DeLuca stated that if we return this because the Authority has not signed it, we will be setting a precedent for all contracts. Rep. DeLuca added that he recalls that the Board signs construction contracts where jobs have already started. Rep. DeLuca stated that the Golf Authority has agreed to everything in the contract and has given its word that it will approve the contract.

Co-Chair Fedeli stated that the Golf Authority minutes reflect that the Authority agreed to allow its lawyer to renegotiate to the terms that were suggested.

Co-Chair Alswanger stated that after much discussion with the Golf Authority by the Committee, a 9-1-0 vote resulted and he felt the Authority negotiated and agreed to the contract in good faith and he sees no reason why the Board should not approve the contract tonight.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that the minutes only reflect approval of renegotiating the lease. Rep. Boccuzzi asked whether the Authority would approve the lease if the Authority's attorney comes back to the Authority and says that this is not a good change.

Co-Chair Fedeli replied that Andrew McDonald had stated that both the City and the Golf Authority's attorney were in agreement to the terms of the contract.

Rep. Gasparri stated that a ten-year term for the lease is not appropriate. He added that a lot could happen in a period of ten years. President Domonkos stated that the subject now is holding and that comments should be limited to holding.

Rep. Skigen stated that as a legal matter, if the Board were to approve the contract tonight and the Authority, for some reason, did not vote to approve, there would be no contract or lease agreement. Rep. Skigen stated this would happen even if the City approved the contract.

President Domonkos asked the parliamentarian what the Board's practice was regarding approving contracts. Rep. Martin replied that it varies. Rep. Martin added that on numerous occasions we have approved leases with outside organizations, where the Mayor and the outside organization have not signed the final lease. Rep. Martin stated he concurs with Mr. Skigen's opinion in that we approve contracts where there is an agreement between the parties although no signed written agreement exists. Rep. Martin stated he would prefer that the other organization has signed an agreement so the Board can be clear as to what is being contracted, however it is not required.

Rep. Lyons stated he believes certain representations were made to Co-Chair Fedeli as to the good faith of the Golf Authority and the Corporation Council on the execution of this lease. Co-Chair Fedeli responded that Mr. Lyons was correct and that both Corporation Counsel and Authority Member Pat McGrath and Tony Conti assured her numerous times during the meeting that an agreement had been reached. Rep. Lyons stated he would support his committee chairs on this item.

Rep. Day stated that if concerns still exist, the Board could approve this conditioned upon the prior execution by the Golf Authority. Rep. Day also seconded the legal interpretation by Mr. Skigen stating that the Board strengthens its hands by approving the contract in the form that it is in, and any changes that were subsequently made by the other side would result in no contract.

Rep. Poltrack stated she supports the committee chairs, adding that the parties did agree to the terms and conditions of this contract, and she will vote in support of approval.

Rep. Summerville requested a five minute recess at 10:35 p.m. The President called the meeting to order at 10:46 p.m.

The President announced there was a motion and second to hold. Rep. Loglisci asked for a machine vote.

Clerk of the Board Summerville stated that Rep. Owens has left the meeting.

The motion to hold was approved by machine vote (24-11-2) (said vote is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Due to problems with the voting system, Mr. MacInnis voted aye, Mr. Kernan voted aye; Mr. Hunter voted aye.).

2. [PR25.041](#) APPROVAL; of Keep America Beautiful's Stamford Adopt-a-Spot Program. **APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE (29-2-2)**
08/06/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
08/25/99 - Held in Committee
09/29/99 - Held in Committee

Co-Chair Fedeli reported that this program is an offshoot of the Keep Stamford Beautiful program. They have already lined up the sponsors for ten spots, which the Board of Directors of Keep Stamford Beautiful has approved. Co-Chair Fedeli stated that this is a two-year commitment, the site and the organization is pre approved by Keep Stamford Beautiful. Keep Stamford Beautiful oversees the landscaping, and they use a bidding process to determine who gets to work on these spots. The ongoing maintenance is part of the cost and is Keep Stamford Beautiful's responsibility. There will be signs placed on the spot, noting the program, the sponsor and the mayor's name.

Co-chair Fedeli stated that during the meeting there were two concerns raised. She stated that the first concern was that Rep. Sherer did not like the idea of placing the mayor's name on the signs, regardless of political party; Rep. O'Neill did not like the idea of St. John's Park, which has a veterans memorial, to be part of the project. Rep. O'Neill stated in Committee that he thinks the City should be upkeeping this property and no signs should be displayed. Co-Chair Fedeli stated that both of these items were put in the form of an amendment and defeated by the Committee. She added that the proposal passed 8-2-0, and she moved Item No. PR25.041; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Martin stated that while there are questions and suggestions about the program, he feels it is a good program and that we should move forward with this or a similar program. Rep. Martin stated he is somewhat confused because he is not certain what the Board is voting on. Rep. Martin asked whether the City has made Keep Stamford Beautiful its agent, and allow it to solicit funds on behalf of the City and bypass the City's operating account, for which it gets paid ten percent. Rep. Martin asked what if Keep Stamford Beautiful decides it wants to be paid fifteen percent. He asked what would happen if Operations didn't like the particular plan in one park. Rep. Martin stated he didn't want to get into the specifics but stated this approval is a sense of the board resolution. He believes the approval is that the Board basically approves the concept. Rep. Martin stated he will be abstaining as he is unsure as to what the Board is approving. Rep. Martin also stated he would like a follow up contract between Keep Stamford Beautiful and the City of Stamford outlining their rights and responsibilities, the amount of funds they will receive, and a clear understanding as to whether or not the funds donated by the corporations would bypass the City's operating and budget process. Rep. Martin stated none of these things has been spelled out anywhere. Rep. Martin added that given the liability of extending to someone the ability to operate and subcontract on City property, a legal document should exist. Rep. Martin moved to hold the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Loglisci stated that he agreed with Rep. Martin's comments and feels that holding the project for one month should not put the program in jeopardy.

Rep. Summerville stated that everyone should look at the overview and that it explains what is going to happen. Rep. Summerville stated this is a two-year commitment, and she has met with the persons who are going to be working with the program in her district, which is St. John's, and she is very comfortable with what this program represents. Rep. Summerville asked the representatives not to hold the item, but to get the answers to the questions he is asking. Rep. Summerville added that this is not a lot of money, none of the money is committed by the City, corporations are involved, and it is a community project. Rep. Summerville.

Rep. Zelinsky stated he agrees with Rep. Martin's motion to hold. Rep. Zelinsky stated that in the overview that Rep. Summerville referred to, under Item No. 4, it says, "on approval of the adopting corporation, total funding from the corporation will be escrowed in a separate Keep Stamford Beautiful Incorporated Adopt-a-Spot account. Community groups will submit project budgets and funding sources." Rep. Zelinsky stated that the Board is not approving this, it is a separate entity, and no funds are going into any city accounts. Rep. Zelinsky agreed with Mr. Martin's opinion that it should be a sense of the board resolution, because now the Board is actually approving for corporations to be placing funds into some kind of separate escrow account that the City has no control or audit responsibility over.

Rep. Shapiro stated that he would vote not to hold this matter, adding that it is Keep America Beautiful. Rep. Shapiro said that neighborhood organizations and good community citizens who are looking to plant some flowers and keep up their neighborhoods. These people have committed to do this, and to put these people off is not in the best interest of these neighborhoods. Rep. Shapiro added that he understands Rep. Martin's valid concerns, and he feels process is important, but the Board should not lose sight of the real goal here which is to benefit these neighborhoods. Rep. Shapiro stated that to hold this is a slap in the face to these organizations.

Rep. Lyons stated he too hopes that the Board will move this item forward tonight. Rep. Lyons stated that first of all, these are not parks, they are parcels of land that lie within the city such as traffic islands. Some of these areas are the traffic islands at Canal and Jefferson, Stillwater Road north side embankment at the Golf Course, traffic medians on Tresser Boulevard, traffic islands on Newfield Avenue and Lakeside. Rep. Lyons stated the City has had these parcels of land, and they have not been able to take care of them in twenty or thirty years. Rep. Lyons stated there are finally people who are willing to pay up to \$4,000 to \$5,000 to adopt them, place a nice sign, plant some shade locusts and junipers and plants, and the Board should not "mickey mouse" around as to whether it is voting on approvals or resolutions or audit rights. President Domonkos reminded Rep. Lyons that we are voting on holding the item. Rep. Lyons stated that the Board should move forward and "take Keep Stamford Beautiful off the agenda and onto the streets."

Rep. Biancardi stated he totally agrees with Rep. Lyons, and he believes it is a great program and that it will only enhance the City.

Rep. Gasparrini stated he is in favor of holding the item because he is concerned about visual blight of signs that advertise corporations, and, in this case, unnecessarily include the mayor's name. Rep. Gasparrini stated we should hold the item to explore the size of these signs and to make certain they are not obtrusive resulting in an excessive commercialization of city property.

Rep. Corelli stated that she and Rep. Fedeli are very proud of Keep Stamford Beautiful, because they participate in the organization. Rep. Corelli stated the organization is made up of volunteers, no one is paid except the director, flowers are planted in the heat of summer, the flowers are watered and maintained. Rep. Corelli said they focus on areas like gas station islands that are unattractive. Rep. Corelli felt the Board is playing games here, and that no one is trying to take over city parks. Rep. Corelli stated that about two months ago, the organization went out and cleaned about ten parking lots that were full of garbage. Rep. Corelli stated she doesn't know how anyone could sit at this meeting and suggest to hold this item, and that all representatives should approve this immediately.

Rep. White moved the question; said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

The motion to hold the item failed by voice vote, and the President announced that the Board would now discuss the main question.

Rep. White stated that he believes this is not a bad program, but he objects that no matter how one tries to phrase it, this is still advertising by various commercial interests. Rep. White stated that before we know it, all of our parks and beaches will have all kinds of advertising in it – both commercial and political. Rep. White stated he believes this is wrong, and if a company wants to do this, they should get their accolades via the Stamford Advocate or in another way, but not put up a sign. Rep. White stated corporations should do this not for the sign but because they are good citizens of Stamford. Rep. White stated he is going to vote against this because of the signs giving these companies credit for having done this.

Rep. Loglisci stated he believed the item will pass, but he moved to amend the item by eliminating any signage that refers to political officeholders. Rep. Loglisci stated that the signs will have to be changed every time an elected official changes. Rep. Loglisci also stated that he is against the signage, and he feels that this should occur because people want to do it and that should be the reward. Rep. Loglisci's motion was seconded.

Rep. Summerville stated that it is unfortunate that most representatives have been unable to participate in the discussion as to how this project came about. Rep. Summerville stated that none of these companies encourage any political person to put a sign up with his or her name on it, and this matter was negotiated. Rep. Summerville stated that the use of signs is only to encourage other companies to become part of the project. Rep. Summerville stated that someone donated a substantial amount of money to the Hillandale Preschool, and a discussion ensued as to whether the person's name should be used. Rep. Summerville stated that these types of things occur all over the City of Stamford, including streets being named after people. Rep. Summerville stated that the corporations want the areas to be

attractive and to attract people. Canterbury Green is an example used, and people go to the park and the fountain and relax. These types of parks give an escape to the concrete downtown. Rep. Summerville stated that having a company's name in a little island is not going to make or break any corporation, and the citizens of Stamford are not going to like or dislike the corporation any more, it just shows that the company has a community interest. Rep. Summerville stated that on the Agenda tonight is the matter of improving blighted areas. Rep. Summerville stated she is talking on the corporate level, and she is not addressing her comments relative to any political person or party.

Co-Chair Fedeli stated that both the name of the company and the mayor's name are removable and they peel right off. This is for cost effectiveness reasons.

Rep. Alswanger stated that the presentation made to the Committee by Keep Stamford Beautiful was terrific, and he agrees with Ann Summerville that this can only beautify Stamford. Rep. Alswanger stated that if in a year or so the Board doesn't like this project, the Board can re-look at the situation. Rep. Alswanger added that the areas that they are talking about need upgrading, the City is not doing it, and without spending City funds, this is an opportunity to upgrade these areas.

Rep. Nable stated that of the ten targeted sites, four of them are sponsored by volunteer organizations, and that this is not solely sponsored by commercial organizations.

Rep. Martin stated that in agreement with the recent speakers, if a community organization or gas station owner or company wants to fix a park and have a small sign that is fine by him. Rep. Martin stated he doesn't think that the Keep Stamford Beautiful people will let this thing get out of hand or be garish. Rep. Martin stated he understands the reservations some people have, but feels that common sense will prevail. Rep. Martin also feels that once the names appear on the signs, it will encourage others to participate.

Rep. Poltrack stated she works for a major organization in the City that donates a lot of money to the Board of Education, to the parks and to various cleanups. She added that the volunteers work for the corporation. Rep. Poltrack stated that she does not want to send a message that the City does not want corporate money.

Rep. White stated that the corporations should do it because they are good citizens, and if they don't do it because they can't put a sign up, then it proves his point that the intention is for commercial advertising, and this is what bothers him about it. Rep. White stated that St. John's Park, sponsored by the Holiday Inn Select, and noted that if they want to beautify that park, they will receive benefits because the park sits in front of their building, but this is just another way in which they will be putting a sign in front of their building, in front of the beautiful World War I memorial. Rep. White stated that within a few years this will be out of control, and it will be ugly.

Rep. Esposito moved to move the question; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. The motion to eliminate signage failed by voice vote.

President Domonkos stated the Board was back to the main motion.

Rep. Zelinsky stated he could appreciate where a representative would be in favor of letting a corporation beautify an area within his district. Rep. Zelinsky stated that 7 or 8 years ago, the City of Stamford did maintain all of the traffic islands with flowers and plants. Funds were in the budget for this purpose, and he does not know why funds are not appropriated today for this purpose. Rep. Zelinsky stated he is disappointed that the City of Stamford cannot keep public areas in good appearance. Rep. Zelinsky stated he agreed with Rep. White as to the issue of how extensive this will get, and he doesn't want to see parts of parks and playgrounds named after people or corporations. Rep. Zelinsky thinks they should do this for the betterment of the community, not to get a pat on the back. Rep. Zelinsky stated that if this will save taxpayers dollars, then he will be in favor of this item.

Rep. O'Neill stated he had concerns regarding the signage, however, due to the diligence of the Committee and because there are professional landscapers involved, he hopes that the size of the sign reflects the size of the properties on which they sit. Rep. O'Neill was concerned about St. John's Park, but after speaking to a member of the Committee, they mentioned they would take the utmost care and respect for the positioning of the sign, and he is in favor of this item because it nurtures community involvement and he supports taking pride in the City.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated he would vote in favor of the program, and as a member of the Waterside Task Force, he spent two Saturdays cleaning up the area and planting flowers. Rep. Boccuzzi said he does not have a park in his district that will be sponsored by a corporation, but if Rep. Summerville's district is beautified by this program, he will vote for it. Rep. Boccuzzi stated it is good to have the corporate people get involved with the citizens of Stamford.

Rep. Biancardi stated that he will vote for the program, and to ask anyone to deny themselves recognition is a lot to ask. Rep. Biancardi said people should get respect that is due. Rep. Biancardi also said that the mayor's name is not an issue, and that any political person is not going to make it or not because of a sign.

Rep. Kernan made a motion to move the question; said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote (Rep. Gasparrini opposed). The main motion was approved by machine vote (29-2-2) (said vote is attached hereto and made a part hereof).

3. PR25.043 APPROVAL; of settlement agreement between the City of Stamford and the Sterling Farms Golf Authority.
08/03/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
09/29/99 - Held in Committee

**HELD IN
COMMITTEE**

4. [PR25.044](#) APPROVAL; of 2000 marina fees.
10/20/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Ellen Mellis, Chair
Philip Giordano, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, December 1, 1999
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room
(in conjunction with Personnel Committee)

No report.

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Jim Shapiro, Chair
Joseph Gasparrini, Vice Chair
(Report) Meeting: Tuesday, November 30, 1999
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Shapiro reported that the Urban Redevelopment Committee met on Tuesday, November 30, 1999. Present were Reps. Gasparrini, Martin, Summerville, Nakian, Corelli and MacInnis; also present were Reps. Giordano, Loglisci and White.

1. UR25.004 REVIEW; of the Urban Redevelopment Commission's actions regarding the Mill River Corridor Project, including its Statement of Policy and the Delineation & Eligibility Report. **NO REPORT**
09/11/98 - Submitted by E. Steinberg, Executive Director, URC
05/03/99 - Report Made

Secondary Committee: Land Use

2. UR25.005 APPROVAL; of lease between the City of Stamford and Urban Redevelopment Commission at Government Center; term of lease: 5 years; annual rent: \$1,650 per month. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
08/26/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
10/02/99 - Held in Committee

Chair Shapiro stated that the Committee approved the lease 7-0-0 and moved the item. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Elaine Mitchell, Chair
Vincent Mobilio, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, November 22, 1999
6:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Mitchell reported that the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met on October 19, 1999 and November 22, 1999. Present for the October meeting were Committee Members Conrad, Green-Carter, Giordano and Mitchell; Reps. Cannady, Mellis and Mobilio were excused; also present were Reps. DePina and Loglisci, Rebecca Balzak of CT Legal Services and residents of Rippowam and Oak Park Apartments. Present for the November meeting were Committee Members Blackwell, Cannady, Conrad, Gaztambide, Giordano, Mellis, Mitchell and Mobilio; Reps. DePina and Loglisci and representatives from the Richmond Group were also present.

1.	REVIEW; of privatization of Rippowam Park/Oak Park	REPORT
HCD25.27	apartments.	MADE AND
	07/08/99 - Submitted by Reps. Domonkos and	HELD IN
	Mitchell	COMMITTEE
	09/07/99 - Report Made	
	09/28/99 - Held in Committee	

Chair Mitchell reported that at the October meeting, residents had the following concerns: 1) rent increases; 2) the quality of the structure of their apartments; 3) maintenance personnel entering their homes without prior notification; and 4) residents who had multiple phone and cable connections prior to being relocated to another unit had to pay again for new connections when they returned to their old units.

Chair Mitchell stated that the Committee requested documentation supporting these concerns; the Committee has not received that documentation as of today. Chair Mitchell added that these concerns should be addressed with the management company and that more communication with the residents would help, especially in assisting the residents to better understand the policies and procedures.

Chair Mitchell reported that at the November meeting, Rep. Loglisci stated that he visited the Rippowam Park site and he found the units to be of sound construction, the quality of the materials used was very good, the apartments came with amenities, and that he looked at a unit in the process of renovation, and he felt the apartments were very good.

Chair Mitchell stated that the purpose of the Committee's review of this matter is to look at how revitalization is affecting the City. The City is continuously losing apartments that affect residents in the low income range. Chair Mitchell stated that residents who work in the service areas are not earning 50 or 70% of the median income, and that Stamford needs to look at ways to keep these units available for all residents in the City of Stamford.

Chair Mitchell concluded by saying that she will be keeping this item on the Agenda and she plans to meet with the Housing Authority and the housing commissioners to see what their plans are for future uses of their sites.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: Gabe DeLuca, Chair

(Report)

Peter C. Nanos, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, November 17, 1999
7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Chair DeLuca reported that the Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, November 17, 1999. Present were Committee Members DeLuca, Nanos, Giordano and Blackwell. Also present were Reps. Sherer and Mani Poola. Chair DeLuca stated everyone has received a report

1. T25.018 REVIEW; of Traffic Commission's policies and procedures **REPORT
MADE**
regarding placement of street signs.
11/03/99 - Submitted by Rep. Sherer

**ADMINISTRATION &
TECHNOLOGY
COMMITTEE:**

Gloria DePina, Chair
Ellen S. Mellis, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, November 22,
1999
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room
(in conjunction with Fiscal Committee)

No report.

HOUSE COMMITTEE:

Annie M. Summerville, Chair

No report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PARKS:

Lisa Poltrack, Co-chair
Paul Esposito, Co-chair

No report.

**SPECIAL REVALUATION
COMMITTEE:**

Maria Nakian, Chair

Chair Nakian stated that the Special Revaluation Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 8, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. This is a joint meeting with the Board of Finance, the Assessor and the Director of Administration. Chair Nakian stated that anyone who is interested in how the revaluation was arrived at is urged to attend the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

2. Sense-of-the-Board Resolution thanking those individuals and companies who lease property at a nominal charge to the City of Stamford for use as police substations.
11/03/99 - Submitted by 25th Board **APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**
3. Sense-of-the-Board Resolution Commending efforts to establish friendship and goodwill between the City of Stamford and the City of Sparta, Greece.
11/02/99 - Submitted by Reps. Nanos and Loglisci **APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

MINUTES

1. [November 3, 1999 Regular Meeting](#) **APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. President Domonkos announced that she has distributed new committee lists. All representatives should review the lists to check which committees they will be serving on.**
- 2. President Domonkos thanked Rep. Corelli for bringing in pastries this evening.**
- 3. President Domonkos announced that a reception will be held on 12/14/99 for all candidates for health director.**
- 4. President Domonkos announced that there is no map of the Sterling Farms property and that the Law Department will be commissioning a survey of this property.**
- 5. Rep. DeLuca reminded everyone to get his/her check to him for the Holiday Party this Sunday, December 12, 1999.**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Rep. DeLuca announced that he and Rep. Fedeli will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army this Saturday at the A&P. The Salvation Army is in need of volunteers, and Rep. DeLuca urged other representatives to volunteer.

2. Rep. Summerville announced that there will be a public hearing on December 7, 1999 in the cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. regarding the Mill River project.

3. Rep. Summerville announced that the annual Board picture will be taken on Monday, January 4, 1999.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

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