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The adjourned meeting of the Board of Representatives was called to order at the Burdick Junior High School on Tuesday, January 23, 1951 by the President, Samuel Pierson, at 8:10 P.M.

The roll call was taken with 32 present and 8 absent.

The following ordinance (#3 of the supplement) was read again by Mr. Pierson, explaining that it had ~~not been properly published~~ prior to the vote on January 15th:

BE IT ORDAINED BY Stamford, that

Sec. 1. The City of Stamford is authorized to pay to Thomas L. Page of Stamford in recognition of his long service as a Sanitary Inspector with the Department of Health and in consideration of his advanced age and ill health, during the term of his natural life, an annual sum, payable monthly, equal to one-half of his present annual salary, and upon his death to his widow until her death or remarriage. No such payments or pension shall receive or be entitled to receive compensation under the provisions of the General Statutes relating to Workmen's Compensation for any injury said Thomas L. Page may have received while in the employ of the City of Stamford, arising out of and within the scope of his duties.

Sec. 2. Said pension shall become operative upon the retirement of said Thomas L. Page.

Sec. 3. This ordinance to be effective shall be subject to the provisions of the Charter of the City of Stamford.

George W. Lockwood, 14th District, MOVED the adoption of the ordinance, seconded by Michael Wofsey, 1st District, and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Petition #97

The Connecticut Heart Association, Inc., requesting permission to display an eight by ten foot heart poster, properly installed, in St. John's Park, Central Park, Bedford Park and West Side Park on or about February 1st. The letter stated that adequate insurance had been taken out to protect the City from any liability claims in case of accident.

Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, MOVED that this request be granted, seconded by George Lockwood, 14th District, and CARRIED.

Samuel Pierson, President, read an opinion from the Corporation Counsel as to the status of the Ferguson Library employees.

Leon Staples, 7th District, MOVED that this matter be referred to the Fiscal Committee, and to the Legislative & Rules Committee, seconded by Helen Bromley, 20th District, and CARRIED.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED that the rules be suspended in order to add to the agenda a resolution regarding the acquisition of "Cove Mills".

The motion was seconded by John Cameron, 20th District, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that the public health, welfare, safety, convenience and necessity of the City of Stamford require that said city purchase for its general purposes a tract or tracts of land situated in the southeasterly part of Stamford, generally known as "Cove Mills," and consisting of approximately eighty acres of land, with the

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buildings and other improvements thereon, and the Board of Representatives hereby declares its intention to acquire said land and requests the Mayor immediately to negotiate with the owners of said property and to report thereon to the Board of Representatives as speedily as possible, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Board of Finance and to the Planning Board, with the request that each of such Boards expedite this proposal to the end that the land involved may be acquired and made available for use in the immediate future.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter Revision Committee be and it is hereby instructed to cause to be prepared and introduced in the current session of the General Assembly a bill authorizing the City to issue bonds for such acquisition, payable over a period of forty years.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the adoption of this resolution, seconded by John Cook, 15th District.

Mr. James Mulreed, 4th District, MOVED that this be referred to our Fiscal Committee for a report at our next meeting, seconded by John Cameron, 20th District.

After considerable discussion, John Cameron, 20th District, MOVED the question, duly seconded, and the vote was 17 against, 13 for. Discussion continued.

Samuel Pierson, President, stated that the motion had been made to refer this resolution to the Fiscal Committee. This motion was made previously by James Mulreed, 4th District, seconded by John Cameron, 20th District.

A rising vote was taken: 11 in favor, 19 opposed.

The motion to refer to committee was defeated.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, amended his motion to read:

To adopt the first two paragraphs of the resolution, and change "intention" to "desire".

This amendment was accepted by John Cook, the seconder.

The motion to adopt the resolution as amended was CARRIED, 30 for, none opposed.

Resolution #101, as adopted, reads as follows:-

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that the public health, welfare, safety, convenience and necessity of the City of Stamford require that said city purchase for its general purposes a tract or tracts of land situated in the southeasterly part of Stamford, generally known as "Cove Mills", and consisting of approximately eighty acres of land, with the buildings and other improvements thereon, and the Board of Representatives hereby declares its desire to acquire said land and requests the Mayor immediately to negotiate with the owners of said property and to report thereon to the Board of Representatives as speedily as possible.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Board of Finance and to the Planning Board, with the request that each of such Boards expedite this proposal to the end that the land involved may be acquired and made available for use in the immediate future.

John Cameron, 20th District, MOVED that section 120 be removed from the Omnibus Bill, seconded by Sewell Corkran, 18th District, and CARRIED.

James Mulreed, 4th District, asked if by removing this section from the Omnibus Bill, it would alter the intention of the Committee to propose this change.

Samuel Pierson, President, stated that it would not.

John Cameron, 20th District, presented copies of a supplementary report of the Charter Revision Committee to each member of the Board.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED that the matters referred to in the report be taken up in order, seconded by James Mulreed, 4th District, and CARRIED.

Section 484 - Insert "Subject to the provisions of Chapter 73" and delete "may at pleasure remove". Passed

Section 500 - Add "personnel commission". Change "tax relief board" to "board of tax review"- Passed.

Section 501 - Add personnel commission to the three member commissions. Passed.

Section 503 - Add "and, subject to the provisions of Section 503.1 one member of each appointive three-member board to serve three years". Passed.

Because of a question raised by James Mulreed, 4th District, on Section 503.1 and 505, Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED to defer 503.1 and 505 and that action on them be taken later, seconded by Leonard DeVita, 5th District, and CARRIED.

Section 520 - Change last sentence to be a clause of the preceding sentence starting with "which" instead of "These". Delete "and" before (5) and add at end, "and (6) the planning board may call upon other agencies of the City of Stamford for assistance in discharging its duties". Passed.

Section 522 - Substitute "An official paper" for "a newspaper of general circulation in". Passed.

Section 523 - In last sentence insert before "board of representatives" the word "entire". Passed.

Section 524 - In line 3, after the word "land", add "and all plans of new streets". Add a comma after "plat" in line 27 on page 40. Passed.

Section 525 - Change "newspaper of general circulation" to "official Paper". Passed.

Chapter 53 - Change caption to "Board of Tax Review". Passed.

James Mulreed asked Mr. Cameron if his committee would review Section 529 before turning it over in final form, to which Mr. Cameron agreed.

Section 529 - "Refer to or include language such as that in section 844 of the General Statutes, Revision of 1949." Passed.

Section 530 - Change "relief" to "review" in caption and in first and last sentences.

Section 540 - Insert at the end of (1) "including public beaches". Insert in (4) after the word "areas" the words "including public beaches". Insert at the beginning of (3) "subject to the provisions of Chapter 73". In the sixth line, insert after "Stamford" the word "for". Passed.

Section 551 - Delete reference to "lots adjacent in the rear and lots directly opposite" and substitute "lots within 100 feet, in any direction, of the property included in the proposed change". Passed.

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Section 553, 554 & 560 - Make mere reference to the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut. The specific section references are obsolete. Passed.

Section 560 - Eliminate last sentence. Passed.

Section 570 - Insert at the beginning "Subject to the provisions of Section 73" and delete "may at pleasure remove". Passed.

Section 571 - Change "town" to "city" in line 12, line 16, line 18 and the last line. Passed.

Section 572 - Change "town" to "city" in line 1, line 6, line 8, line 13 and the last line. Passed.

Section 573 - Change "town" to "city" in the caption and in line 4 and line 5. Passed.

Section 574 - Change "town" to "city" in line 3. Passed.

Section 575 - Add at the end of this section the sentence which now appears as the last sentence of Section 575.1. Passed.

Section 575.1 - Change the caption to "compensation of Tax Collector". Delete the last sentence since it will appear in Section 575. Passed.

Section 577 - Delete. This is obsolete. (If drafting committee concurs). Passed.

Section 580 - Change the second sentence to read, "Subject to the provisions of Chapter 73, it shall make appointments to the supernumerary and regular police and fire forces. It shall appoint from time to time such members of the special police and fire forces as it may deem necessary." Delete the next sentence as being covered under the general authorization to appoint employees for whom an appropriation has been made in revised section 405. Passed.

Section 580.1 - Place this section in Chapter 72 as Section 720. Change present Section 720 to Section 720.1. Delete "written" in the first line and insert before "a copy" in line 6 "it shall be directed in writing to the board of public safety and". In the fourth from the last line, stop the sentence after "mayor", delete "and", and start a new sentence with "The chief of police...". Add at the end of the last sentence, "after a hearing before the appeals board held within fifteen days after action by the mayor and at which the said chief shall have the right to be heard in person or by counsel and to give and furnish evidence in his defense. Pending action by the appeals board on any appeal or action by the board of representatives, if required, any member or officer, in the discretion of the board of public safety, be relieved of duties but if cleared of charges shall be reinstated with full pay from date of suspension." Passed.

Section 620 - Change "city tax district" to "former city tax district" and "town tax district" to "consolidated city tax district". Passed.

Section 620.1 - Change "city tax district" to "former city tax district". Change "now" to "on November 3, 1947". Change "constitutes" to "constituted". Passed.

Section 620.2 - Change "town tax district" to "consolidated city tax district". Change "district" to "districts" in line 7 on page 54. Passed.

Section 621 - Change "city tax district" to "former city tax district". Passed.

Section 623 - Change "town tax district" to "consolidated city tax district". Passed.

Section 627 - Change "town" to "city". Passed

Section 632 - Change "city tax district" to "former city tax district." Passed.

Chapter 70 - Change "municipality" and "municipal" to "city". Passed.

Section 704 - Delete. This is covered in other sections and conflicts with Section 740 and others. Passed.

Section 714 - In the last sentence add after "officer" the words "or member". Passed.

Section 720 - Insert "officer or" before "member" in the first line. (Note the reference is to the present section number. If Section 580.1 becomes Section 720, then this reference would be to a new Section 720.1) Passed.

Section 731 - In line 11 and 14 change "committee" to "commission". Passed.

Section 735 - Under (3) change "newspaper of general circulation " to "official paper".

Section 736 - Start the next to the last sentence, "He shall" instead of "To". In the same sentence, after the word "filled" change "to" to "he shall". Passed.

Section 738 - Change "comptroller" to "controller". Passed.

Section II - Section 204.3 - Insert after "fire department", the words "and other employees in the classified service". This is to harmonize with the revised Section 740. Passed.

Section 740 - Insert "Except as provided in Chapter 72". Change "committee" to "commission". Substitute for the last sentence, "The decision of the personnel commission shall be subject to appeal under the same procedure as is prescribed in Section 720.1 for members of the police and fire department." Passed.

Section 720.1 - Insert after "safety" the words "or other classified employee by action of the personnel commission".

Section 401 - Substitute "Unless otherwise provided in this Charter, the Mayor shall appoint and may remove, the head of any department, except the police chief, the fire chief, the town clerk and the personnel director, subject to the confirmation of the board of representatives. The Mayor shall submit his appointments to the board of representatives at its regular meeting following the date of the appointment and, pending action by the board, each appointee shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the office to which he is appointed. In the event that the board of representatives declines to confirm the appointment, the Mayor shall make a new appointment and submit it to the board of representatives at its next regular meeting, provided that the Mayor may not submit the same name more than once. The Mayor may remove any such appointee upon written notice given at least seven days before the regular meeting of the board of representatives at which confirmation of such removal is to be considered. Removal from office shall be effective at the time of the next regular meeting of the board of representatives unless said board shall, by a majority vote of those present at the meeting, decline to confirm the Mayor's action in which event the appointee shall continue in office. If the board of representatives shall have declined to confirm removal of any particular appointee on ~~three separate occasions~~, the Mayor shall not again request his removal except on charges, following the same procedure as is prescribed in Section 120 for removal of elective officers."

If Section 401 is changed as above, Section 401.2 should be changed so that



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the language conforms to the appointment language in 401, although there would be no essential change in substance. Passed.

Section 401.2 - In the event of a vacancy in the office of chief of police or chief of the fire department, the Mayor shall appoint a successor, subject to confirmation of the board of representatives. The Mayor shall submit his appointment to the board of representatives at its regular meeting following the date of the appointment and, pending action by the board, each appointee shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the office to which he is appointed. In the event that the board of representatives declines to confirm the appointment, the Mayor shall make a new appointment and submit it to the board of representatives at its next regular meeting, provided that the Mayor may not submit the same name more than once. Passed.

Section 461 - Change first sentence to "The director of public welfare shall be head of the welfare department. He..." Passed.

John Cameron read a letter from the Mayor protesting this change.

Section 462 - Add at the beginning, "Subject to the provisions of Chapter 73". Passed.

Section 464 - Delete because this is covered under revised Section 405. Passed.

Section 102 - Delete "welfare commission" from the list of elective boards. Passed.

Section 441 - Make a similar change in line 7. Passed.

Section 735 - Insert at the end of the first line, "subject to review by the board of representatives". Passed.

Section 484 - Insert "Subject to the provisions of Chapter 73" and delete "may at pleasure remove". Passed.

Section 500 - Add "personnel commission". Change "tax relief board" to "board of tax review." Passed.

Section 501 - Add personnel commission to the three member commissions.

Section 503 - Add "and, subject to the provision of Section 503.1 one member of each appointive three-member board to serve three years".

Leon Staples, 7th District, MOVED for a recess, seconded and CARRIED.

Section 431-Section II - In line 10 after the word "by" insert "the personnel commission in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 73 and subject to review by".

Section 431 - in line 16 insert after "supernumerary" the words "or special". Passed.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED, duly seconded, that Section 431 read:

Section 431 - In line 10 after the word "by" insert "the personnel commission in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 73 and subject to the privilege of review and modification." Passed.

Section 503 - In line 9 substitute for "after a public hearing" and the remainder of the section the words "following the same procedure as is prescribed in Section 120 for removal of elective officers". Passed.

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Section 702 - Delete the second sentence, since it conflicts with the requirement in the first sentence that the undertaking must be "with a surety company". Passed.

Section 700 - Change "chapter" to "section" in last sentence, and add to the sentence "or any employee appointed by the board of education". Defeated.

Section 707.1 - Add at the end of the first sentence, "including the board of education". Defeated by rising vote of 10 in favor and 20 opposed.

Patrick Hogan, 10th District, MOVED to add "including employees of the Ferguson Library and the Museum. This was defeated by a vote of 10 in favor and 20 opposed.

Section 744 - Delete the committee recommendation, but clarify the present provision. Passed.

Section 433.1 - Regular Status for Certain Full-time Special Officers with Long Service. Any special officer of the police department in service on a full time basis on January 1, 1951 who shall have served continuously as a full time special officer since April 15, 1949 and for five years prior thereto, shall be made a regular officer with the same rank as of the effective date of this act notwithstanding the age limitation in Section 431. For one year after the effective date of this act, any such officer shall be entitled to the rights afforded in Section 719 notwithstanding the time limits specified therein, and without regard to the precinct in which he may be serving". Passed.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED, seconded by Louise Seeley, 1st District, that the Charter Revision Committee be authorized to submit bills in Section III for title to meet the general assembly deadline and the Board of Representatives would act on these later in detail, CARRIED.

Michael Laureno, 3rd District, MOVED we adjourn and meet again February 13, 1951, seconded by Michael Wofsey, 1st District, and CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Babette Ransohoff, Clerk