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A regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held at the Burdick Junior High School on Tuesday, February 13, 1951. The meeting was called to order by the President, Samuel F. Pierson, at 8:15 P.M.

Invocation was by Reverend Bernhard Johnson.

The roll was taken with 35 present and 5 absent.

John Cameron, 20th District, MOVED that the minutes of January 6, 1951, and January 15, 1951 be accepted, seconded by Sewell Corkran, 18th District, and CARRIED.

I. PETITIONS

1. Petition #98 - The Connecticut State Firemens' Association re permission to hold their annual convention parade.

Another letter from The Connecticut State Firemens' Association, which was not on the Agenda, was read by the President: The Association requested permission to use Cummings Park on Saturday, August 18, 1951 for the purpose of terminating the Convention Parade and the serving of sandwiches and refreshments to the uniformed men.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, MOVED that this letter be placed on the Agenda so that both could be acted upon, seconded by Helen Bromley, 20th District, and CARRIED unanimously.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, MOVED that permission be granted in both cases, for the Connecticut State Firemens' Association to hold their annual convention parade on August 16 to 18 of this year to begin on August 18, 1951 at 1 P.M., and for the Connecticut State Firemens' Association to use Cummings Park on Sat., Aug. 18, 1951 for the purpose of terminating the Convention Parade and the serving of sandwiches and refreshments to the uniformed men, seconded by Michael Laurenco, 3rd District, and CARRIED.

II. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Resolution re tax act.

John Cameron, 20th District, MOVED that a copy of this letter be sent to all members of the Board and that it be put on the Agenda of our Next meeting, seconded by Sewell Corkran, and CARRIED.

2. Letter regarding the erection of benches for advertising purposes. Louise Seeley, 1st District, MOVED that we do not allow the erection of these benches for advertising purposes, seconded by Leon Staples, 7th District, and CARRIED.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

1. Planning Board re Civic Center.

Michael Wofsev, 1st District, MOVED that we hear from Mr. Hoyt, Chairman of the Planning Board, seconded by Robert Shepherd, and CARRIED.

Mr. Hoyt read from his report, copies of which were given to each member of the Board.

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Mr. Hoyt stated that there was one member of the Board of Design present and asked the Board's permission to hear from Mr. Sherwood.

Babette Ransohoff, 15th District, MOVED we hear from the Board of Design, seconded by Sewell Corkran, and CARRIED.

Mr. Sherwood stated why the Board of Design recommended the Woodside Park area for the new Civic Center.

Mr. Samuel Gordon, requested the floor.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, MOVED we hear from Mr. Gordon, seconded by Catherine Cleary, 8th District, and CARRIED.

He spoke in favor of Preceeding with a court house and police headquarters at Hoyt Street property.

James Mulreed, 3rd District, MOVED that any further discussion on this subject be placed at the end of our Agenda, seconded by Leon Staples, 7th District, and CARRIED.

2. Letter from Planning Board re acceptance of land offered to City by Mr. Jesse Hartman.

Samuel Pierson, President, stated that the Steering Committee felt that it was in order to accept this offer.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, MOVED the acceptance of this land with a letter of thanks to Mr. Hartman for his generosity in giving land to the City, seconded by Robert Shepherd, 9th District, and CARRIED.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, MOVED we hear Babette Ransohoff, clerk, in regard to our budget, seconded by Michael Wofsey, 1st District, and CARRIED.

Babette Ransohoff stated that the operative budget had to be in the Mayor's hand by February 20. She therefore MOVED ~~that this~~ matter be approved by the Fiscal Committee when drawn up, seconded by Helen Bromley, 20th District, and CARRIED.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Fiscal Committee

a. Pension for Mr. Fred DeCarlo

Louise Seeley, chairman, stated that it would amount to \$18.00 per week, and recommended that this pension be granted.

Louise Seeley MOVED this matter be declared an emergency so that Mr. Wise could draw up the ordinance immediately, seconded by Helen Bromley, 20th District, and CARRIED.

b. Emergency appropriation of \$500 for Police Investigations.

Louise Seeley MOVED the appropriation of \$500 for Police Investigations be granted, seconded by Leon Staples, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. Emergency appropriation of \$1,704.32 for transportation expenses for Bureau of Engineering.

Mrs. Seeley said that the Fiscal Committee recommends deferrment of this item, and so MOVED, seconded by Leon Staples, 7th District, and CARRIED.

d. Emergency appropriation of \$200 for supplies to the Purchasing Department.

Mrs. Louise Seeley, stated that the Fiscal Committee recommends approval of ^{this} and so MOVED, seconded by Patrick Hogan, 10th District, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

e. Pension for Mr. William C. Lynch.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, MOVED the pension be granted, seconded by Michael Wofsey, 1st District, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

f. Emergency appropriation of \$120,600 for municipal employees cost of living salary adjustment.

Louise Seelev stated that the Fiscal Committee recommends approval of this cost of living salary adjustment (\$30.00 a month) with no obligation of continuation after the end of this fiscal year, by which time all adjustments should be made on the basis of job classification.

Louise Seelev, 1st District, MOVED we accept the emergency appropriation of \$120,600 for municipal employees' cost of living salary adjustment, seconded by Stephen Kelly, 12th District, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

g. Emergency appropriation of \$14,850 cost of living adjustment to employees of the Ferguson Library.

Louise Seeley, Chairman, stated that the Committee recommends approval of half of this amount, or \$7,425, for this is the amount necessary for the six months January 1 - June 30, 1951, and so MOVED, seconded by Michael Wofsey, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

h. Emergency appropriation of \$900 cost of living adjustment to five employees of the Museum.

Louise Seeley, Chairman, stated that the Fiscal Committee recommends approval of this and so MOVED, seconded by Michael Wofsey, 1st District, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

i. Emergency appropriation of \$1,300 brought against City by two officers claiming back pay.

Michael Wofsey MOVED that the emergency appropriation for \$1,300 for suit brought against the City be granted, seconded by James Mulreed, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

j. Emergency appropriation of \$1,400 for overhauling bookkeeping machine in Finance Department.

Louise Seeley, Chairman, stated that the Fiscal Committee recommends approval of this item. She stated that a new bookkeeping machine would cost us \$4,700 and that a rebuilt one would do the work of a new one.

James Harrington, 9th District, MOVED that this item be withdrawn.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, read a letter from Mr. Almond concerning the bookkeeping machine, and MOVED we grant \$1,400 for overhauling a bookkeeping

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machine for the Finance Department, seconded by Sewell Corkran, 18th District, and CARRIED by a rising vote of 32 in favor and 3 against.

k. Request for transfer of \$67.02 from Code 412F Street Lighting Account to special account for extra work done on City report.

Louise Seeley, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, stated that the Committee recommends approval of this item and so MOVED, seconded by Helen Peatt, 16th District, and CARRIED.

l. Request for transfer of \$500 from Street Lighting Account - Code 412F - to special appropriation for cost of traffic light.

Louise Seeley, Chairman, stated that the Fiscal Committee recommends approval of this and so MOVED, seconded by Hilda Clarke, 17th District, and CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #4 SUPPLEMENTAL

Sam Pierson, President, read the ordinance concerning the Fred DeCarlo pension.

An ordinance concerning a pension to Fred DeCarlo.

BE IT ORDAINED BY STAMFORD THAT:

Section 1. The City of Stamford is authorized to pay to Fred DeCarlo of Stamford in recognition of his long services in the public works department of the former City of Stamford during the term of his natural life, an annual sum payable monthly on the basis of \$18.00 per week equal to one-half of his annual salary during the last year of his employment with the former City of Stamford.

Section 2. Said pension shall become operative as of May 15, 1950. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

Michael Laureno, 3rd District, MOVED that the Board of Finance be asked to include Fred DeCarlo's wife to receive the pension upon Mr. DeCarlo's death, seconded, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Babette Ransohoff, 15th District, MOVED that the Board waive the Charter requirements on publishing an ordinance by declaring this an emergency, seconded by Catherine Cleary, 8th District, and CARRIED.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, MOVED, duly seconded, that this ordinance be accepted, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, read a resolution regarding the special tax.

RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives that we respectfully urge that the Board of Finance do not levy a special tax to finance the additional appropriations approved by the Board of Representatives on February 13, 1951 for the following reasons:

a. The Department of Finance claims there are sufficient funds in various departments which will ultimately be returned to the general fund and which can be used to finance these additional appropriations.

b. The mechanics of levying such a tax will be complicated and expensive to the individual taxpayers and will require the keeping of books of records for years to come.

c. The machinery of dates of payment, dates of liens, etc., are not set up in the Charter and no special tax should be levied until the Charter is revised to clarify these matters.

d. The cost of levying such a tax is disproportionately high compared with the sum to be raised.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the adoption of this resolution, seconded by James Harrington, 9th District.

John Cameron, 20th District, MOVED to amend the resolution that item "a" be placed at the end of the list rather than at the head of it, seconded by Sewell Corkran, 18th District, and CARRIED.

The resolution was CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #102

RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives that we respectfully urge that the Board of Finance do not levy a special tax to finance the additional appropriations approved by the Board of Representatives on February 13, 1951 for the following reasons:

a. The cost of levying such a tax is disproportionately high compared with the sum to be raised.

b. The mechanics of levying such a tax will be complicated and expensive to the individual taxpayers and will require the keeping of books of records for years to come.

c. The machinery of dates of payment, dates of liens, etc., are not set up in the Charter and no special tax should be levied until the Charter is revised to clarify these matters.

d. The Department of Finance claims there are sufficient funds in various departments which will ultimately be returned to the general fund and which can be used to finance these additional appropriations.

James Harrington, 9th District, MOVED for a 10 minute recess, seconded by Patrick Hagan, 10th District, and CARRIED.

The meeting was called back to order by the President, Samuel Pierson at 10:30 P.M.

Legislative and Rules Committee

a. Introduction of the ordinance pertaining to the Building Code.

Robert Shepherd, 9th District, MOVED that this be introduced at this meeting in order that we may vote on it at the March meeting, seconded by John Harrington, 9th District, and CARRIED.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED that Monday, February 26 be designated as the date to have a public hearing on the building code amendments and appendices, seconded and CARRIED.

Samuel Pierson, President, asked the Board for a postponement of the March 5th meeting to March 12, 1951, seconded by Michael Laurenco, 3rd District, and CARRIED.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee, requested an emergency be declared in regard to the letter from the Mayor concerning the voting places. He so MOVED, seconded by Robert Shepherd, 9th District, and CARRIED.

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Ordinance #5 Supplemental was read:

An ordinance concerning the right of the Town Clerk to designate voting places.

BE IT ORDAINED BY STAMFORD THAT:

Chapter 29, section 2 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford, Connecticut 1950 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

a. The Town Clerk of the City of Stamford is empowered to change any or all of the voting places therein listed provided the Town Clerk gives public notice of the voting places in the manner prescribed by law.

b. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the adoption of this ordinance, seconded by John Canavan, 11th District, and CARRIED with a rising vote 34 in favor, 1 against.

Planning & Zoning Committee

a. Acceptance of Gray Farms Road.

Catherine Cleary, 8th District, reporting for the Planning & Zoning Committee, stated that Mr. Tuttle, City Engineer, refused to certify this Road for acceptance so no action was taken by the Committee.

b. The Committee report on the Civic Center site was deferred until later.

Health & Protection Committee

Leon Staples, 7th District, reporting for the Health & Protection Committee, stated that the Committee stands pat in regard to the previous report on parking meters.

Steering Committee

Samuel Fierson, President, read the Steering Committee report.

Charter Revision Committee

a. Further consideration of Charter Revision.

John Cameron and Mrs. Seeley called attention to a hearing scheduled for February 15 on four bills.

(1) A bill to merge the police departments, (2) a bill to provide a 40 hour week for the police, (3) a bill for teachers to serve on all boards of the City and (4) a bill to give the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives control of the Board of Education budget, item by item. All but the 40 hour week bill are charter revision proposals.

James Harrington, 9th District, MOVED we hear from Mr. Kilmartin, of the Police Association, on the 40 hour week, seconded by Robert Shepherd, 9th District, and CARRIED.

Mr. Kilmartin, of the Police Association, stated that the 40 hour week bill has to be heard in order to be able to put it on the ballot for a referendum in the April 2nd election.

Samuel Fierson, President, stated that those that effect the Charter Revision

should be heard on Stamford Day and asked permission from the Board to request that the public hearing set for February 15th be postponed. Permission was granted.

Action on Charter Revision was resumed.

Section 100 - (a) A bill to change election dates (b) A bill to change the voting hours for City elections. Defeated with 10 for, 20 opposed.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, stated that the last part of this should be passed, concerning the voting time.

Section III - Section 100 - A bill to change election dates. "Starting with 1953 make the bi-ennial city election fall in October on the same date as local elections in other communities in the state, and extend the term of office of everyone in office April 1953 by 7 months." Defeated 11 in favor, 20 opposed.

Section 100 - It was recommended that the voting hours for city elections be changed to "6 A.M. to 8 P.M." if there is no constitutional objection. Passed.

Section 111.2 - Delete; Passed - 19 in favor, 11 opposed.

Section 112.2 - Delete; Passed - 29 in favor, 1 opposed.

Section 113 - Change "appoint" to "elect". Passed.

Section 302.1 - Insert a provision authorizing the Board of Representatives with the consent of the Board of Finance, to establish the pay for the acting mayor. Passed.

Section 413 - Change second sentence to read "the tree warden shall be responsible to the commissioner of public works."

Change the next sentence to read "he shall be licensed as a tree expert under the laws of the State of Connecticut." Passed.

Section 416.3 - Delete this section assuming the building code will have been passed by the time the Charter amendments go in. Passed.

Section 552.1 - Delete on the assumption that the new building code will have been passed. Passed.

Section 482 - Change (3) to read "to arrange that the Board of Education keep such records as are necessary to account properly for its disbursements." Passed.

Section 511 - Change the second sentence to read "The controller shall be furnished with such records as he shall require to account properly for disbursements of the board of education." Passed.

Section 484.1 - Change "two" to "five". Passed 19 in favor, 9 opposed.

Section 484.7 - Change "two" to "five". Passed.

Section 484.1 - George Lockwood, 14th District, MOVED that this item read, "A bill to permit waiving of bidding on purchases to effect economies subject to approval of the Board of Representatives," seconded by Robert Sherherd, 9th District, and CARRIED.

Section 484.1 - An addition is recommended to the effect that the purchasing agent may in a particular instance specify material or equipment not subject to competitive bidding if the mayor so requests and certifies that standardization to effect economies makes this desirable and the board of representatives approves. Passed.

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Section 578 - Delete - Passed.

Bill #10 - A bill to clarify controller's tenure of office.

Section 482.2 - Insert at the beginning, "Subject to the provision of Chapter 73". Delete the last two sentences. Passed.

Section 602 - Add at the end of the section "The board of representatives may extend said date for issuing of tax bills if necessary in which event the interest charges provided for shall not begin until 30 days after such extended date." Passed.

Section 617.1 - Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the adoption of a special tax bill amendment, seconded by Leon Staples, 7th District, and CARRIED.

Section 619.2 (new) - Validation of action after Specified Dates -- If any action in connection with the mayor's budget or the board of education's budget shall take place after the last date specified for such action, the board of representatives may validate such action by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership. Passed.

Section 619 - Substitute for ", in his request therefor, certify that an emergency has arisen which was not foreseen when the budget was prepared", "shall make a special request therefor with a statement from the controller certifying to its probable effect on the tax rate based on the last published Grand List and also the probable effect on the tax rate of all such special requests granted since the budget was adopted".

In line 11, change "shall" to "may".

Substitute for the last two sentences, "In the case of requests for special appropriations for education, the board of education shall initiate the special request instead of the mayor". Passed.

Section 482 - In (5) after "checks" in the second line, insert "either manually or by check-signing machine". Passed.

Section 603 - After the first sentence insert "The required signature may be affixed manually or by check-signing machine under rules prepared by the mayor and the controller, and approved by the board of representatives, setting forth the conditions under which such signatures are authorized, but any bank or other depository of funds is authorized to accept such machine signatures without responsibility for determining that such rules have been complied with." Passed.

Section 503.1 - Withdrawn.

Section 657 - In the second sentence delete the words "immediately preceding". Passed.

Section 624 - After "record" replace the balance of the section with: "(a) as to properties in sewered areas in the former city tax district, the mill rate for the sum of the taxes levied under Sections 621, 622, and 623, "(b) as to properties in the former city tax district not sewered areas, the mill rate for the sum of the taxes levied under Sections 621, and 623, and such tax as is levied under Section 622 to cover the cost of sanitation services available, and "(c) as to properties in the consolidated city tax area but not in the former city tax area, the tax levied under Section 623 including that for appropriations made to the volunteer fire departments. Whenever the sewered areas or the properties to which the services of the sanitation bureau are available include any part of the consolidated tax district outside the former city tax district, the tax bills shall include, but not necessarily as a separate item, the mill rate for the tax levied under Section 622, and if any public works taxable to a particular district shall

be authorized under the provisions of Chapter 627, the tax bills affected shall include, but not necessarily as a separate item, the mill rate for such services. Passed.

Section 627 - Insert "Except as provided in Section 622". Passed.

Section 714.1 - Add "and where the term of service is interrupted by service in the armed forces of the United States such military service shall count in the term of service provided re-appointment occurs within 120 days after termination of such military service". Passed.

Section 737 - After the first sentence insert "any person in the civil service who shall not have held his position for two years prior to April 15, 1949 but shall have been appointed prior to establishment, by the personnel commission, of rules or qualifications for the position under this chapter, may hold office, at the pleasure of the appointing authority, until his successor is appointed under the provisions of this chapter, which appointment may be made by the appointing authority at such time as he sees fit. In the event of the expiration of the term of office of any appointive officer or employee he may continue to hold office at the pleasure of the appointing authority until appointment of his successor". Passed.

Bill #20 - A bill for an enabling act to permit establishing an independent parking authority. Passed by rising vote 28 in favor, 2 Opposed.

Section 433 - Substitute, "The police department heretofore functioning in the former city tax area and the police department heretofore functioning in the consolidated city tax area outside the former city tax area, are hereby merged and consolidated into one police department under the control, direction and supervision of the Chief of Police. The members of said consolidated police department shall retain their respective ranks and shall have equal rights as to seniority and compensation. Separate precincts may be organized and maintained within the police department from time to time in Stamford by the Board of Public Safety with approval of the majority of the entire membership of the Board of Representatives. The police department now maintained by Stamford outside the former city limits shall continue as a precinct, until changed, modified or altered by the Board of Public Safety and approved by a majority vote of the entire membership of the Board of Representatives. Any public or special act heretofore passed by the Legislature and inconsistent with the provisions of this act is hereby repealed". Passed.

Section 522 - Add "upon public notice, the Planning Director together with one member of the planning board may approve applications for subdivision of land fronting on approved or accepted streets which does not involve the construction of any new streets, the extension of public service mains, or the creation of more than two new lots. Said director and member may, in their discretion, refer action upon any such application to the full board and shall do so upon written request delivered to the office of the planning board not later than twenty-four hours prior to the date of the proposed action. No such application shall be granted until seven days after such public notice". Passed.

Section 526 - Insert after "corporation" the words "the layout of which has been approved by the planning board".

Insert after "by" in the third line "the board of representatives for".

Substitute in line 6 "city engineer" for "planning board" where it first occurs, and "him" where planning board next occurs.

Change "sixty" to "thirty". Passed.

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Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED that authority be given to the Charter Revision Committee to appear before the Legislature on Charter Revision bills, seconded by Robert Shepherd, 9th District, and CARRIED.

Following discussion on a bill presented to the General Assembly by The Stamford Teachers Association, Sewell Corkran, 18th District, MOVED that the teachers are qualified to serve on the Board of Representatives, but not on the Board of Education or Board of Finance, seconded by Leon Staples, 7th District.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, amending Mr. Corkran's motion, MOVED that the President be delegated to notify the joint committee, of the Board's action, seconded by Helen Bromley, 20th District, and CARRIED.

WOODSIDE PARK SITE

Catherine Cleary, 8th District, reporting for the Planning & Zoning Committee, stated that the committee was unanimously in favor of building a police station and a court house, and that it would not require too much expense if built on Hoyt Street.

Samuel Pierson, President, called for the vote on the amendment to the tabled motion; that the Board of Design proceed with Woodside Park plans. Defeated by rising vote of 9 in favor, 18 opposed.

The tabled motion, that Woodside Park be the site for the Municipal Center was defeated, 7 in favor, 20 opposed, 1 not voting.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, read the following resolution regarding Hoyt Street site:

BE IT RESOLVED Resolution #103

That the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford does hereby approve the site owned by the City at Hoyt and Bedford Streets for the erection of a building to house and take care of the needs of the Police Department of the City, with additional accommodations made available in such building for court room facilities, the same to be erected as soon as practicable; and

That the Board of Design be instructed to prepare plans accordingly; and

That no present position be taken by the Board of Representatives on the remaining buildings contemplated in a civic center.

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Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Louise Seeley, 1st District, and CARRIED.

Michael Laurenno, 3rd District, MOVED we adjourn until March 12 for the next regular meeting, seconded by Robert Shepherd, 9th District, and CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Sabette Ransohoff, Clerk

Report of the Fiscal Committee of the Stamford Board of Representatives.

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The Fiscal Committee of the Board of Representatives took the following action on matters which had been referred to it at a meeting on February 11, 1951. All members were present.

1. A pension for Mr. Fred DeCarlo, former City employee, at $\frac{1}{2}$ the salary received by him during the last year of his employment, 1934, the pension to be paid from May 15, 1950. This appropriation will be about \$1,044 until the end of the fiscal year. Your committee recommends approval of this appropriation and that Mr. DeCarlo's name be added to the other employees of the former City under item 710 in the budget.

2. An additional appropriation of \$500 for police investigations. Your Committee recommends approval.

3. An additional appropriation of \$1,704.32 for transportation expenses for the Bureau of Engineering, and the Division of Buildings. Since the appropriation balance in the accounts mentioned on February 5 were half of the original appropriation, your Committee recommends deferring approval of this appropriation.

4. An additional appropriation of \$200 for supplies for the Purchasing Department. Your Committee recommends approval of this appropriation.

5. Approval of a pension for ex-officer William Lynch. Your Committee recommends approval of this pension.

6. Emergency appropriation of \$120,600 for municipal employees cost of living salary adjustment. Your Committee recommends approval of this appropriation, although it believes that it should be made with no obligation of continuation after the end of this fiscal year, by which time all adjustments should be made on the basis of job classification.

In this time of national emergency, when we presume there will be a shortage of manpower, your committee recommends a strict control of personnel, with a reduction wherever at all possible. This should be accomplished by not replacing men lost by death, illness, or resignation, or by making as few replacements as possible for men going in to the armed forces. Your Committee also recommends to the Board that it request the Personnel Department to give to the Board every month a list of jobs vacated during the month, and action contemplated for replacement. This is in the hope that economy of number of men may offset the inevitable increasing cost per man.

7. Emergency appropriation of \$14,850 cost-of-living salary adjustment for employees of the Ferguson Library. Your Committee recommends approval of half of this amount, or \$7,425, as Mr. John Parry of the Board of Trustees of the Library says this is the amount necessary for the six months January 1 - June 30, 1951.

8. Emergency appropriation of \$900 cost-of-living salary adjustment for employees of the Museum. Your Committee recommends approval of this item.

9. Emergency appropriation of \$1300 for settlement of a suit against the City for back pay by two police officers. Your Committee does not now recommend approval of this appropriation, as there is a balance of \$2962.90 in the appropriation for settlement of non-contract claims in the Department of Law, which your committee understood was appropriated for this purpose.

10. Emergency appropriation of \$1400 for overhauling a bookkeeping machine. Your Committee recommends approval of this item.

11. Request for a transfer of \$67.02 from code 412F Street Lighting, to a special account for extra work done on the City report. Your Committee recommends approval of this transfer.

12. Request for transfer of \$500 from Street Lighting account to a special appropriation for the City's share of cost of traffic light on East Main Street and Courtland Ave. Your Committee recommends approval of this transfer. It wishes to call attention, however, to the apparent over-appropriation made for this item in the current and 1949-50 budgets. Last year the audit shows that \$114,339.76 was appropriated, and \$107,752.58 expended, a net of \$6,018.48 having been transferred to other accounts. This year the requested appropriation was \$119,339.76, which was reduced to \$116,339.76. Of this appropriation, \$63,179.08 was unencumbered on February 5, or 54% with five months of the twelve left. More careful budgeting of this item would seem advisable.

The total appropriation balance on February 5 was \$3,240,063.97

There is no outstanding short-term debt.

The report of the Board of Finance stated that \$130,669 of the above appropriation is to be raised by special tax. Your Committee would like to point out that under the charter, section 619, this special tax shall be laid within 5 days of the adoption of the appropriation by the Board of Representatives, or be included in the taxes for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Laureno

Hunt Sutherland

John L. Cameron

Patrick Hogan

Louise T. Seelcy