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The first meeting of the newly-elected Board of Representatives on April 16, 1951 was called to order by Mayor Thomas Quigley, in the Burdick Junior High School at 8:25 P.M. All members of the Board were present except George Russell.

The first order of business was the swearing-in of Joseph Zdanowicz as a member of the Board of Representatives, 13th District.

Mr. Quigley then asked for nomination for a temporary Chairman.

John Cameron MOVED the nomination of Edward Hogan as Temporary Chairman, seconded by Ralph Nau.

Patrick Scarella MOVED the nomination of James Mulreed as Temporary Chairman, seconded by Clifford Waterbury.

MOTION was made by Patrick Hogan that the nominations be closed, seconded by Dr. Somma and CARRIED.

John Cameron MOVED that a Roll Call vote be taken, seconded by Leonard DeVita. A rising vote was taken with 19 in favor and 20 opposed. The Mayor declared the MOTION for Roll Call vote defeated.

Mayor Quigley appointed Catherine Cleary and George Connors as tellers. A secret ballot was taken. The count was 20 votes for James Mulreed, 19 votes for Edward Hogan. James Mulreed took the Chair. He asked for nominations of a temporary clerk.

Karl Young moved the nomination of Helen Bromley, seconded by Catherine Cleary.

Clifford Waterbury MOVED the nomination of Michael Holahan as temporary clerk, seconded by Patrick Scarella.

It was MOVED, seconded and CARRIED that the nominations be closed.

John Cameron MOVED a Roll Call vote, seconded by Leonard DeVita. The vote was 17 in favor, 22 opposed. The Chair ruled a Roll Call vote in order since the required 1/5 had so voted.

Paul Plotkin MOVED that the rules be amended for secret balloting for the election of Officers at this meeting, seconded by Patrick Scarella.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chair appointed David Waterbury and Clifford Waterbury as tellers.

The vote for temporary clerk was taken with a count of 20 votes for Helen Bromley and 19 votes for Michael Holahan.

Helen Bromley took over the post of temporary clerk.

Roll Call was taken by Helen Bromley, Temporary Clerk, with 39 present and one absent.

Robert Lewis MOVED the nomination of Robert Shepherd as President, seconded by Joseph Carlin.

Stephen Kelly MOVED the nomination of George Lockwood, seconded by Patrick Hogan.

Patrick Hogan MOVED that the nominations be closed, seconded by Joseph Carlin and CARRIED.

The vote was taken with 20 votes for Robert Shepherd and 19 votes for George Lockwood. Robert Shepherd was elected and took the Chair as President.

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Patrick Hogan MOVED that a vote of thanks be given the temporary chairman, James Mulreed, seconded by John Cameron and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Robert Shepherd read the prayer on "A Councilman Takes Office"

DEAR LORD, at this, the outset of a new experience and a new service, cleanse my heart and mind of all malice, all hatred, all jealousy that might linger there as a result of a bitter campaign or my own intolerance; let me approach my duties with an open mind and a friendliness toward all my fellow workers; let me recognize that the service that I am now entering upon is a sacred trust dedicated to the advancement of the greatest democracy in the world the abiding hope of all mankind; let me humbly recognize my own shortcomings and my inexperience in the technical and complicated ramifications of government, and let not my ego or self-conceit retard me from utilizing to the fullest knowledge and experience of those long in the public service; let me not forget that the organization in which my fellow citizens have placed me is one that has grown and developed through sacrifices and the labors of many faithful who have gone before; let me quickly recognize that my greatest contribution to the public service will not be by extravagant promises to reform mankind, or to disrupt the orderly processes of existing things, but rather by a patient and intelligent application of the principles of Thy Golden Rule.

Let me stand as the Rock of Gibraltar against the approach of evil influences and give me strength, dear Lord, to resist all temptations to corrupt practice of every kind. Grant that I may so conduct myself that I may have confidence of my fellow workers and the respect and love of those under my supervision. In my contacts with my fellow citizens, who are my employers, endow me with a little of the wisdom of Solomon, the patience of Job, and the kindness of Jesus, and when my service has been called to a close, grant me that supreme satisfaction of knowing in my own heart, whatever be the cause of my removal from service, that I have served honestly, faithfully, and well.

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The foregoing prayer for newly elected councilmen, by the City Attorney of Culver City Calif., appeared originally in Western City for August 1948, in an article entitled "When a Man Becomes a Councilman." Reprints are available from Mr. Tellefson.

John Canavan MOVED that this be incorporated in the minutes, seconded and CARRIED.

George Connors MOVED for a ten minute recess at 9:45 P.M., seconded by Clifford Waterbury and CARRIED. The meeting was reconvened at 10:00 P.M.

Joseph Mancusi MOVED that the meeting be adjourned and a special meeting be held for further appointments, seconded by Patrick Scarella. MOTION was defeated.

Edward Hogan MOVED the nomination of Babette Ransohoff as Clerk, seconded by Clifford Waterbury.

MOTION was made to close nominations, seconded and CARRIED.

Robert Shepherd appointed David Waterbury and Clifford Waterbury as tellers.

The vote was taken with 21 votes for Babette Ransohoff and 18 for Michael Holahan. Babette Ransohoff took the post as Clerk of the Board.

The Chair pointed out that Section 204.3 calls for election of The Board of Appeals at the organization meeting of the Board of Representatives.

John Cameron nominated Edward Hogan and John Cook with alternates Leonard DeVita and Walter Seely to the Appeals Board.

George Lockwood nominated Patrick Scarella and Paul Plotkin with alternates Joseph Zdanowicz and William Murphy to the Appeals Board.

It was MOVED, seconded and CARRIED that the nominations be closed.

The vote was UNANIMOUS in favor of:

Edward Hogan	Patrick Scarella
John Cook	Paul Plotkin

ALTERNATES

Leonard DeVita	Joseph Zdanowicz
Walter Seely	William Murphy

John Cameron MOVED that the secretary cast one ballot, seconded and CARRIED.

Robert Shepherd read the following appointments to Standing Committees:

FISCAL

Helen Bromley, Chairman	Donahue, Theodore*
Carlin, Joseph	Hogan, Patrick
Charleson, John	Holahan, Michael J.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES

John Cameron, Chairman	Plotkin, Paul
DeVita, Leonard	Russell, George
Mulreed, James	Scarella, Patrick*

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

George Connors, Chairman	Nau, Ralph
Canavan, John M.	Seely, Walter
Caputo, Joseph	

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

David Waterbury, Chairman	Waterbury, Clifford
Givens, Webster	Young, Karl, Jr.
Mancusi, Joseph	

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Joseph Zdanowicz, Chairman	Longo, Vito
Cleary, Catherine	Murphy, William
Hogan, Edward	

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HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE ✓

Leon C. Staples, Chairman  
Cook, John W.  
Lewis, Robert

Sandor, John  
Scarella, Patrick

PUBLIC WELFARE & RECREATION COMMITTEE ✓

Helen J. Peatt, Chairman  
Clark, Harold  
Kaminski, Katherine

Kaminski, William\*  
Kelly, Stephen E.  
Somma, Dr. Peter

STEERING COMMITTEE ✓

Robert Shepherd, Chairman  
Bromley, Helen  
Cameron, John  
Cleary, Catherine  
Donahue, Theodore  
Hogan, Patrick

Kaminski, William  
Lockwood, George  
Mulreed, James  
Peatt, Helen  
Ransohoff, Babette  
Seely, Walter

\* These members were added in accordance with the minutes following.

James Mulreed, George Lockwood, Patrick Scarella and George Connors objected to the ratio of democrats and republicans on Committees.

George Lockwood MOVED that a ten minute recess be granted so that the Steering Committee might consider the appointments, seconded by Leon Staples and CARRIED.

The meeting was called to order again at 11:15 P.M.

As a result of the conference, Mr. Shepherd agreed to change the previous ratio of 19 Republicans- 16 Democrats to 19 Republicans - 19 Democrats by adding Theodore Donahue to the Fiscal Committee, Patrick Scarella to the Legislative & Rules Committee and William Kaminski to Public Welfare & Recreation Committee.

Mr. Cameron MOVED the nomination of Karl Young as Teller with David Waterbury as alternate, duly seconded and CARRIED.

Patrick Hogan MOVED the nomination of Vito Longo as Teller with William Murphy as alternate, duly seconded and CARRIED.

PETITION #100. *Special Committee to Study...*

The Chairman brought up Petition #100.

This was brought before the Board because it required action before the next regular meeting of the Board. The Chairman pointed out that in the past petitions regarding bazaars and festivals on private property were handled by a special committee.

John Cameron MOVED, seconded by Leonard DeVita, that a committee of 2 be appointed to grant permits on private property. MOTION was seconded and CARRIED.

Mr. Shepherd thereupon appointed as such committee John Cameron as majority leader and George Lockwood as minority leader.

The Clerk of the Board was authorized to grant the petition and to notify Chief Brennan of our action.

Edward Hogan MOVED to adjourn the meeting, seconded by George Lockwood and CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Babette S. Ransohoff, Clerk