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A meeting of the Board of Representatives of Stamford, Conn. was called to order on September 10, 1951 by President Robert G. Shepherd at 8:15 P.M. at the Burdick Junior High School Auditorium.

Invocation was given by Rev. William Studwell of the High Ridge Methodist Church.

Roll call was taken with 34 members present and 5 absent. The absent members were Catherine Cleary, John Capavan, Vito Longo, John Cook and John Cameron.

Robert Shepherd requested nominations for filling vacancy of 5th District Representative.

Dr. Somma nominated Mr. Aage Feldtmose, seconded by Walter Seely.

George Lockwood moved that nominations be closed, seconded and CARRIED.

Mr. Feldtmose was elected by a vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed. Mr. Feldtmose was sworn in by the President, Mr. Shepherd.

Robert Lewis moved that the minutes of August 6, 1951 and of the Special meeting of August 20, 1951 be accepted as written, seconded and CARRIED.

On motion of Mr. Zdanowicz
Joseph Zdanowicz moved, seconded and CARRIED, that the Planning & Zoning Committee report be heard at that time.

Joseph Zdanowicz read letter from the Board of Design on progress of Police and Court Buildings.

Babette Ransohoff, a member of the sub-committee with Paul Plotkin on Housing and Redevelopment, outlined the redevelopment and project areas being considered by the Urban Redevelopment Commission.

George Lockwood, seconded by Paul Plotkin, requested that Mr. Mark Harris, Director of the Urban Redevelopment Commission be heard.

Mr. Harris, with the aid of two maps, pointed out the sections which are under immediate consideration and plans underway. The #1 project is the South End of Stamford. Project #2 is bound by Atlantic St., railroad, Elm Street, Main Street and includes Old Dublin.

Following his explanation of the charts, Mr. Harris answered questions.

PETITIONS

ON MOTION of James Mulreed, seconded by Helen Bromley, and CARRIED, request to waive fee of \$25.00 to the Junior Chamber of Commerce was denied.

PETITION #110 - COMMUNITY CHEST

ON MOTION of George Lockwood, seconded by Robert Lewis, and CARRIED Petition #110 was granted to the Stamford Community Chest for their drive during the month of October for erection of a neon sign, a thermometer and sign placards on lamp posts.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mr. Shepherd read Mayor Quigley's letter re resignation of Mr. E. Gaynor Brennan from the Board of Finance.

Helen Bromley nominated Murray McConnel to fill the vacancy, seconded by Walter Seely.

UPON MOTION by John Charleson, seconded by William Kaminski and CARRIED nominations were closed.

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A ballot vote was taken and counted by Tellers Young and Murphy. Mr. McConnel was elected by a vote of 33 in favor, 2 opposed.

Letters from Mayor Quigley re the appointment of John J. Mcmahon and Frederick W. Darling to the Personnel Commission were read.

Letter from Mayor Quigley re appointment of Dr. Paul Brown as Health Commissioner was read, and action was deferred on the Appointments Committee report.

Letter from Mayor Quigley re appointment of Frank X. Lennon on the Urban Redevelopment Commission was read and referred to the Appointments Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

Letters from the Corporation Counsel in reply to letters from the Board in regard to Resolution #116 and Sewer Inspectors were read.

James Mulreed MOVED that because the letters were so lengthy and had just been received that they be referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee for perusal and study and be taken up at the October meeting, seconded by Babette Ransohoff and CARRIED.

Patrick Hogan requested that Legislative & Rules Committee refer particularly to 734F.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Fiscal Committee

Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by Babette Ransohoff, that permission be granted Mr. Morrissey, Commissioner of Finance, to invest surplus funds of the City of Stamford in U.S. Treasury short term notes, Treasury Bills, Certificates and Federal Intermediate Credit Bank Debentures, as requested, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by Walter Seely, that the Emergency Appropriation for \$63,962. for equipment, architect's fee and acceptance of three alternates in the base bid to complete the Stark School addition be granted. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Helen Bromley read a letter received from Commissioner of Finance, Thomas Morrissey on fees collected for licenses and permits since this study was started, and which also advised that bills had been forwarded to theatres, bowling alleys, etc., returns on which had not yet been received.

Legislative & Rules Committee

ON MOTION of James Mulreed, seconded by Patrick Scarella, and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, Ordinance #11 Supplement was accepted as published in the Stamford Advocate on 9/4/51:

ORDINANCE #11 SUPPLEMENT - re rental and sale of city-owned property.

Be it ordained by Stamford that, in conformity with Section 488 of the Stamford Charter, the Code of General Ordinances of Stamford is hereby amended by including as Chapter 31, a new chapter establishing the following procedures and conditions for rental or sale of real property owned by the City of Stamford:

Chapter 31 - Rental or Sale of City Owned Property

Sec. 1. Procedure for Authorizing Rental or Sale--

a) During the month of October in each year, the Commissioner of Finance shall furnish the Planning Board with a list of all real property owned by the city, excepting from said list such real estate as is being used for schools,

public buildings or public parks, and any properties so restricted by deed or otherwise as to preclude rental or sale. Such list shall include a description of each parcel, its assessed valuation, the use to which it is being put, and the income, if any, received from the same by the City during the preceding fiscal year.

b) The Planning Board, on or before January 15 of the succeeding year shall transmit to the Mayor, the Board of Representatives and the Board of Finance, said list with its recommendation as to present and future use of each parcel on the same. Such use may be stated in general terms.

c) The Board of Representatives, at its regular meeting in the following March, shall, by a majority vote, authorize the lease or sale of any property on said list which is recommended for lease or sale by the Planning Board. The Board of Representatives, by a two-thirds vote of its entire membership, may authorize the rental or sale of any property on said list which is not recommended for lease or sale by the Planning Board. The Board of Representatives, by a two-thirds vote of its entire membership, may authorize the sale or lease of any property owned by the City of Stamford at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

Sec. 2 Negotiation of Rental or Sale

The Mayor is hereby empowered to negotiate leases of such properties as are authorized for rental in accordance with Sec. 1 hereof, and, subject to the approval of the Board of Finance of the terms and conditions thereof, to enter into such leases on behalf of the City, but no lease extending over a period of more than two years may be made without specific approval by the Board of Representatives.

The Mayor, within two months after authorization by the Board of Representatives, shall sell at public auction but for not less than its assessed value, such of the properties authorized by the Board of Representatives for sale as the Mayor and the Board of Finance shall approve. Notice of the time and place of such sale shall be given by publishing a notice of the same for two consecutive days in a daily newspaper having a general circulation in the City of Stamford, beginning not less than five days nor more than twenty days before the date of said sale.

The Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to act for the City and to execute all documents necessary to transfer title to such property.

Sec. 3. Procedure if no Acceptable Bid-

If there shall be no acceptable bid for any particular parcel of real estate, the City shall continue to hold it and it shall be included on the list to be submitted by the Commissioner of Finance in the following October unless, prior to submission of such list the Board of Representatives shall again authorize sale by a two-thirds vote of those present at a regular meeting or a special meeting called for the purpose.

Sec. 4 Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect from the date of its enactment.

(The reading of the Ordinance was omitted because every member had received a copy as per Charter requirements.)

Mr. Mulreed, reporting for the Legislative & Rules Committee in the absence of its Chairman, advised that the letter of reply on pensions from Corporation Counsel John Hanrahan did not arrive in sufficient time for the committee to report on same.

Mr. Mulreed advised that the committee had nothing to report to date on the opening of gravel pits, excavations, etc., but would endeavor to report at the October meeting.

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Appointments Committee

George Connors submitted report of interviews with James Manning and Dr. Paul Brown recommending the acceptance of these appointments.

A ballot was taken on Mr. Manning's appointment and votes counted by tellers Young and Murphy were 21 in favor, 13 opposed and 1 blank.

James Manning was approved as Commissioner of Public Works.

James Mulreed MOVED Suspension of Rules to vote on Dr. Paul Brown at this meeting, seconded by William Kaminski and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Harold Clark MOVED for a ten minute recess, seconded and CARRIED.

A ballot for Dr. Paul Brown was cast and counted by tellers Young and Murphy with results of 22 in favor, 12 opposed.

Dr. Paul Brown was approved as Public Health Commissioner.

Public Welfare & Recreation Committee

This committee recommends the demolition of the old Lockwood Avenue firehouse, sale of same and purchase of property in Cove section where there is a great need for a recreation center, in a section where there has been a tremendous influx of population.

Patrick Hogan MOVED that report of the committee re Lockwood Avenue Firehouse be recommended to the Mayor and Planning Board, seconded and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Helen Bromley urged further inquiry into the possibility of using the building.

Helen Peatt read the report of the committee re Nills Bros. circus and the careless and negligent manner in which Woodside Park was left, believing that the entire Board should decide whether permission for circuses in the future should be granted.

Joseph Carlin MOVED that a decision be withheld at this time and that each request be brought up separately, and carefully considered, seconded and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Health & Protection Committee

Robert Shepherd as Acting Mayor held a meeting with Captain Herbert of the Police Department, Chief Veit and Captain Richardson of the Fire Department, Board of Public Safety and Dr. Paul Brown on Monday, September 10, 1951 for the purpose of examining the present handling of emergency cases and whether personnel of the Fire and Police Department were adequately trained in First Aid and use of emergency equipment.

It was agreed to send the letters from the Board of Public Safety, Fire and Police Departments to the Health & Protection Committee for review.

Robert Lewis, in the absence of Mr. John Cook, Chairman, submitted report of this committee requesting that same be held in abeyance until said committee have sufficient time to study and report on the matter.

William Kaminski submitted a Resolution re handling of emergency cases by the Police and Fire Departments, MOVED its acceptance, seconded by Patrick Scarella and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Resolution #118

BE IT RESOLVED that the city of Stamford make available to the Police and Fire departments a resuscitator and any other equipment to be used in connection

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with emergency cases, coupled with a training program for the men in the principles and operation thereof. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a reasonable effort be constantly maintained to keep this equipment available, in good working condition and that men responsible for same be kept up to date on the latest techniques in emergency first aid. In conclusion, be it also the CONFIRMED DUTY of the Board of Representatives or a duly chosen committee thereof, to keep constant vigilance until a satisfactory program of training be accomplished.

Robert Shepherd read the steering committee report.

It was MOVED that the Ordinance on Page 109-110 of the Code of Ordinances be brought to the attention of the Building Inspector and Health Commissioner re issuing building permits in certain areas.

Upon MOTION by Clifford Waterbury, seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Babette S. Ransohoff, Clerk