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The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives was held on December 3, 1951 at Burdick Junior High School. The meeting was called to order by Robert G. Shepherd, President, at 8:15 P.M.

Invocation was given by Rabbi David Pearlman.

Roll Call was taken with 35 present and 5 absent. Those absent were Joseph Mancusi, Clifford Waterbury, John Canayan, Vito Longo and John Cook.

John Cameron MOVED that the minutes of October 1, 1951 be accepted with corrections as mentioned in the November 5, 1951 minutes on page 434, SECONDED by Harold Clark and CARRIED.

Correction submitted to minutes of November 5, 1951: On Page 437 after item 4 of Ordinance #12 Supplemental add the following paragraph: "On MOTION of John Cameron, seconded by Babette Ransohoff, this ordinance was adopted UNANIMOUSLY."

Joseph Zdanowicz made the following correction "that the name of Vito Longo be added to those arriving late, page 434, paragraph 3, sentence 3.

John Cameron MOVED that the minutes of November 5, 1951 be approved as corrected, seconded by George Lockwood and Carried UNANIMOUSLY.

#### PETITIONS

Petition #111 - Leon Staples MOVED that permission be granted the Bedford Street Association for use of Bedford Park for the holiday season of 1951 for the Nativity Scene, seconded by Helen Peatt and CARRIED.

Petition #112 - Babette Ransohoff MOVED that permission be granted the Glenbrook Business Association to erect two lighted Christmas trees, one on Liberty Square and another in the park on Hope Street opposite Union Street, seconded by Joseph Carlin and CARRIED.

Petition #113 - Stephen Kelly MOVED, seconded by Catherine Cleary, and Carried that Suspension of Rules be granted to add request from Visiting Nurses Association for permission to erect the T.B. double barred cross in St. John's Park and Davenport Park. Stephen Kelly, MOVED, seconded by Theodore Donahue, and CARRIED, that approval be given.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

John Cameron MOVED that inasmuch as the lease between the City of Stamford and the American Cyanamid Company was thoroughly checked into last year that the renewal be granted for another year, seconded by Catherine Cleary and CARRIED.

Suspension of the Rules was requested by Patrick Hogan, seconded by George Connors, and CARRIED, to read a letter from Mayor Quigley re the appointment of Elmer Lowden for the vacancy on the Board of Tax Relief, term 1951 - 1956. George Lockwood MOVED that this appointment be referred to the Appointments Committee, seconded and CARRIED.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

1. Resolution #120 in memory of Michael Wofsey was read by Patrick Hogan. John Cameron MOVED that the resolution be accepted, seconded by George Lockwood and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED by a rising vote.

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RESOLUTION #120 - M. Wofsey

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Board of Representatives of which Michael Wofsey was once an outstanding member, that we recognize and appreciate his service and devotion to the City of Stamford, that we extend to his bereaved wife and family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy, that a copy of this resolution be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk and as we bid him a long farewell, that we beseech the Creator and Final Judge of all mankind to deal gently and kindly with the generous and magnanimous soul of Michael Wofsey.

2. Representatives Dichter and Miller were heard on the Thruway legislation. Mr. Dichter pointed out that only two representatives voted against the measure, both from Westport. Mr. Miller presented traffic diagrams and pointed out that the bill as finally passed was essentially the same as the Griswold-Tunick bill on which a public hearing was held. Mr. Miller explained why Commissioner Hill had been given full power in planning the Thruway and stated that no appropriation has been made for the Thruway.

The two representatives were questioned further by Messrs. Mulreed, Scarella, Connors, Plotkin and Mrs. Ransohoff

Mr. Shepherd then read Senator Giampietro's letter.

Paul Plotkin MOVED that the Resolution be amended as follows:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives recommend improvement of lateral arterial roads in the City of Stamford to relieve the problem of local traffic and construction in the future of an inland highway to take care of heavy long distance commercial traffic.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the above policy be deemed inadvisable and incapable of fulfillment that the Thruway be placed on State Street and Hawthorne Street thence to the Darien Line as may least harm the citizens and the people of Stamford."

After considerable discussion, Mr. Plotkin withdrew his amendment.

John Cameron MOVED that Resolution #121 be taken from the TABLE, seconded by James Mulreed and Carried.

On motion by Paul Plotkin, seconded by William Kaminski, Resolution #121 was PASSED UNANIMOUSLY as follows:

RESOLUTION #121 - Wofsey

WHEREAS, the Thruway concerns every citizen of the City of Stamford, and;  
WHEREAS, the people of Stamford have not received adequate information concerning the possible routes the Thruway may take through Stamford, its financing, its cost and its effect on their health, welfare and property interests, and;

WHEREAS, this problem is of great concern, even on a national level:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that this Board request the Governor of the State of Connecticut to see that full report is made to the people of Stamford so that the public are not left in abysmal ignorance on a subject that is of vital concern to each and every one of them.

Mr. Plotkin MOVED, seconded and CARRIED that the amendment above be referred

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to the Planning and Zoning Committee for whatever action they deem proper.

3. Letter from Mrs. Louise Seeley on the Purchasing Agent and the Purchasing Department was read and placed on file as at present the matter of the position of Purchasing Agent in relation to the Merit System is in the Courts.

4. Letter from the Board of Tax Relief was read by Robert Shepherd re meeting dates as proposed for the purpose of receiving applications for revision of assessments on the list of September 1, 1951:

January 3, 1952	9: A.M. to 12: Noon
January 4, 7, 10, 11, 14, 17 & 22	7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
January 5, 12 and 19	9: A.M. to 3: P.M.
January 8, 16 and 21	2: P.M. to 5 P.M.
January 23 (final session)	9: A.M. to 5: P.M.

Appeal forms may be obtained in the Assessor's Office in January 1952, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 A.M. to 5: P.M. until January 23, 1952

5. John Cameron MOVED that the letter from the Corporation Counsel John Hanrahan re ruling on Unanticipated Revenue be placed on file but that a copy of same be mailed to each member of the Board of Representatives, seconded by Harold Clark and CARRIED.

6. Letter from the Housing Authority together with a cooperation agreement from the Public Works Commission of the State of Conn., as well as an agreement from the Federal Government, were submitted. Attorney William C. Ward explained the cooperation agreement between the City and State and urged that the agreement be executed without delay so that additional funds urgently needed might be obtained. Mr. Ward was questioned by several Board members. *Change on Page 185*

John Cameron MOVED that the cooperation agreement between the City of Stamford and the Public Works Commission of the State of Connecticut be executed, seconded by Joseph Caputo and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Karl Young MOVED that the cooperation agreement between the City Housing Authority of the City of Stamford and the Federal Government be referred to the following committees: Planning & Zoning, Legislative & Rules and Fiscal Committee; and that special attention be given by these committees as to whether the agreement should be limited to a specific project, seconded by James Mulreed and CARRIED.

7. George Connors requested that the item on Cove Island and the Mayor's emergency request be taken up at this time, seconded by Babette Ransohoff and Carried.

Patrick Hogan requested action be deferred on this communication on Cove Island and the need for representation at the PUC hearing on the Fower Plant.

Mayor Quigley was asked to speak at this time.

Mayor Quigley outlined the previous resolution #101 passed in January of 1951 on the acquisition of Cove Island and explained the absolute urgency of obtaining this property, it being probably the last opportunity to obtain any shore front property to be used for recreational purposes for the citizens of Stamford. He told of the many organizations and individuals who had contacted him requesting that this land be purchased. He urged that the \$400,000 just approved by the Board of Finance at their meeting on December 3, 1951 be approved by this Board so that specific steps might be taken to acquire the land by whatever procedure might be necessary.

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Patrick Scarella MOVED Suspension of Rules, seconded by George Connors and Carried to place this emergency request on the Agenda, by a vote of 34 in favor, 1 opposed.

Those speaking in favor of this resolution and the emergency appropriation were Messrs. John Cameron, Patrick Hogan, James Mulreed, Patrick Scarella, Karl Young and Robert Shepherd.

Patrick Hogan MOVED, seconded by George Connors, that Resolution #122 be adopted, and declared carried by a vote of 30 in favor, 5 opposed.

**RESOLUTION #122**

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter that the Capital Projects Program for the fiscal year 1951-52 be amended in accordance with the written recommendation of the Planning Board and approval by the Mayor that there be added thereto the sum of \$400,000 for the acquisition of the real property owned by the Cove Investment and Improvement Company and/or the Connecticut Light & Power Company consisting of approximately 84.88 acres more or less on the southerly and easterly side of Cove Road in said City of Stamford.

BE IT RESOLVED that an appropriation of \$400,000 is hereby authorized to be financed by an issuance of bonds for the purpose of acquiring the title to the real property owned by the Cove Investment and Improvement Company and/or the Connecticut Light and Power Company consisting of approximately 84.88 acres more or less on the southerly and easterly side of Cove Road in said City of Stamford for municipal purposes, including park, recreational and school activities and for all such activities approved by the Planning Board.

8. The letters and Resolution from the Urban Redevelopment Commission of November 26 and November 30 were referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee, Fiscal Committee and Housing and Redevelopment Committee for further study.

Copies of both these letters as well as the resolution are being mailed to all members of the Board of Representatives.

9. Request from Paul Plotkin and William Kaminski re Cook's Point Park was read and referred to the Welfare & Recreation Committee for further action.

**Fiscal Committee**

Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by Michael Holahan, that the revised schedule of preparation of the Capital and Operating Budgets for the fiscal year 1952-53 and future years be approved. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by Robert Lewis, that approval be granted emergency appropriation of \$1298.44 for Captain Brooks of the Fire Department from November 16, 1951 to July 1, 1952. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by Joseph Carlin, that approval be granted inter-department transfer of \$450. from Sundries to \$200. for Salaries, Code 530.1 and \$250. for Stationery, Postage, Printing, etc., Code 530.3

Helen Bromley recommended that the emergency appropriation of \$76,071.02 be deferred until the Health & Protection Committee may report on it in January, but that the officials of Civilian Defense present be questioned at this meeting.

John C. Latham, Director of Civilian Defense, was asked to speak on the need for the budget requested. Chief Veit also answered a few questions. Mr. Latham

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was asked many questions from the floor. After a long discussion Edward Hogan Moved that the debate be closed, seconded by Harold Clark and Passed.

James Mulreed MOVED that the appropriation of \$76,071.62 be approved in its entirety. Michael Holahan amended the Motion to correct computation of figures submitted or \$74,949.15, seconded by Edward Hogan and carried by a vote of 28 in favor and 7 opposed.

George Lockwood MOVED, seconded by Robert Lewis, that when items are purchased or put out for bid by Trade Name the phrase "or equivalent" be inserted

The committee chairmen were asked if any reports could be deferred and the following chairman gave their consent to deferral until the January meeting:-

- Personnel Committee - Report on Sewer Inspectors.
- Public Wks. Com. - Report on Flood Conditions at Quonset Huts
- Plan. & Zoning Committee - Progress Report on Police & Court Building
- Report on posting Bond for New Land Developments
- Health & Protection Committee - Report on Training Program for police and firemen

#### Legislative & Rules Committee

John Cameron introduced Proposed Resolution for Establishing a Pension Plan for Classified Employees. He recommended that the plan be re-committed pending a public hearing and be referred to the Personnel Commission, the Mayor and Board of Finance for consideration. He asked that a public hearing be arranged for and properly advertised.

John Cameron MOVED for a renewal of the lease on the quonset huts for one year commencing January 1, 1952 between the Town Housing Authority and the City of Stamford, commenting that we have no alternative in view of the housing shortage, seconded and CARRIED.

#### Welfare & Recreation Committee

Patrick Scarella MOVED for suspension of Rules, seconded by William Kaminski and Carried to add to the agenda a Resolution submitted by the Public Welfare & Recreation Committee. The Resolution was read by Helen Peatt, Chairman of the committee. Edward Hogan MOVED, seconded by Stephen Kelly and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED that Resolution #123 be adopted.

#### RESOLUTION #123

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioner of Public Works in cooperation with the Planning Board or any other body of our City government that is responsible for building and maintenance of our recreational facilities, request in their 1952-53 budget sufficient funds to either complete or restore certain recreational areas such as Cummings Park, West Beach, Vidal Park, Dyke Park, Southfield Park, Springdale Playground and Boat Basins.

As a recommendation to this resolution, the committee recommends that a definite plan be immediately instituted and that the Flanning Board, Board of Recreation, Recreation & Welfare Committee of the Board of Representatives and any other interested persons or groups be the governing factors in determining the need and priority in which any of these projects are to be carried out, pending final approval of the Board of Finance and Board of Representatives.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Babette S. Ransohoff, Clerk