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The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives was held on April 7, 1952 at Burdick Junior High School. The meeting was called to order by Robert G. Shepherd, President, at 8:25 P.M.

Invocation was given by Rev. Frank W. Gardner, assistant minister of the First Congregational Church.

Robert Shepherd stated April 16 was set as the date of the joint public hearing by the Board of Finance and Board of Representatives on the Capital Projects Budget.

Roll call was taken with 21 present and 9 absent namely Joseph Caputo, Theodore Donahue, Joseph Mancusi, Leon Staples, George Connors, Vito Longo, Babette Ransohoff, George Russell, and Karl Young, Jr. Babette Ransohoff and George Russell arrived later.

John Cameron MOVED the nomination of George Lockwood as temporary clerk until Mrs. Ransohoff's arrival, seconded and CARRIED.

John Cameron MOVED that the minutes of March 3, 1952 be accepted as submitted, seconded and CARRIED.

John Cameron MOVED that approval of minutes of March 20, 1952 be postponed until adjourned minutes of meeting of 4/3/52 are accepted also, seconded and CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

1. Amended Hunting Ordinance

John Cameron MOVED for adoption of the Amended Hunting Ordinance as published in the Stamford Advocate on April 3 and as previously read at the meeting of March 3, 1952, seconded by George Russell. Motion CARRIED.

(This amendment of the hunting ordinance was vetoed by Mayor Quigley when submitted to him for signature. It is understood that one or two other changes are to be incorporated in this amendment before it is passed. These changes will be submitted by the Corporation Counsel.)

2. Change in Building Code as requested by Sewer Commission

John Cameron stated that an ordinance is being prepared by the Corporation Counsel and the committee recommends its introduction at a subsequent meeting.

3. Introduction of Ordinance on Excavations

John Cameron read an ordinance on excavations. Discussion was brought up on wording "health, safety or welfare" and on Motion of Webster Givens was referred back to Legislative & Rules Committee for their decision, seconded by Robert Lewis and CARRIED.

The ordinance, as corrected and accepted by the Legislative & Rules Committee, will be published at least five days before the next meeting when it will be formally approved.

Mrs. Ransohoff arrived at this time and took her place as clerk relieving George Lockwood.

4. Social Security and Supplementary Pension Plan

John Cameron stated the Committee recommends applying to the State Retirement Commission to place employees, not now covered under a pension plan, under Social Security and therefore recommended the adoption of the following Resolution #131 so that the routine application may be completed by the proper officials in sufficient time for the Board to act on Public Act No. 463.

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John Cameron MOVED that Mr. Wahlberg of the State Retirement Commission be heard, seconded and Carried.

Mr. Wahlberg explained the necessity of getting the application for Social Security in the hands of the proper officials immediately and could foresee no reason why its acceptance would be delayed. Following discussion by members of the Board with Mr. Wahlberg, Joseph Carlin MOVED to end the discussion, seconded by Babette Ransohoff and CARRIED.

John Cameron Moved adoption of Resolution #131, seconded by Ralph Nau and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #131 - APPLICATION FOR SOCIAL SECURITY

Be it Resolved that the City of Stamford apply for membership and to participate in the Old Age and Survivors Insurance system under Title II of the Social Security Act as amended, in accordance with Public Act No. 277 of the 1951 Public Acts as of January 1, 1951 for all its employees with the exception of all employees performing services in any elective position, part-time position or position the compensation for which is on a fee basis while performing such services and the employees excluded by Section 3 of the said Public Act No. 277.

Be it further Resolved that the Mayor shall execute on behalf and in the name of the City of Stamford any and all agreements with the State Employees' Retirement Commission for the aforesaid purpose, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of said Public Act No. 277 and subject to the regulations promulgated by the State Employees' Retirement Commission pursuant to said Public Act.

Be it Further Resolved that the Commissioner of Finance of the City of Stamford be and is hereby authorized and directed to make deductions from the wages of the employees participating in the aforesaid Old-Age and Survivors Insurance System as required by Section 4 of said Public Act No. 277, and to forward the amount thereof together with the contribution of the City of Stamford to the State Employees' Retirement Commission in manner and form prescribed by the said regulations.

Be it Further Resolved that the Mayor is hereby authorized to certify to the State Retirement Commission that the City of Stamford has no retirement system in effect for its classified employees other than members of the police and fire departments and school custodians, no action having been taken to approve Special Act No. 463 of the 1951 General Assembly and to agree that no such system will be in effect on the date the agreement of the state is made applicable to the coverage group for which application is being made.

John Cameron stated the committee intends to redraft the proposal of January 22 incorporating changes in language in accordance with details outlined in their report which is on file in the office of the Board of Representatives. The committee requested a public hearing and special meeting to discuss a Supplementary Pension Plan so that action can be taken as soon as the social security application has been accepted by the proper state and federal authorities. The committee also suggested that copies of the pertinent section of its report, together with preliminary figures furnished by the actuary, George Buck & Associates, be mimeographed and distributed to interested parties, Town Clerk, Ferguson Library and members of the Board.

5. Introduction of Ordinance of sale of property to St. Benedicts Church

John Cameron MOVED Suspension of Rules in order to introduce an Ordinance of sale of property to St. Benedicts Church by the City of Stamford, seconded and CARRIED.

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The Ordinance was read by Stephen Kelly.

ORDINANCE RE SALE OF PROPERTY TO ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH

Be it Ordained by Stamford that, any provision of Supplemental Ordinance 11 of the Code of General Ordinances of Stamford to the contrary notwithstanding, the sale to St. Benedict's Church Corporation of the following property viz: property at the southwest corner of Cove Road and Charter Street bounded approximately northerly one hundred feet by Cove Road, easterly one hundred fifty feet by Charter Street, southerly one hundred feet by land of St. Benedict's Church Corporation and westerly one hundred fifty feet by land of St. Benedict's Church Corporation for the assessed value of said property, is hereby authorized subject to approval by the board of finance, approval of the Mayor having already been granted, and the planning board having recommended such sale as desirable to assure use of the property in accordance with sound city planning.

This ordinance will be published in the Stamford Advocate at least five days prior to the next meeting when it will be formally voted upon.

6. Amendatory Contract of the Urban Redevelopment Commission

The Urban Redevelopment Commission has written the Board pointing out that federal authorities are not disposed to take action on a final planning advance on the Hawthorne area because of uncertainties of the precise location of the Thruway and furthermore are not disposed to give priority to the Ludlow Project, involving industrial development, over the Hawthorne Project involving residential development. To provide funds to continue work of the commission pending decision on the projects, the federal authorities are willing to amend the original agreement for preliminary planning advance increasing the amount from \$20,365. (which has already been advanced) to \$24,965. or a difference of \$4,600.

John Cameron stated the committee recommends approval and so MOVED, seconded by Babette Ransohoff and CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 132

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDATORY CONTRACT AMENDING A CERTAIN CONTRACT FOR ADVANCE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION OF SAID CONTRACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECTION 1. That the proposed Amendatory Contract hereinafter identified which amends that certain "Contract for Advance" (designated Contract No. UR Conn. A-6) by and between the City of Stamford (herein called the "Local Public Agency") and the United States of America (herein called the "Government") acting by and through the Housing and Home Finance Administrator, dated the 29th day of March, 1951, be and the same is hereby in all respects approved. Said proposed Amendatory Contract reads as follows:

THIS FIRST AMENDATORY CONTRACT made and entered into on the date hereinbelow specified, by and between the City of Stamford (herein called the "Local Public Agency") and the United States of America (herein called the "Government"), acting by and through the Housing and Home Finance Administrator, WITNESSETH:

In consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and representations contained herein and in that certain Contract for Advance No. UR Conn. A-6, dated the 29th day of March, 1951, by and between the parties hereto, (herein called the "Existing Contract"), the parties hereto do agree as follows:

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1. The Existing Contract is hereby amended
 - (a) To increase the maximum amount of the Advance thereunder by deleting from Paragraph 1 of Part I thereof "Twenty Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$20,365.00)." and inserting in lieu thereof "Twenty-four Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$24,965.00)" and
 - (b) To establish the rate of interest applicable to the additional advance provided for by this Amendatory Contract at two and one-half per centum (2½) per annum.
2. This Amendatory Contract shall be binding upon the parties hereto on and after the date hereinbelow specified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Local Public Agency has caused this Amendatory Contract to be duly executed and its seal to be hereunto affixed and attested and, thereafter, the Government has caused the same to be duly executed and the seal of the Housing and Home Finance Agency to be hereunto affixed and attested on this _____ day of _____, 1952.

CITY OF STAMFORD

By _____
Mayor

(Seal)

ATTEST:

Title

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Housing and Home Finance Administrator

By _____
Director, Division of Slum Clearance
and Urban Redevelopment

(Seal)

ATTEST:

Attesting Officer

SECTION 2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Amendatory Contract in two counterparts on behalf of the Local Public Agency and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to affix the official seal of the Local Public Agency to each of said counterparts and to attest such seal.

SECTION 3. That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to send to the Director, Division of Slum Clearance and Urban Redevelopment, Office of the Administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency, Washington, D.C., the two counterparts of said Amendatory Contract as executed on behalf of the Local Public Agency, together with two certified copies of the proceedings of the Local Public Agency in connection with the adoption of this Resolution, setting forth this Resolution in full, and such further documents or proofs in connection with the execution of said Amendatory Contract as may be required by said Director.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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7. Quit Claim Deed to Long Ridge Fire Department

The Legislative & Rules Committee concurs with the Mayor and Corporation Counsel who recommend the adoption of a resolution authorizing execution of a Quit Claim Deed from the City of Stamford to the Long Ridge Volunteer Fire Department inasmuch as the City's interest is questionable. John Cameron MOVED that the Resolution #133 be adopted, seconded by Helen Bromley.

Mr. Zdanowicz raised the question of which Board this matter should go to first, - Board of Finance or Board of Representatives.

After some discussion, the MOTION to adopt the Resolution #133 was CARRIED by a vote of 32 for, 1 opposed.

RESOLUTION #133

RESOLUTION RE QUIT CLAIM DEED

Whereas attorneys for the Long Ridge Fire Company, Inc. have requested a quit-claim from the city in connection with property occupied by said fire company, and whereas the extent of the city's interest, if any, is questionable,

Be it Resolved that the Mayor is hereby authorized on behalf of the city to quit-claim and convey all the right, title and interest that it may have in the property bounded northerly by land of Andrew C. Peterson, easterly by Old Long Ridge Road, southerly by land of Anna B. Timothy and westerly by land of Bofelia Preli to the Long Ridge Fire Company, Inc. for the purpose of maintaining a fire house thereon.

George Lockwood MOVED to recess for ten minutes, seconded and CARRIED by a vote of 21 to 10.

8. Agreement between the City and City Housing Authority (Resolution #124)

The Committee reports that when said agreement was entered into it provides "approval of the contemplated site and general character of the project" by the Board of Representatives (see minutes of January 7, 1952 meeting, page 447). The Board was assured that these items would be cleared by the Planning Board particularly with respect to costs of services to which the city might be obligated. The Committee suggests that a report be requested from the City Housing Authority as to whether such clearance has been obtained in connection with the contemplated project and also that data as to sewer costs and school costs were submitted in connection with such approval; also that a report be requested as to the plan for complying with the requirement that one sub-standard unit be demolished for each new unit to be constructed. John Cameron MOVED that such a report be requested, seconded by George Russell and CARRIED.

Appointments Committee

The report of the Appointments Committee was read by Walter Seely recommending John George Moore for the appointment on the Sewer Commission.

A ballot vote was cast and counted by Tellers Waterbury and Murphy. John Moore was appointed by a vote of 30 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 abstaining. His term will expire in 1956.

Housing Committee

Mr. Mulreed stated there was nothing definite to report at this meeting but there would be at a subsequent meeting. He mentioned that the Committee finds a direct relationship between the lack of housing and a tax rate which discourages private investment in low income housing.

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Steering Committee Report

The report was read by Robert Shepherd. On the matter of the pension request from Hazel Bradt of the Health Department, John Cameron MOVED that it be referred to the Fiscal Committee, seconded by Patrick Scarella and CARRIED. The Clerk was requested to check with Mr. Weathers on the policy of the Personnel Commission with respect to individual pension requests.

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James Mulreed stated she was not well enough to continue. Helen Bromley MOVED that a leave of absence be recommended until action is taken by the Fiscal Committee on Helen Bradt's pension, seconded and CARRIED.

John Cameron MOVED adoption of the Steering Committee Report, seconded and CARRIED.

Patrick Hogan MOVED for Suspension of Rules to present a Resolution re Construction of the Thruway. After some discussion the Resolution was presented with changes.

Paul Plotkin MOVED to amend the Resolution by adopting his amendment proposed at the December 3, 1951 meeting, seconded by William Murphy. Patrick Hogan refused to accept the amendment. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 32 to 1

Patrick Hogan MOVED to adopt the Resolution with changes, seconded and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #134 - Petitioning Governor Lodge to stay construction of the Thruway

Inasmuch as the Thruway as proposed and outlined by Commissioner Hill runs almost exclusively through the residential section of the City of Stamford, wiping out the residences of some 850 families as well as many small and independent businesses, disrupting existing traffic lanes and sewer and utility systems at the expense of our own residents, eliminating directly from the Grand List ~~\$~~ approximately \$8,000,000. as well as depreciating adjacent properties.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that we petition Governor Lodge to take whatever action is necessary to stay construction of the Thruway, until a complete and thorough study is made of its method of financing, its effect upon the Grand List in the City of Stamford as laid out by Commissioner Hill and until adequate provisions are made for housing dislodged low-income families in an area where an acute housing shortage already exists.

George Lockwood MOVED for Suspension of Rules to bring up the question of closing the Veteran's Office at the Post Office Building in Stamford, seconded and CARRIED.

John Cameron MOVED that the President be empowered to appoint a Committee of three to confer with the local veteran association and prevail on the Federal Administration to keep the local office open if the Committee reaches the conclusion that it is advisable to do so. Those appointed to this committee are William Murphy, Joseph Zdanowicz and Aage Feldtmose and they have been advised by letter that they have been empowered to act on behalf of the Board prior to the meeting of May 5, 1952.

Mr. Lupo, a veteran, was asked to talk. He stated they were planning to close the Stamford Office by April 30th and only retain the regional office in Bridgeport, which would be difficult for many veterans to visit.

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PETITIONS

Petition #117 - Letter from the Marine Corps League requesting permission to put posters and banners on light poles and to decorate City Hall on June 6, 7 and 8, 1952. Robert Lewis MOVED that permission be granted, seconded by John Cook and CARRIED.

Petition #118 - Request from the Stamford Yacht Club to have fireworks on the beach on July 5, 1952. John Cook MOVED that permission be granted, seconded by Webster Givens and CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

Robert Shepherd presented the map and report on city-owned property. The city-owned property was colored in light-green and a list accompanied it explaining various properties.

John Cameron MOVED that the map be kept available in the office of the Board of Representatives as well as the list to be used by any member of the Board or other interested persons, seconded and CARRIED.

A letter from Mr. Morrissey was read re the purchase of fuel oil for next year which stated quotations will be asked from companies in surrounding towns who can give comparable service; also a statement will be made in the specification for bid that a fixed price bid by dealers will be a basis for rejection of all bids. However this will first require acceptance by Corporation Counsel. This should serve to get a satisfactory price on fuel oil as has been obtained on gasoline.

It was agreed to have the Public Hearing on the Supplemental Pension directly after the close of the Public Hearing on the Capital Budget on April 16, 1952, and to hold a Special Meeting directly after the close of the Public Hearing for consideration of the Supplemental Plan.

It was MOVED by Robert Lewis, seconded by Babette Ransohoff and CARRIED that proposed legislation to strengthen the merit system be placed on the Agenda for the May meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Babette Ransohoff, Clerk