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A SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of Representatives was held on Thursday, May 8, 1952 at the Burdick Junior High School. The meeting was called to order by John L. Cameron, President, at 9:10 P.M.

Roll call was taken with 29 present and 11 absent. The absent members were Theodore Donahue, William Kaminski, Joseph Mancusi, Clifford Waterbury, Aage Feldtmose, Robert Lewis, Robert Shepherd, George Lockwood, Babette Ransohoff, Joseph Carlin and James Mulreed. Mr. James Mulreed arrived later.

John Cameron read the "call":

Pursuant to Section 202 of the Charter, I, John L. Cameron, President of the Board of Representatives hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of Representatives to be held on Thursday, May 8, 1952 at 9 P.M. at the Burdick Junior High School, Stamford, Connecticut, for the following purposes:

1. To consider the Mayor's Capital Projects Budget.
2. To consider a Resolution re acquisition of Cove Island and adjoining property.

George Russell nominated Joseph Zdanowicz as temporary Clerk, seconded by John Charleson. Harold Clark MOVED that nominations be closed and Mr. Zdanowicz was elected.

John Cameron read a portion of the letter stating the opinion of the Corporation Counsel John Hanrahan stating that the fiscal power of determining what capital projects should be financed by bonds was within the jurisdiction of the Mayor and not the Board of Finance.

A discussion ensued as to the legality of this opinion and it was finally conceded that the Board was required to consider an opinion given by the Corporation Counsel as law unless reversed in the Courts.

Helen Bromley submitted a Resolution for consideration of the Board and asked that same be voted upon after the Capital Projects Budget had been reviewed and voted on by the Board.

John Charleson, taking exception to the Corporation Counsel's ruling, asked that he be asked to speak, seconded by John Canavan and CARRIED.

In speaking John Hanrahan stated he again referred to sections 613 and 618 of the Stamford Charter and he stated that he felt his letter amply covered the matter.

Helen Bromley then read the letter of submittal on the Capital Projects Budget sent to the Board of Representatives by the Board of Finance.

To: The President of the Board of Representatives  
The Fiscal Committee of the Board of Representatives  
Members of the Board of Representatives

In accordance with Section 613 of the Stamford Charter, a meeting of the Board of Finance was held on Friday, April 18, 1952 at 8 P.M. at the Mayor's Office with the following members present, Messrs. Grant, Holahan, Stashenko and Gorman, Chairman, to consider and take action on the Mayor's proposed Capital Budget for the fiscal year 1952-1953.

The budget is transmitted herewith approved unanimously in the amount of \$1,773,797.00.

Further, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with a resolution

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passed at a meeting of this Board on February 7, 1952, and as provided for in Sections 611.2 and 655 of the Stamford Charter, the aforesaid Capital Projects be financed by not more than one million dollars through the issuance of bonds and that any balance of the Capital Budget in excess of this amount be raised by current taxes.

Respectfully submitted,  
THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Nicholas J. Gorman, Chairman

Benton H. Grant

Richard V. Holahan

John Stashenko

John Cameron then suggested that the Board proceed on the Capital Projects Budget item by item.

Paul Plotkin MOVED that procedure be made page by page in total unless reference was made to a particular item, seconded by John Canavan and this procedure so approved.

All items were approved as recommended except as hereafter indicated.

On Page 6, 1st item \$91,250. On recommendation of Helen Bromley it was voted to send a letter to Mayor Quigley that this appropriation was approved on the assumption that the description was intended to include sidewalks as well as the road proper; also that serious consideration be given the petition submitted by residents of this particular area regarding a sidewalk.

Page 6, 3rd item \$2300. (Woodside - Summer Streets) Helen Bromley MOVED to deny the appropriation as being inadequate to do all the work required on Woodside Street, seconded and MOTION defeated by a rising vote of 11 for and 17 opposed. The appropriation was declared to be denied because less than a majority of the full membership of the Board had voted for it. Further discussion prevailed and Mrs. Bromley restored the original MOTION. Another vote was cast with 17 for and 11 opposed. MOTION to deny the appropriation was CARRIED and the \$2300. deleted.

On suggestion of the President that the people in the audience might be more directly concerned with the second item on the Agenda, George Connors MOVED that the Board consider the second item on the Agenda at this time, seconded by John Charleson, but the MOTION was DEFEATED.

Helen Bromley MOVED that item 4 page 7 be broken down into two parts \$7860. for the purchase of the property and \$10,000. for preliminary development of Black Swamp, seconded and CARRIED and the appropriation approved.

Helen Bromley MOVED the adoption of the following Resolution, seconded by Dr. Peter Somma and CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #136 - Resolution in connection with adoption of the Mayor's Capital Projects Budget at Special Meeting of the Board of Representatives May 8, 1952.

Resolution in connection with Adoption of the Mayor's Capital Projects Budget at Special Meeting of the Board of Representatives May 8, 1952.

WHEREAS the Mayor, in submitting his Capital Projects Budget for 1952-1953, conditioned his request on the issuance of bonds to cover projects well in excess of the amount recommended by the Board of Finance as a limit for new bond issues during said fiscal year, and

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WHEREAS, neither the Mayor nor the Board of Finance has recommended which items were to be eliminated or reduced if bonds totaling less than \$1,700,000. were to be issued,

BE IT RESOLVED by this Board that the Board of Finance be requested to set forth in more detail the basis for its recommendation to enable this Board to make sound decisions in authorizing specific bond issues which may be required from time to time during the year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Finance be requested to draw up a statement of recommended fiscal policy for the information of the Planning Board, the Mayor, this Board and other interested parties well in advance of the preparation of next year's budget so that this Board may expect a definite, rather than a conditional budget, from the Mayor.

Edward Hogan presented a Resolution introduced at the previous meeting of the Board covering condemnation proceedings to acquire Cove Island and adjacent property. Lengthy discussion ensued relative to the actual cost of acquiring this property. Mr. Hogan indicated it was his firm opinion that it would not be expected to exceed \$600,000.

Paul Plotkin MOVED adoption, seconded by Patrick Hogan.

Patrick Hogan MOVED that a roll call vote be taken, seconded by Steve Kelly. The Resolution #137 was adopted by a vote of 22 Yes and 8 No as follows:

No - James Mulreed, David Waterbury, Leon Staples, Catherine Cleary, George Russell, Harold Clark, Webster Givens, Ralph Nau.

Yes - Joseph Caputo, Paul Plotkin, Patrick Scarella, Dr. Somma, Walter Seely, John Charleson, Michael Holahan, Patrick Hogan, George Connors, John Canavan, William Murphy, Stephen Kelly, John Sandor, Joseph Zdanowicz, Katherine Kaminski, Vito Longo, John Cook, Helen Peatt, Helen Bromley, Karl Young, Jr., Edward Hogan and John Cameron.

RESOLUTION #137 - Authorization to Proceed with Condemnation Proceedings to Acquire Cove Island.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor be instructed and authorized by this Board of Representatives to immediately institute and file condemnation proceedings for the purpose of acquiring title to the real property with improvements commonly known as the "Cove Mills Property" consisting of approximately 84.88 acres, more or less, of island and mainland property situated on the southerly and easterly side of Cove Road in the City of Stamford for municipal recreational purposes including park and all such activities approved by the Planning Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this action is to be considered entirely separate and independent of the hearing now being held by the Public Utilities Commission on the subject of the contemplated power plant for this site and is intended only as a safeguard to the people of Stamford that their ultimate wishes will be met.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be delivered immediately to the Mayor, the Corporation Counsel and the Chairman of the Board of Finance with the urgent recommendation that the Board of Finance be convened at the earliest opportunity to pass a similar Resolution.

William Murphy MOVED to adjourn the meeting, seconded and CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 11: P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph Zdanowicz, Temporary Clerk

May 9, 1952

TO: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

Pursuant to Section 202 of the Charter, I, John L. Cameron, President of the Board of Representatives, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of Representatives to be held on Wednesday, May 14, 1952 at 8 P.M., at the Burdick Junior High School, Stamford, Connecticut, for the following purposes:

1. To consider an amendment to the 1952-1953 Operating Budget to cover an appropriation of \$169,118.00 on account of a proposed Job Reclassification Plan, an appropriation of \$66,000. to cover the cost of the proposed pension plan and an appropriation of \$21,000. to cover Social Security Taxes by the City for employees for the fiscal year.
2. To certify the Mayor's Operating Budget and Capital Projects Budget for the fiscal year 1952-1953.
3. To take action on the resignation of Mr. George Lockwood.

Respectfully,

John L. Cameron  
President

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