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The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives was held on Monday, July 7, 1952 at 8 P.M. at the Burdick Junior High School Auditorium. The meeting was called to order by President John L. Cameron.

Invocation was given by Father Rarus of the Holy Name Church.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk. There were 34 present, 5 absent and 1 resignee. The absent members were Theodore Donahue, Joseph Mancusi, Clifford Waterbury, Catherine Cleary and John Canavan.

Dr. Francis Dolan, recently elected 14th District Representative, was sworn in by the President.

John Cameron submitted the minutes of May 8, May 14 and June 2 for approval of the Board.

Dr. Somma MOVED approval of the minutes of May 8, seconded by George Connors and CARRIED.

Helen Bromley MOVED approval of the minutes of May 14, seconded by Joseph Carlin and CARRIED.

In the minutes of June 2, James Mulreed MOVED that the wording "Either the Building Inspector granting permits without conforming to the State Code or" be deleted from Page 490, next to the last paragraph, (Expansion Attics) third line, seconded by Karl Young and CARRIED.

Edward Hogan MOVED that the minutes of June 2 be approved as corrected, seconded by George Russell and CARRIED.

FISCAL COMMITTEE

Helen Bromley MOVED approval of the additional \$300. required on the request for an emergency appropriation for the additional expenses incurred on the Medical Account, Code 488.24, to apply to the 1951 Operating Budget. At the meeting of June 16 only \$1000. was approved as appeared on the "Call" for the Special Meeting, whereas \$1300. was required. Motion seconded by Joseph Carlin and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Helen Bromley MOVED for Suspension of Rules to add two items as follows: (1) Request to extend the Tax Date from July 1st, 1952 to August 1, 1952. (2) Reconsideration of emergency appropriation for the Welfare Department in the sum of \$19,818.22. Motion was seconded by Michael Holahan and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Helen Bromley MOVED approval of the request of Mr. Jennings, Collector of Taxes, in his letter of July 7, 1952, for an extension from July 1, 1952 to August 1, 1952 as the due and payable date of the 1951 taxes, both real and personal, as permitted by Section 602 of Special Act #312 approved July 10, 1951, seconded by Joseph Carlin and approved UNANIMOUSLY.

Helen Bromley MOVED that the Welfare Department emergency appropriation request for \$19,818.22 be reconsidered, seconded by Patrick Scarella and so ordered.

Helen Bromley stated that facts and figures on unencumbered funds from other accounts of the Welfare Department had been discussed with Mr. Morrissey and with these transfers taken into consideration \$15,650. would amply take care of these emergencies to be designated to the following accounts: \$15,150. to Code 461-A General Hospitals and \$500. to Code 461-B Mental Hospitals.

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Helen Bromley MOVED approval of \$15,650. for the Welfare Department as an emergency appropriation to apply on the 1951 Operating Budget, seconded by Patrick Scarella and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

At 8:20 John Cameron greeted Mayor Quigley who had arrived prepared to present the "Annual Report" to the Board of Representatives.

As opening words the Mayor extended his thanks to the members of this and other Boards and Commissions who serve and give of their time, interest and efforts without compensation to the City of Stamford.

Mayor Quigley then proceeded to read his Annual Message. A copy of this report was distributed to each member of the Board and a copy is on file at the Town Clerk's Office and the Office of the Board of Representatives.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

1. Building Committee

James Mulreed, Committee Chairman, stated the committee felt that a Building Committee consisting of three members, technically trained or experienced, who were qualified on passing on Building construction, should be appointed and MOVED for adoption of the submitted Resolution which was read, seconded by John Cook and adopted by UNANIMOUS VOTE.

RESOLUTION #142 (Appointment of a Building Committee)

BE IT RESOLVED by Stamford that there be and hereby is created in the City of Stamford a Building Committee to approve the plans for new school houses or additions to school houses as required by Sec. 1496 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision 1949.

Said committee shall consist of three members appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Representatives, one of whom shall be a licensed architect, one of whom shall be a licensed engineer and the other of whom shall be the Building Inspector of the City of Stamford. The term of office of the members of said committee shall run concurrently with that of the Mayor.

2. Expansion Attics

James Mulreed stated with regards to converting expansion attics to habitable living quarters, the Corporation Counsel had advised that a resolution would not be a satisfactory method, that it would be necessary to pass an ordinance which in reality would be an amendment to the Building Code which is already an accepted ordinance of the City of Stamford. In view of the urgency and need for such an ordinance Mr. Mulreed requested that said ordinance, as read, be passed without publication as allowed under provision of Sec. 204.1 of the Charter, by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership. This motion was seconded by Helen Bromley.

Paul Plotkin MOVED to table the ordinance stating that such power should be delegated to the Building Inspector authorizing him to allow certain variances on sizes of rooms, etc. This was not seconded.

Karl Young MOVED to amend the ordinance to include a time limit on the permit, seconded by Robert Lewis. A vote on the amendment was defeated.

By UNANIMOUS VOTE Ordinance #17 (Supplemental) Amending the Building Code for construction of Expansion Attics ~~already built~~ was adopted.

ORDINANCE #17 SUPPLEMENTAL - ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUILDING CODE

BE IT ORDAINED by Stamford that the ordinance of the City of Stamford entitled "Building Code" is hereby amended by adding to the provisions thereof the following:

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1. Whenever an application for a building permit for the structural expansion of a single family residence is denied by the Building Inspector because the original structure does not meet the minimum requirements of the Building Code with respect to height and area of ceiling for each room to be added, the applicant for such permit may appeal from said denial to a Review Committee for a variance from the requirements of such Building Code within ninety (90) days of the receipt of the notice of such denial.

2. The Review Committee may grant such a variance in the event that the applicant establishes that he purchased said home or had the same constructed by a contractor other than himself in the belief that said residence could be expanded in the future and that such a variance would not jeopardize the health, safety and welfare of the community and would be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Building and Zoning Regulations of the City of Stamford.

3. There shall be and is hereby established for the City of Stamford a Review Committee to exercise the authority set out above, which committee shall consist of three members appointed by the Mayor, one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the Zoning Commission and one of whom shall be a member of the Planning Board of the City of Stamford for the term of the appointing Mayor.

This ordinance shall take effect upon the date of its enactment.

3. Sidewalk Nuisances

James Mulreed submitted an ordinance covering the keeping of clean sidewalks with a summary penalty which the committee believed would be the only method that might be used satisfactorily to effect results. Said ordinance was read and submitted for publication and was so MOVED by James Mulreed, seconded by Patrick Scarella and so ordered. This will be an amendment to Chapter 25, Sec. 27 of the Code of General Ordinances.

ORDINANCE #16 SUPPLEMENTAL

AMENDMENT of Chapter 25, Sec. 27 of the Code of General Ordinances.

BE IT ORDAINED by Stamford that Chapter 25, Sec. 27 of the Code of General Ordinances be amended as follows:

No person shall construct, or cause to be constructed, or allow to remain, any spout or drain from any building or any drainage or run-off from any driveway or premise in such a manner that water, soil, gravel or other debris therefrom will discharge upon and over any sidewalk within the corporate limits of the City.

This ordinance shall take effect upon the date of its enactment.

4. Building Lines

James Mulreed reported that the committee felt that the Planning Board should make known without delay their recommendations so that buildings being erected now or in the future will not interfere with the widening of streets at a later date. A letter from the Planning Board which was just received before the meeting was read re Building Lines.

A rather lengthy discussion ensued over the proposed building to be erected at Summer and Broad Streets and its eventual effect on traffic at New Summer Street which is unusually narrow and a present traffic bottleneck. It was felt that something should be done about the Building Lines now before such a building is erected.

Joseph Carlin MOVED to receive and accept Mr. Mulreed's report to be placed on file, seconded by William Kaminski and CARRIED.

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James Mulreed MOVED that a letter be sent to the builders asking about their plans and also advising them that a set-back of the property line may be required.

Helen Bromley spoke of the urgency of prompt action on Building lines particularly on Broad and Summer Streets.

Joseph Carlin's motion was amended to read as follows:

Joseph Carlin MOVED to receive and accept the report of the Legislative and Rules Committee on Building Lines and that a letter be sent to the owners of the property on Broad and Summer Streets by the Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee indicating that the matter of Building Lines is under consideration by our Board and ask that they work in cooperation with the Planning Board in the matter of set-backs.

Helen Bromley requested that we hear from Mr. Tichy, member of the Planning Board, seconded and CARRIED. Mr. Tichy talked on the necessity of establishing building lines, stating that the Planning Board had not done anything on the matter as they had not been able to get concrete statements from the Corporation Counsel relative to this matter.

James Mulreed suggested that the Planning Board submit in writing their plans on the matter of Building Lines to the Board of Representatives and that the Corporation Counsel be requested for a ruling.

The amended motion was then brought up for question, seconded by Babette Ransohoff and CARRIED. It is proposed to hold a Special Meeting for discussion and action on this matter.

Public Welfare & Recreation Committee

Helen Peatt MOVED for the approval of the following requests by the Turn of River Fire Department and Junior Chamber of Commerce of Stamford, seconded and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

✓ Petition #121 - Turn of River Fire Department, Inc.

Permission granted to hold the Fair on August 20, 21, 22 and 23 as requested.

✓ Petition #122 - Junior Chamber of Commerce of Stamford, Inc.

Permission to hold a Teen Age Driving contest on July 12 and July 19 from 10 A.M. and not later than 5 P.M. on a section of Woodside Park (eastern portion of the circle blocked off).

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Robert Lewis, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee.

1. Robert Lewis MOVED, seconded by John Cook, to authorize the issuance of 25 Special Police Badges to the Police Department. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. This is in addition to the 400 badges (Special Police) already issued.

2. Upon recommendation by the committee that action be deferred, Edward Hogan MOVED that the Board refuse to grant permission to any of our administration executives to allow advertising on any of the parking meter in the City of Stamford, seconded by Ralph Nau and CARRIED.

3. On the subject of a direct telephone to be installed in Precinct 2, Robert Lewis read letters pertaining to a meeting called by the Mayor during daytime hours and his request for an evening meeting. George Connors stated the meeting had been held without the members of the Health & Protection Committee being present, but was denied the privilege of reading the report submitted by the telephone company since the committee members had not been present to discuss the matter.

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Edward Hogan MOVED that the Chairman of the Committee again make an effort requesting a meeting on Saturday or at a time other than business hours of the Health & Protection Committee, the telephone representative and the Mayor to get this matter ironed out, seconded and CARRIED.

4. Robert Lewis MOVED that the Health & Protection Chairman send a letter to proper authorities to continue with the present policy of the City of Stamford to have painted on both sides of the new ambulance "City of Stamford", seconded by John Cook and CARRIED.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Joseph Zdanowicz, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee.

Joseph Zdanowicz MOVED to accept the Committee's report on the sale of city-owned property as recommended by the Planning Board in their letter of January 15, 1952 together with submitted list, seconded and CARRIED.

Lots 134-35	Robert Court	Lots 250-251	Hope Street
18, 19, 24	Stamford Ave.	73-74	Kenwood Road
123-74, 75, 76	Burwood Ave.	2	Lee Street
27, 28, 41)	Carter Drive	5	Tupper Drive
44, 45, 47)		12, 13	Fourth Street
33, 34, 35)	Coolidge Avenue	91, 96, 103,)	Keith Street
36-7-8-9)	Fairfield Ave.	106)	Congress Street
9	Halloween Blvd.	87	Rockledge Priv. Drive
68, 69, 70		16	
71-72	Harbor Street		
119, 120, 121			

(Change per minutes 2/4/52 Ray-516)

1. Joseph Zdanowicz MOVED, seconded by Helen Bromley, that a letter be sent to the Commissioner of Finance requesting a supplemental list of city-owned properties not appearing on the original list in accordance with Section 488 of the Stamford Charter and Ordinance #11 Supplemental covering the sale or rental of city-owned property. CARRIED.

2. Joseph Zdanowicz MOVED, seconded by William Murphy, that permission be granted to name an unnamed street Warchol Lane. This unnamed street is a short spur running northwest from Crystal Lake Road to a dead end. Motion is CARRIED.

3. Joseph Zdanowicz MOVED that no action be taken on the request from the City Investment Company to run a spur track across Jefferson Street as same had not been passed by the Planning Board; that this request be referred to the Planning Board for their attention, seconded by Ralph Nau and CARRIED.

4. Joseph Zdanowicz recommended that no action be taken on the exchange of properties at Cummings Park with Clarence Muzzio, Joseph Gruber and Joseph Peltz until action of the Board of Finance has been taken.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

David Waterbury presented the City Engineer's report on drainage conditions at Larkin Street and MOVED that his recommendations be accepted and approved, seconded by George Russell and CARRIED.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

The appointment of Luke Malloy of 132 Woodside Village, Stamford to the Hubbard Heights Golf Course Committee with term expiring December 1955 was approved by a vote of 32 yeas and 2 nays.

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Babette Ransohoff MOVED that Item 8 of the Agenda re filling the vacancy of Robert Shepherd be taken up at this time, seconded by Joseph Carlin and CARRIED.

Helen Bromley nominated Rocco Poli as endorsed nominee of the Republican Town Committee, seconded by Karl Young.

Webster Givens nominated Frederick C. Littleworth, 33 Daskam Place, seconded by Harold Clark.

Babette Ransohoff MOVED that nominations be closed, seconded by George Connors and CARRIED.

A secret ballot vote was cast and the votes were counted by Tellers Young and Longo. Frederick C. Littleworth was elected by a vote of 22 to 12 to fill the vacancy of Robert Shepherd of the 9th District.

John Cook read the report of the picnic held by the Board of Representatives on July 2, 1952 at Webster Given's Farm. He stated there was \$84.33 in the treasury after all expenses had been paid.

Helen Bromley MOVED that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. Givens for the wonderful time that was enjoyed by all and also a vote of thanks to the Committee for their efforts in the preparation of the picnic, seconded and CARRIED.

John Cameron stated that John Charleson would replace Robert Lewis on the Personnel Committee in view of a request from Robert Lewis that he be relieved of duties on that committee because of the pressure of other work.

John Cameron read the report of the Appeals Board on the matter of Mr. Hemming's appeal and stated that said report would be on file in the office of the Board of Representatives.

Handwritten notes:
Helen Bromley
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STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

John Cameron submitted the committee's report. Helen Bromley MOVED acceptance of the report, seconded and CARRIED.

Helen Bromley MOVED that a letter be sent to the Mayor stating that the Policy of this Board be that any requests for aid in connection with functions of various organizations be rejected, seconded by Patrick Hogan and CARRIED.

John Cameron submitted as part of the report a Resolution reading as follows:

"The Steering Committee recommends that this Board make strong representations to the Mayor protesting his action in ordering demolition of part of the club-house at the Hubbard Heights Golf Club without the action of this Board or the Board of Finance and also his action in disposing of the salvaged material without action of this Board or the Board of Finance and without competitive bidding.

The Steering Committee recommends that this Board strongly urge the Mayor to adopt a policy of more fully informing and consulting with this Board and other official Boards to bring about a smoother operation of city affairs in the spirit of the allocation of responsibilities contemplated by the Charter of the City of Stamford."

William Kaminski MOVED that this resolution as recommended by the Steering Committee be referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee, Welfare & Recreation Committee and Legislative & Rules Committee, seconded by Karl Young and CARRIED

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Letters from the Mayor covering proposed names of Harry Smith as a reappointment to the Welfare Commission and Charles Barker as an appointment to the Zoning Board were read and referred to the Appointments Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

Babette Ransohoff MOVED acceptance of Resolution #143 authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Commission with regards to the East Meadow Street Project to enter into a contract for advance #UR Conn. A-16 in the amount of \$25000. at an interest rate of 2.76%, seconded by Joseph Zdanowicz and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 143

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR ADVANCE UNDER TITLE I OF THE HOUSING ACT OF 1949, DATED AS OF JUNE 20, 1952, AND NUMBERED CONTRACT NO. UR CONN. A-16, BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, as follows:

SECTION 1. The pending proposed Contract for Advance under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, dated as of the 20th day of June, 1952, and numbered Contract No. UR Conn. A-16, in the amount of \$25,000 and relating to plans and surveys of the nature contemplated by said Title I, by and between the City of Stamford (herein called the "Local Public Agency") and the United States of America (herein called the "Government"), is hereby in all respects approved.

SECTION 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the said Contract for Advance in two counterparts on behalf of the Local Public Agency, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to impress and attest the official seal of the Local Public Agency on each such counterpart and to forward such counterparts to the Office of the Administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency, for execution on behalf of the Government, together with such other documents relative to the approval and execution of such counterparts and to this Resolution as may be required by the Government.

SECTION 3. The Chairman of the Urban Redevelopment Commission is hereby authorized to file requisitions, together with necessary supporting documents, with the Government, in accordance with the Contract for Advance, requesting payments to be made on account of the Advance provided for in the Contract for Advance, and to do and perform all other things and acts required to be done or performed in order to obtain such payments.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Stephen Kelly submitted the following Resolution and Moved its acceptance, seconded by George Connors:

The people of the East Side and Cove Sections of Stamford, who have waited many years for sanitary and storm water sewers, and who have raw sewage running in their streets, request a full and comprehensive report on why the section above mentioned, for which monies have been appropriated, must wait for the Glenbrook extension of the trunk line sewers to be installed before work commences on their section.

These people make an urgent appeal through their representatives to the Board of Representatives, his Honor Mayor Thomas F.J. Quigley, Commissioner of Public

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works, James Manning; City Engineer, Leon Tuttle and the Sewer Commission, to immediately review and put in motion the necessary machinery to make the installation of these sewers a reality.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that His Honor Mayor Thomas F.J. Quigley, Public Works Commissioner, James Manning; City Engineer, Leon Tuttle and the Sewer Commission of the City of Stamford, all be advised of the request of the taxpayers of the East Side and Cove sections of Stamford for the installation of the trunk line sewers for the Cove and East Side, for which the monies have long ago been appropriated,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the necessary approvals be immediately granted by the authorized bodies and/or individuals, to commence the actual work of installation of these sewers.

Patrick Hogan amended the Resolution by adding "This Board invites the four members of the Sewer Commission to attend our next regular meeting so they may have an opportunity to give us their views on the whole East Side Sewer Project and that the members of this Board can question them regarding same"

Amendment was accented by Stephen Kelly and the MOTION was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION #144

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George Russell submitted his request for a clarification on requirements for posting of bonds, withdrawal, amounts, time period, etc. required by developers.

Helen Bromley MOVED that a letter be sent to the Planning Board asking that they submit a detailed letter of the requirements of acceptance of roads by

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developers, bond and amount required, the possibility that bond required is of too small an amount, time limit for expiration date too long and the recalling of bond if work is not completed within a certain time limit were all discussed. The MOTION was seconded by George Russell and CARRIED.

Patrick Hogan requested Suspension of Rules and MOVED for approval of Petition #123 granting permission to the Thruway Relocation Council to hold a parade on the evening of Tuesday, July 15, 1952, providing the route had been sanctioned by the Police Department, seconded by Joseph Carlin and CARRIED.

Joseph Carlin MOVED to adjourn meeting at 11:50

Respectfully submitted,

Rabette S. Ranschoff, Clerk