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The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives was held on Monday, October 6, 1952 at 8 P.M. at the Burdick Junior High School.

The meeting was called to order by John L. Cameron, President.

Invocation was given by Father Alfred J. Sienkiewicz of the Holy Name Church.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk. There were 30 present, 9 absent and 1 resigned. The absent members were Joseph Caputo, Theodore Donahue, Clifford Waterbury, Aage Feldtmose, Patrick Hogan, John A. Sandor, John W. Cook and Webster C. Givens. William Murphy arrived later making the attendance 31 present, 8 absent.

Fiscal Committee

Helen Bromley stated the Committee's recommendations on the following emergency appropriations:

1. Parking Lots. Helen Bromley, in a minority report, stated that she approved the purchase of these lots for municipal parking (Bedford Street and Stamford Foundry on Canal Street) in order to maintain the assessed valuation of property in the center of town and it would appear from the findings of the Mayor's Committee as reported August 4, 1952 that these parking lots in operation should be self-sustaining and self-liquidating over the 20 year planned purchase period.

Michael Holahan, speaking for Joseph Carlin, Patrick Hogan, John Charleson and himself submitted the majority report approving the purchase of the Foundry Property, but objecting to the purchase of the Bedford Street property as a parking lot, stating that since the property was already being operated by the merchants as a parking lot for their patrons, acquisition by the City would not increase the amount of down-town parking space.

It was pointed out that the owners anticipated selling the property, and unless the City acted to purchase it, the property would probably no longer be available for parking.

Helen Bromley MOVED that in accordance with Section 611.5 of the Charter, the 1952-1953 Capital Projects Budget is hereby amended to provide \$5,549.75 for the purchase of the Stamford Foundry Parking lot from the Stamford Foundry, subject to an option to retire the balance of principal at any time after 3½ years without penalty as to interest, seconded by Patrick Scarella.

The purchase price is \$200,000.00 with principal and interest being amortized over a 20 year period at 3½ interest.

The following representatives spoke in favor of the purchase of the Stamford Foundry property - George Russell, James Mulreed, Edward Hogan, William Kaminski, George Connors, Patrick Scarella, John Cameron and Frederick Littleworth. Karl Young, Jr. was in opposition.

Joseph Carlin MOVED the question, seconded by Babette Ransohoff and PASSED. Patrick Scarella MOVED for a roll call vote, seconded by George Connors and DEFEATED by a vote of 3 in favor, 26 opposed.

The motion to amend the Capital Budget for \$5,549.75 was then CARRIED by a vote of 24 in favor, 6 Opposed.

Helen Bromley then MOVED approval of the Emergency Appropriation of \$5,549.75 for the purchase of the Stamford Foundry Property for 1952-1953, seconded by George Connors and CARRIED by a vote of 25 in favor, 5 opposed.

Helen Bromley MOVED that in accordance with Section 611.5 of the Charter, the 1952-1953 Capital Projects Budget is hereby amended to provide \$7,492.14 for the

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purchase of the Bedford Street Parking Lot from the Weiss Amusement Corporation subject to an option to retire the balance of principal at any time after 3½ years without penalty as to interest, seconded by George Connors.

The purchase price is \$150,000.00 with principal and interest being amortized over a 20 year period at 3½ interest.

The following representatives spoke in favor of the purchase of the Bedford Street property - Dr. Somma, James Mulreed, Edward Hogan, George Connors, Patrick Scarella, Frederick Littleworth with Karl Young and Robert Lewis speaking in opposition.

The Motion was CARRIED by a vote of 24 in favor, 6 opposed.

Helen Bromley ~~MOVED approval of~~ the Emergency Appropriation of this sum of \$7,492.14 for the purchase of the Bedford Street property for 1952-1953 and CARRIED by a vote of 24 in favor, 6 opposed.

Joseph Zdanowicz asked if the Capital Budget could be amended legally before same is approved by the State Legislature.

The President stated that the Capital Budget had been legally adopted and validated by the Board at the Special Meeting. The reason it was to be submitted to the State Legislature for validation was to be sure of the validity of any bonds issued under it.

Corporation Counsel, as supplement, stated that validating the budget and the tax rate is necessary to remove any possible doubt as to the validity of either.

A question was raised as to whether the Mayor should be given specific authority to enter into the purchase lease contracts and the Corporation Counsel indicated he considered it would be desirable to give such authority along the lines of the Resolutions as presented to the Board of Finance.

James Mulreed MOVED that Mayor Thomas F. J. Quigley of the City of Stamford be authorized to enter into a contract with the Stamford Foundry and Weiss Amusement Corporation for the acquisition of the two pieces of property which we have already voted ⁱⁿ accordance with the terms as outlined by the Board of Finance, seconded and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

2. Helen Bromley MOVED approval of the emergency appropriation of \$4607. for the Stamford Classified Employees Retirement Fund as detailed in a covering letter of July 11, 1952 covering salary, furniture and equipment, seconded by Joseph Carlin and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

3. Helen Bromley MOVED approval of the emergency appropriation of \$10,178.20 for Civil Defense in view of the excellent reports provided the Board members by Mr. Price, Director, describing work being accomplished and the detailed accounting for its funds, seconded by Joseph Carlin and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Helen Bromley MOVED approval of the emergency appropriation of 1852.50 for the pension for widow of Detective Sgt. Henry Nevins, seconded by John Canavan and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Helen Bromley MOVED approval of the emergency appropriation of \$250. as membership fee to the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Mrs. Bromley stated this had been cut from the budget and that membership was necessary and useful, seconded by George Connors and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Helen Bromley MOVED approval of the emergency appropriation of \$5,641.11 covering the amount necessary over and above the amount necessary over and above the amount originally appropriated to pay the County Tax. The bill was \$75641.11 and the amount appropriated \$70,000., seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Helen Bromley MOVED approval of the emergency appropriation of \$581.44 to the Fire Department for installation of alternators in the chief's, deputy chief's and fire alarm superintendent's cars for proper function of radio apparatus and to eliminate costly battery repairs, seconded by Helen Peatt and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Helen Bromley MOVED approval of the emergency appropriation of \$600.00 to the fire department for installation of receivers in three fire stations so that radio calls may be received and rebroadcast properly and effectively, seconded by Robert Lewis and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

9. Helen Bromley MOVED approval of the Inter-Department transfer from SUNDRIES to Police Dept. Salaries for the hiring of a part-time traffic engineer who will study and endeavor to iron out some of the heavy traffic problems in Stamford, seconded by Michael Holahan.

Robert Lewis spoke against the transfer on the basis that services of Traffic Commissioners of the Motor Vehicle Department can be used and that the Police Department was able and capable of solving the problem if left within their jurisdiction.

Edward Hogan MOVED to amend the Motion to include a proviso that a monthly progress report be submitted to the Mayor, Police Department and Board of Representatives. The amendment was accepted by the Proposer and seconded and the amended Motion was CARRIED by a vote of 25 in favor, 4 opposed.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

1. Building Lines—James Mulreed stated that in July of 1952 this Board signified its intention re establishing certain Building Lines on various streets as covered by Resolution #145 of minutes of July 21, 1952, page 514.

In conferring with Corporation Counsel, John Hanrahan, it was suggested that the best and most logical method at this time where commercial construction is imminent would be the passing of an ordinance establishing a building line.

In view of certain existing factors the committee believes the Board should exercise their police powers and adopt ordinances establishing building lines on Summer Street from Main to Broad on the east side, on Broad Street from Atlantic Street to the Rippowam River and on Bell Street from Atlantic to South Street. Ordinances were read by Mr. Mulreed.

James Mulreed asked John Hanrahan, Corporation Counsel, to express his opinion as to the legality of this action.

John Hanrahan stated that George Wise, former corporation counsel, in his letter of August 1950, stated he believed the adoption of ordinances was the only method usable as the involvement of settlements through any court actions would be considerably less at a time when the land was without buildings, plus the fact that improvement assessments are carefully considered by the Court when a City deems it necessary to take such action.

Catherine Cleary spoke of the cost of widening Summer & Bell Streets and spoke in opposition to the motion. Mr. Joseph Sherman, representing Summer and Broad interests, Mr. Sydney Perell representing lower East Side of Summer Street and

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Mr. Benedict representing the 221 Atlantic Street Corporation at Bell and Atlantic Street were all permitted to speak and each spoke against the proposed ordinances, asking that action under Chapter 64 of the Charter be reconsidered so that proper settlement be arranged to cover damages to any properties involved. Each of them stated that suit would be instituted against the City of Stamford for damages if the ordinances were adopted.

Mr. Sherman stated he would be willing to postpone construction and Mr. Benedict believed his clients would be willing to do so also, if action under Chapter 64 were to be considered.

Mr. Hogan questioned Mr. Hanrahan at some length on the legal aspects.

Karl Young MOVED that the debate be closed, seconded by Edward Hogan and Motion DEFEATED.

James Mulreed again spoke to the adoption of the Ordinances establishing these building lines stating Stamford had already been hampered for the past ten years over hesitancy to act at the proper time and that this was the proper time when the available land was without buildings. He stated the Planning Board had prepared a map showing an extension of Summer Street through to the Railroad Station as a means to relieve the existing traffic congestion.

Joseph Zdanowicz MOVED to close the debate, seconded by Karl Young and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

James Mulreed MOVED first that in accordance with provisions of the Charter that prior publication of the ordinances be dispensed with, seconded by George Connors and DEFEATED by a vote of 23 in favor, 7 opposed. Motion was DEFEATED in that it required 2/3 vote of the entire membership.

James Mulreed MOVED to introduce for Publication the following three ordinances, seconded by Karl Young and CARRIED by a vote of 24 in favor, 6 opposed.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BUILDING LINE ON THE EAST SIDE OF SUMMER STREET BETWEEN BROAD STREET AND MAIN STREET

Be it Ordained by Stamford that (1) A building line is hereby established on the east side of Summer Street between Broad Street and Main Street, in the City of Stamford, beyond which no building, steps, stoop, veranda, billboard, advertising sign or device or other structure of obstruction may be erected. (2) Such building line on the east side of Summer Street between Broad Street and Main Street, City of Stamford, shall be a line 20 feet east of and parallel to the existing street line on the east side of Summer Street.

This Ordinance will take effect upon the date of its enactment.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BUILDING LINE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF BROAD STREET BETWEEN BEDFORD STREET AND RIPPOWAM RIVER

Be it Ordained by Stamford that (1) A building line is hereby established on the north side of Broad Street between Bedford Street and Rippowam River in the City of Stamford, beyond which no building, steps, stoop, veranda, billboard, advertising sign or device or other structure of obstruction may be erected. (2) Such building line on the north side of Broad Street between Bedford Street and Rippowam River shall be a line 20 feet north of and parallel to the existing street line on the north side of Broad Street extending to the westerly side of Washington Avenue and thence on a prolongation of this line to Rippowam River.

This Ordinance will take effect upon the date of its enactment.

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BUILDING LINE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF BELL STREET BETWEEN SOUTH STREET AND ATLANTIC STREET

Be it Ordained by Stamford that (1) A building line is hereby established on the north side of Bell Street between South Street and Atlantic Street, in the City of Stamford, beyond which no building, steps, stoop, veranda, billboard, advertising sign or device or other structure of obstruction may be erected. (2) Such building line on the north side of Bell Street between South Street and Atlantic Street shall be a line which begins at a point on the westerly street line of Atlantic Street, which point is 15 feet north of the presently existing street line on Bell Street and running westerly on a straight line from said point to a point located on the easterly street line of South Street 15 feet northerly of the existing northerly street line on Bell Street.

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

2. James Mulreed MOVED acceptance of resolution submitted by William Kaminski, with amendments as approved by the Committee, reading as follows:

RESOLUTION #154 - Correspondence & Resolutions to Minority and Majority Leaders

WHEREAS: In the functioning of the Board of Representatives, its officers, the chairmen of its various committees or individual members of the board may correspond, either with or without the authority of the board, with others outside the board in such manner as may be interpreted as expressing the policy, the desires or the sentiments of the board and

WHEREAS: Resolutions, which under the provisions of the charter may be acted upon at the meeting at which they are proposed, may require study and advice prior to their adoption or rejection, and

WHEREAS: It is largely the responsibility of the majority and minority leaders of the board to counsel and advise the members of the board

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED: That at the same time as any communication, which may be interpreted as expressing the policy, desires or sentiments of the Board of Representatives, is transmitted or any resolution is prepared for presentation to the board, a copy shall be forwarded to the majority and minority leaders of the board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the responsibility for forwarding such copies of letters or resolutions be in the author of such letters or resolutions.

This Motion was seconded by George Connors and CARRIED.

3. Rent Control. James Mulreed moved that the resolution re rent control committee submitted by Fred Littleworth be recommitted to the Legislative and Rules Committee, seconded by Babette Ransohoff and CARRIED.

4. James Mulreed read Dr. Brown's letter with reference to ordinances for beaches and/or Fairview Avenue. Mr. Mulreed stated the committee had no proposal to make at this time. >

WELFARE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Helen Peatt stated the committee recommends that the Hubbard Heights Building be given back to the Golf Commission, providing the Recreation Board be permitted to maintain activities there.

George Russell MOVED acceptance of this report, seconded by William Kaminski and declared CARRIED.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

David Waterbury read the committee's report on the problem of storm water flooding in Urban, Bedford and Sixth Street area stating that the existing culverts and open drainage channels are insufficient to carry off heavy rains. New construction in the area has intensified the condition. According to the engineer's report an adequate system to remedy the situation would cost approximately \$140,000. to \$170,000. depending on conditions encountered.

Robert Lewis MOVED that the Mayor, Public Works Dept., Department of Health, Planning Board and Building Inspector be advised of details of this report, seconded and CARRIED.

Karl Young Moved to place the report on file, seconded and CARRIED.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Joseph Zdanowicz reported the Committee recommends the acceptance of the following roads as City streets:

Joseph Zdanowicz MOVED acceptance ~~of the streets listed below~~, seconded in all cases and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1. 199' plus or minus of Beachview Drive in Wallacks Point Park.
2. Andover Street in Revere Park
3. Pond Road running from Stillwater Ave. to Stillview Drive
4. Charles-Mary Lane
5. Cow Path Drive
6. Barmore Drive 365'; Barmore Drive East 238' and Barmore Drive West 335'
7. Uncas Road, Sachem Place and Wascussee Lane located in Wascussee Park

Mr. Zdanowicz stated there are a number of other roads that could be accepted except for minor discrepancies and requested that the time for acceptance of roads be extended to the November meeting so that such streets might be approved before the winter months. The request was approved.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Joseph Carlin read the letters from Mr. Mulreed, Mr. Weathers and Mr. Wahlberg re social security coverage on part-time employees. He stated he would meet with Mr. Weathers upon his return from Army service to confer with him further on the subject.

Karl Young MOVED that the report be filed, seconded by George Russell and CARRIED.

STEERING COMMITTEE

John Cameron read the report. He also read his letter to Miss Loula Dunn of the American Public Welfare Association dated September 26, 1952.

James Mulreed MOVED to table the discussion until the November meeting, seconded by William Murphy.

Edward Hogan amended the motion to refer same to the Fiscal Committee for report at the November meeting. Amendment accepted and amended motion CARRIED.

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George Connors MOVED to request the Mayor to declare an emergency and to initiate action so that the sum of \$1000. be granted as a fund to provide payment of salary on the per diem basis previously approved for the Acting Mayor for the fiscal year. The item was deleted from the Operating Budget for 1952-1953 by the Board of Finance and it is felt that they would be willing to reconsider the matter at this time, seconded by Babette Ransohoff and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR

The letter from the Mayor submitting the name of Michael S. Grzelaczyk as member of the Sewer Commission was read. Babette Ransohoff MOVED that same be referred to the Appointments Committee, seconded and CARRIED.

Karl Young MOVED to postpone the November meeting to November 10, 1952 as election day is November 4, seconded and CARRIED.

Robert Lewis MOVED that a request be sent to the Planning Board on the development of the police and court building to be built on Bedford Street, seconded by Ralph Nau and CARRIED.

George Connors MOVED to adjourn, seconded by Michael Holohan and CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Babette S. Ransohoff, Clerk