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The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives was held on Monday, November 10, 1952 at 8 P.M. at the Burdick Junior High School Auditorium. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. John L. Cameron.

Invocation was given by Rabbi Joseph H. Ehrenkranz of the Congregation Agudath Sholom.

Roll call was taken and there were 13 absent and 26 present. The absent members were Theodore P. Donahue, Paul A. Plotkin, Clifford Waterbury, Dr. Peter Somma, Aage Feldtmose, George V. Connors, John M. Canavan, John A. Sandor, Vito Longo, Edward Hogan, Webster Givens, Joseph Zdanowicz and George Russell. The latter two arrived later, making the final attendance 28 present, 11 absent.

Harold Clark MOVED acceptance of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 8, 1952, seconded and CARRIED.

John Cameron requested that the word "House" be changed to "Home" Rule Amendment on page 531 of Special Meeting of September 25, 1952, appearing after ZONING AMENDMENT, second line.

Leon Staples MOVED acceptance of minutes of Special Meeting of September 25, 1952, as corrected, seconded by Joseph Carlin and CARRIED.

Karl Young MOVED acceptance of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 6, 1952, seconded by Frederick Littleworth and CARRIED.

FISCAL COMMITTEE

Helen Bromley MOVED that the Mayor be requested to initiate an emergency appropriation of \$5,000.00 for a survey of the Welfare Department by the American Public Welfare Association of Chicago, Illinois, with a report to be made to this Board, seconded by Babette Ransohoff and CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

1. James Mulreed MOVED adoption of the ordinance covering establishment of a building line on the east side of Summer Street between Broad & Main Streets.

Helen Bromley spoke against the motion because of the unknown expenditure involved, stating it was her feeling that Section 640 of the Charter should be abided by whereby there would be a determined cost submitted after an appraisal survey.

Catherine Cleary opposed adoption of the ordinance and questioned the advisability of widening the streets involved.

George Russell and Patrick Scarella and James Mulreed spoke in favor of acceptance stating it was a matter of economy to act before new construction begins. James Mulreed emphasized the need to plan ahead and thus avoid the criticism made of those who had failed to do so in the past.

Catherine Cleary MOVED for a roll call vote, seconded by James Mulreed and CARRIED by more than the necessary one-fifth vote.

The ordinance was adopted by a vote of 24 yeas and 2 nays, the roll call answering as follows:

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Joseph Caputo	Yea	Walter Seely	Yea
William Kaminski	Yea	John Charleson	Yea
Patrick Scarella	Yea	Robert Lewis	Yea
James Mulreed	Yea	Leon Staples	Yea
David Waterbury	Yea	Francis Dolan	Yea
Catherine Cleary	Nay	Babette Ransohoff	Yea
Michael Holahan	Yea	John Cook	Yea
Fred Littleworth	Yea	Helen Peatt	Yea
Patrick Hogan	Yea	Joseph Carlin	Yea
William Murphy	Yea	George Russell	Yea
Stephen Kelly	Yea	Harold Clark	Yea
Katherine Kaminski	Yea	Helen Bromley	Nay
Karl Young	Yea	Ralph Nau	Yea
		John Cameron	N.V.

ORDINANCE #19 SUPPLEMENTAL - 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 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 shall take effect from the date of its enactment.

2. James Mulreed MOVED adoption of the ordinance establishing a building line on the North side of Broad Street between Bedford Street and Rippowam River, seconded by George Russell.

John Cook requested a roll call vote, seconded by Karl Young and CARRIED by more than the necessary one-fifth vote. The Ordinance was adopted by a vote of 25 yeas and 1 nay as follows:

Joseph Caputo	Yea	Walter Seely	Yea
William Kaminski	Yea	John Charleson	Yea
Patrick Scarella	Yea	Robert Lewis	Yea
James Mulreed	Yea	Leon Staples	Yea
David Waterbury	Yea	Francis Dolan	Yea
Catherine Cleary	Yea	Babette Ransohoff	Yea
Michael Holahan	Yea	John Cook	Yea
Fred Littleworth	Yea	Helen Peatt	Yea
Patrick Hogan	Yea	Joseph Carlin	Yea
William Murphy	Yea	George Russell	Yea
Stephen Kelly	Yea	Harold Clark	Yea
Katherine Kaminski	Yea	Helen Bromley	Nay
Karl Young	Yea	Ralph Nau	Yea
		John Cameron	N.V.

ORDINANCE #20 SUPPLEMENTAL - 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

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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 shall take effect from the date of its enactment.

3. James Mulreed MOVED adoption of the ordinance establishing a building line on the North side of Bell Street between South Street and Atlantic Street, seconded by Stephen Kelly.

James Mulreed read a letter received by Mr. Benedict of Cummings & Lockwood representing the 221 Atlantic Street Corp. and MOVED that Mr. Benedict be heard, seconded and CARRIED.

Mr. Benedict was heard and stated that it was felt by the 221 Atlantic Street Corporation that a substantial part of the value of the property was lost if this ordinance was passed; that passage would necessarily require revision of building plans or disposal of the property.

Fred Littleworth and Catherine Cleary opposed acceptance questioning the possible increase in improvement and assessment value on this narrow street and suggesting one way traffic and no curb parking.

James Mulreed stated he was very sorry that this Corporation might deem it necessary to dispose of this property as he believed the widening of the street would improve the property. He pointed out that the widening of the street would involve little condemnation.

Catherine Cleary MOVED for a roll call vote, seconded by Patrick Scarella, and CARRIED by more than the necessary one-fifth vote.

The ordinance was ADOPTED by a vote of 20 yeas and 7 nays, as follows:

Joseph Caputo	Yea	Stephen Kelly	Yea
William Kaminski	Yea	Katherine Kaminski	Yea
Patrick Scarella	Yea	Francis Dolan	Yea
James Mulreed	Yea	Babette Ransohoff	Nay
Walter Seely	Yea	John Cook	Nay
John Charleson	Yea	Helen Peatt	Yea
Robert Lewis	Yea	Joseph Carlin	Yea
Leon Staples	Yea	George Russell	Yea
David Waterbury	Yea	Harold Clark	Nay
Catherine Cleary	Nay	Helen Bromley	Nay
Michael Holahan	Yea	Karl Young	Yea
Fred Littleworth	Nay	Ralph Nau	Nay
Patrick Hogan	Yea	John Cameron	N.V.
William Murphy	Yea		

ORDINANCE #21 SUPPLEMENTAL - 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.

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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 of Bell Street. This ordinance shall take effect from the date of its enactment.

Babette Ransohoff stated that the Board was making a serious move in acceptance of these ordinances on Building Lines, a move which might well involve court action, and MOVED that the Corporation Counsel state formally that this procedure is legal, seconded by George Russell.

James Mulreed, as chairman of the Legislative & Rules Committee, stated that his committee had been assured by the Corporation Counsel John Hanrahan that "this action which we have taken tonight is perfectly legal and within the powers vested in this Board."

Babette Ransohoff withdrew her motion, accepted by George Russell.

4. > Charter Amendments. James Mulreed stated, with reference to acceptance of Charter Amendments by referendum vote as stated in Substitute for H.B. 1412, that there was a question in his mind and a distinct likelihood that the amendments voted upon at the general election on November 4th, 1952 were carried. The working of the Home Rule Act is not perfectly clear, in that it might be interpreted that the 51% requirement might apply only to a special election and not a general election.

James Mulreed MOVED that the Clerk communicate with Alice Leopold, Secretary of State, and ask that she confer with the Attorney General seeking his advice on the meaning of the Home Rule Legislation, seconded by Helen Bromley and CARRIED.

Patrick Scarella MOVED, seconded by William Murphy, that a letter also be sent to the Attorney General asking if full publication is necessary (of the amendments) or if listing of the titles only is sufficient. Motion DEFEATED by a vote of 20 to 5.

5. Bathing on Street Ends. James Mulreed read the letter received from the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering who is conferring with the Attorney General and will report at some later date.

6. Rent Control. Mr. Mulreed advises that a report will be forthcoming at the December meeting with reference to the appointment of a committee.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Joseph Zdanowicz read the committee's report and MOVED acceptance of the following streets as City streets, seconded in each case and CARRIED.

STREETS ACCEPTED AS CITY STREETS

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 Bird Song Lane
 Kenilworth Drive West from Soundview Avenue southerly for a distance of 620 feet.
 Allison Road from Kenilworth Drive West to Kenilworth Drive East
 Stanton Drive
 Vine Place
 Merriman Road

Streets Accepted, continued

Jeanne Court (1275 feet southerly from Davenport Ridge)
 Bungalow Park
 Hearthstone Court
 Daycroft Road
 Nichols Avenue from Mr. Mead's Rd. to W. side of High Ridge Road
 Goodwin Street
 Olga Drive
 Square Acres Drive

Joseph Zdanowicz listed several streets in his report that were not acceptable until minor changes required for acceptance may be made.

John Cook MOVED that the report be placed on file, seconded and CARRIED.

There was considerable discussion on acceptance of only a portion (the rear portion) of Crystal Lake Road, and the road block created by large boulders placed in the center of the road in the front portion of this street, which entrance is on High Ridge Road. It was questioned as a fire hazard and the need for residents to take a roundabout route to get to the rear end of Crystal Lake Road now up for approval.

Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by Joseph Carlin, that the Board write the Corporation Counsel requesting a ruling with reference to the blockade on Crystal Lake Road, calling to his attention that the residents of the front portion of that road petitioned the city in 1950 to have the drainage situation taken care of as tho it were city property.

Patrick Scarella having voted on the prevailing side, MOVED to reconsider the action on Stanton Drive, inasmuch as the first portion of this road had never been accepted, seconded by William Murphy, Motion was DEFEATED.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Joseph Carlin submitted the committee report suggesting that a new agreement to meet all requirements on seasonal and part-time employees be drawn up and submitted and that same be submitted by a committee comprising Mr. Weathers, Mr. Cameron, Mrs. Ransohoff, Mr. Mulreed before Mr. Wahlberg in Hartford, for a definite decision.

James Mulreed stated he felt that there was nothing to clarify; that the question of seasonal employees with a 6 month work status or longer was amply covered; that the report submitted by Mr. Weathers as defined by the Attorney General covered only those with a status of three months or less and other specific part-time employees as were definitely cited at the time the pension plan was drawn up.

Robert Lewis MOVED to refer the matter to the Legislative & Rules Committee for the purpose of drafting a Resolution which will cover seasonal employees under Social Security, seconded by John Cook and CARRIED.

Stephen Kelly advised that the wage discrepancy between timekeepers and assistant timekeepers has been ironed out and will be taken care of by July 1, 1953.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

1. Robert Lewis MOVED that permission be granted the Lions Club to erect bus shelters at the following locations:

Corner Hope and Mead Streets - Corner Weed Hill Ave. and Hope St.
 Corner Clearview Avenue and Hope St.

Motion was seconded by Joseph Carlin and CARRIED.

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2. Robert Lewis read the report relative to shortage of personnel in the Police Department. He also reported on an authorized parking space for the Mayor's car.

James Mulreed MOVED that these matters be referred back to the Committee, seconded by Patrick Hogan and CARRIED.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Joseph Caputo read the committee's report in Mr. Connors absence. Michael S. Grzelaczyk was recommended for the appointment to the Sewer Commission, term to expire December 1, 1952. Mr. Caputo MOVED his appointment, seconded by William Kaminski and CARRIED by a vote of 21 in favor, 7 opposed.

John Cameron suggested taking up Item 8 on the Agenda at this time, which was MOVED, seconded and CARRIED. This is to fill vacancy of Joseph Mancusi 3rd District Representative, recently resigned.

Joseph Caputo placed in nomination Michael Vitti of 2 Nurney Street to fill the vacancy in the third district, seconded by Patrick Scarella.

Joseph Carlin MOVED that nominations be closed, seconded by George Russell and CARRIED.

James Mulreed MOVED that the Clerk cast one ballot for election of Mr. Vitti, seconded and CARRIED.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Mr. Cameron read the committee report.

1. Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by Harold Clark, that the request made for a baseball pitching machine in Cummings Park be denied. CARRIED.

2. Petition from Long View Park. Helen Bromley MOVED that a letter be sent to the Planning Board, copy to the Septic and Drainage Committee, asking what the Planning Board has done about the petition as it was directed to them; also whether a five year bond is too long a period of time, seconded by Karl Young.

William Kaminski, seconded by Harold Clark, recommended amending such motion to ask that the Planning Board submit a reply to the Septic and Drainage Committee and Clerk of the Board before the December meeting. Amendment was accepted, and motion CARRIED.

Helen Bromley MOVED that the Planning & Zoning Committee consult with the Planning Board to see if it is not wise to cut the time of the approval bond to a lesser number of years and that the developer be requested to complete roads after a certain number of houses have been erected, seconded and CARRIED.

PETITIONS

Petition #128

Leon Staples MOVED, seconded by Robert Lewis, that permission be granted the Visiting Nurse Association of Stamford, Conn., Inc. to erect a double bar T.B. cross in St. John's Park and another exhibit in Central Park for the annual Christmas Seal sale. CARRIED.

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Petition #129

Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by Michael Holahan, that permission be granted the Bedford Street Association to erect and display the Nativity Tableau in Bedford Park for the month of December 1952. CARRIED.

Helen Bromley MOVED that the recommendation of the Steering Committee be followed and that the request from the Exchange Club of Stamford to use West Park for selling Christmas trees from December 10th to Christmas be DENIED, seconded and CARRIED. It was requested that a copy of this reply to the petition be sent to the majority and minority leaders.

The petition was denied because the use of city-owned property in the center of the City causes traffic hazard and congestion.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

John Cameron read the letter from the Planning Board on the progress report of the Police and Court Buildings. Joseph Carlin MOVED that same be referred to the Health & Protection Committee and Planning & Zoning Committee, seconded and CARRIED.

It was MOVED, seconded and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Babette S. Ransohoff, Clerk