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The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives was held on Monday, March 2, 1953 at the Burdick Junior High School.

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 P.M. by John L. Cameron, President.

Invocation was given by Reverend R.G. Hartley of the North Stamford Congregational Church.

Roll call was taken with 32 present and 7 absent - Mr. Rubino not yet sworn in. The absent members were Michael Vitti, Dr. Peter Somma, Robert Lewis, Leon C. Staples, John A. Sandor, Theodore Donohue and Babette S. Ransohoff. Mr. Donohue arrived later making the number present thirty-three.

Mayor Quigley then administered the oath of office to Mr. P. Wardham Collyer, recently elected member of the 5th District on the Board of Representatives.

Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by George Connors, to nominate Joseph Zdanowicz as temporary clerk in Mrs. Ransohoff's absence. Ralph Nau MOVED that nominations be closed, seconded and CARRIED. Joseph Zdanowicz was elected by unanimous vote.

Karl Young requested a correction on minutes of January 5, 1953 on Page 562. Change the word was to "were" in first line after COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

John Cook MOVED approval of minutes of January 5, 1953 with this correction, seconded and CARRIED.

Fiscal Committee

Helen Bromley Chairman, stated there was only one item pending which would be reported on by the Health & Protection Committee later on during this meeting regarding the \$2500. emergency appropriation for maintenance of patrol cars requested by the Police Department. *(insertion by general committee reporting at 7 minutes)*

Legislative & Rules Committee

James Mulreed, Chairman, stated that this committee had examined 26 bills affecting Stamford now before the General Assembly of the State Legislature and recommended the following action by the Board:

House Bill #156, reducing membership of The Board of Representatives from 40 members to 20 members. The Committee recommends opposing this bill.

The board, by unanimous vote, agreed to oppose this bill.

House Bill #163, dissolving the Town Housing Authority and transferring all of its assets and liabilities to the City Housing Authority. The committee recommends opposing this bill.

Helen Bromley submitted a report of the Fiscal Committee on its findings on this matter and very definitely recommended that the Town Housing Authority and City Housing Authority remain as two separate units, advising that a merger involving the turning over of assets of the Town Housing Authority to the City Housing Authority is not recommended. This detailed report is on file in the office of the Board of Representatives.

Helen Bromley MOVED to oppose this bill to abolish the Town Housing Authority, seconded by Patrick Hogan and CARRIED by a vote of 23 yeas and 9 nays.

House Bill #331 re pension for widow of James Giblin. The Committee makes no recommendation.

After much discussion, Helen Peatt and Patrick Scarella speaking for adoption of the bill and James Mulreed opposing because of the recently adopted pension

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plan for Classified Employees and also because this action might set a precedent, action was deferred at this time until action is taken on House Bill #765 later this evening.

Patrick Scarella MOVED to defer action on House Bill 331 until action is taken on House Bill 765, seconded by Clifford Waterbury and CARRIED.

House Bill #594 covering amendments to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board provisions now in the Charter.

James Mulreed stated that the Stamford Good Government Association is willing to accept the various suggested amendments proposed by the Legislative and Rules Committee and by the Planning Board, the most important of which is that the master plan may be approved by the Planning Board without the necessary reapproval of the Board of Representatives. This would remove one of the chief objections of those who had been opposed to this measure.

The following amendments to the bill submitted by the Stamford Good Government Association has been approved by them and the necessary changes will be made. The bill as presented to the General Assembly will be known as House Bill #594.

1. That Sec. 522.1 of the bill requiring Approval of the Master Plan by the Board of Representatives be deleted.
2. That the Planning Board be allowed to expand the number of categories of land use contained in the Master Plan as provided in Sec. 522 and that the categories be further defined.
3. That the cost of publishing a notice of a public hearing, required in Sec. 522.6 be borne by the petitioner.
4. That Sections 522.4 and 522.5 be amended to Provide that failure of the Board of Representatives to act on petitions relative to amendments of the Master Plan be deemed as sustaining the decision of the Planning Board and Zoning Board respectively.
5. That the provisions of Section 526 be deleted and the wording of House Bill #328 covering the methods of street acceptance, be substituted in lieu thereof.
6. That the last sentence of Sec. 504 limiting the tenure of office of the members of the Planning and Zoning Boards be deleted.

James Mulreed MOVED that we hear from Mr. H. Ames Richards, Jr. representing the Stamford Good Government Association, seconded by Joseph Carlin and CARRIED.

Mr. Richards spoke at some length for the endorsement of the proposed bill explaining the changes which were being made at the suggestion of the Planning Board.

James Mulreed MOVED that the Board endorse House Bill #594 seconded by Frederick Littleworth and CARRIED by a vote of 29 yeas, 3 nays - Mr. Kelly being absent from the room.

House Bill #755 placing the Commissioner of Finance under the Merit System. The Committee recommends opposing this bill.

James Mulreed MOVED, seconded by Helen Bromley that this bill be opposed and carried by a vote of 28 yeas and 4 nays, Mr. Kelly being absent from the room.

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House Bill #764 to add an officer or member of the Police and Fire Departments to the trustees of the Pension Fund. The Committee recommends endorsement of this bill.

James Mulreed MOVED endorsement of this bill, seconded by Clifford Waterbury, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

House Bill #765 stating that widows of all pensioners be covered for full pension. The committee recommends this be opposed in view of the long study given to the Classified Employees Pension recently adopted when it was felt this would be too costly to incorporate.

James Mulreed MOVED that this bill be opposed, seconded by Helen Bromley, and CARRIED by a vote of 26 yeas and 7 nays.

House Bill #331 re pension for widow of James Giblin. This was discussed earlier this evening and deferred until action was taken on House Bill #765.

Paul Plotkin MOVED, seconded by Webster Givens, to table the motion. Motion was defeated.

Helen Bromley opposed the bill because of setting a precedent.

On Motion of Patrick Scarella to endorse the bill, seconded by Helen Peatt, the motion was defeated by a vote of 7 yeas and 26 nays.

House Bill #773 appointing Kenneth Reid, now special officer, to a regular policeman.

House Bill #965 appointing Salvatore Tarantino, now special officer, to a regular policeman.

The Committee recommends that these two bills be opposed as there is a definite set-up provided for under the Merit System adequately covering appointments to the Police Department.

John Cook spoke in favor of Kenneth Reid, stating he had worked diligently and faithfully for more than five years in the second precinct.

James Mulreed MOVED that House Bill #773 granting regular police status to Kenneth Reid be opposed, seconded by Helen Bromley and defeated by 10 yeas and 22 nays.

House Bill #965 - Salvatore Tarantino. Frederick Littleworth MOVED to table the committee's recommendation as to this bill, seconded by Webster Givens, and CARRIED by a vote of 26 yeas, 7 nays.

House Bill #780 amending police and firemen's pensions plans giving credit for all time served including time as a supernumerary. The Committee makes no recommendation.

Helen Bromley MOVED to oppose this bill, seconded by George Connors and Carried UNANIMOUSLY 33 yeas.

House Bill #782 - adding 2% additional for each year served beyond the twenty-five required at present in the pension funds of the police or firemen. The Committee concurs if a change is made not to exceed a maximum pension of more than 2/3 pay as established in the Classified Employees Pension Plan.

James Mulreed MOVED adoption of this bill with the change as recommended by the Committee, seconded by Edward Hogan and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by 33 yeas.

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House Bill #791 requiring that the Chief of Police or Fire Department come up from the ranks. The Committee makes no recommendation.

Webster Givens MOVED, seconded by Patrick Scarella, that the Board take no action on this bill. Motion CARRIED.

Senate Bill #264 Strengthening the Provisions of the Merit System.

House Bill #326 Increasing the sum from \$200. to \$500. that the Purchasing Agent may purchase without advertising.

House Bill #327 Placing the position of Controller under the Merit System.

House Bill #328 which would require the City Engineer to specify road requirements and supervise acceptance thus relieving the Planning Board.

House Bill #329 a revision of the old "omnibus bill" which did not pass at the last session of the General Assembly.

House Bill #337 changing certain Titles in the Charter.

James Mulreed MOVED that all of the above listed bills from Senate Bill #264 through House Bill #337 be endorsed for adoption, seconded by Patrick Scarella, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

House Bill #427 - Providing a Penalty for contractors and developers for defective workmanship, misrepresentation or misappropriation of funds for construction so that prospective purchasers of new homes will be given a fair break.

Patrick Hogan MOVED, seconded by George Connors, to endorse adoption of this bill and further that a letter be sent to the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee informing the Committee of the action of this Board. Carried UNANIMOUSLY by a vote of 33 yeas.

House Bill #1025 re Custodian Pension Fund.

Helen Bromley MOVED that the Board oppose the bill in accordance with action on some of the other bills, seconded by Edward Hogan.

Fred Littleworth MOVED to table the Motion, seconded by William Murphy, and CARRIED.

William Kaminski MOVED that copies of the minutes of this meeting be sent to our representatives and our senator now in the Legislature.

James Mulreed amended this motion to include a letter to be sent to the Chairman of the City and Boroughs Committee in the present General Assembly indicating our action at this meeting on the proposed Legislature. Amendment accepted by Mr. Kaminski and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Licensing of Helicopter Operations

James Mulreed stated that in accordance with assurance given by Postmaster Kinsella and the Civil Aeronautical Authority, the committee recommends and he so MOVED that this board express its willingness to act favorably on an agreement, permit or lease that will be submitted for helicopter operations providing such operations will be confined to a small grassy field West of Magee Avenue, immediately south of the incinerator and the inclusion of a 90-day termination clause. This motion was seconded by Patrick Scarella and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution submitted by Webster Givens for a further study of administration of City Government was given consideration by the Steering Committee and this Committee reports that since it is too late for any action before the present session of the General Assembly, appointment of a committee for study of this matter should be strongly recommended to the Board which will take office after the November election in 1953. Mr. Givens concurred in this recommendation.

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Fred Littleworth MOVED acceptance of this recommendation, seconded by John Cook and CARRIED.

Helen Peatt Moved Suspension of the Rules to consider Item #7 on the Agenda at this time, seconded and CARRIED.

John ~~Cameron~~ MOVED that we hear from Corporation Counsel John Hanrahan on his findings as to the sufficiency of the bond for Long View Development and the assets of the company involved, seconded and CARRIED.

John Hanrahan, Corporation Counsel, advised that he had contacted the attorneys representing River Bend Corporation and stated that the Balance Sheet submitted by this firm at the time this Bond for Long Ridge Development was signed most definitely showed that they were sound for the \$30,000. at the time. However, he was not able to report whether asset position was liquid at this time or predict what the position would be at the time the bond would come due about 2½ years hence.

Edward Hogan and Patrick Scarella spoke in favor of considering an arrangement whereby the city would take immediate steps to complete the roads and arrange for later reimbursement by the developer; also they proposed appointment of a Special Committee to review and check costs as well as to negotiate an agreement with Mr. Chester Syska for reimbursement of funds.

It was agreed that the Chairman was to appoint a committee to attempt to draft a plan along these lines for submission to the next meeting of the Board. These appointments will be on record in the office of the Board of Representatives. Edward Hogan MOVED appointment of said special committee, seconded by Walter Seely and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Joseph Carlin MOVED for a five minute recess, seconded by John Cook. Motion defeated.

Request by Katherine Kaminski for legislative action restraining children of school age from using pin-ball machines in a manner which might lead to juvenile delinquency.

James Mulreed stated that this is already covered by State Laws and sees no reason for having local laws to amplify them. Mr. Mulreed MOVED, seconded by Katherine Kaminski that a letter be sent to the truant officer and probation officers, together with a copy of Mrs. Kaminski's letter, pointing out the dangers to our school children by the use of these machines.

Public Works Committee

David Waterbury, Chairman, submitted a report on the City Incinerator and Sewage Disposal Plant and made several recommendations.

Mr. Waterbury MOVED, seconded by John Canavan, that this report be submitted to the Mayor. Motion was CARRIED.

Mr. Waterbury also reported the committee's findings on storm drain conditions on Horton Street. David Waterbury MOVED acceptance of the report, seconded by Clifford Waterbury and Carried.

Helen Bromley MOVED that a copy of the report be sent to the Public Works Commissioner with a request that a report be submitted to the Board, seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED.

Personnel Committee

Mr. Carlin, Chairman, stated that fees for medical examinations are based on a uniform charge of \$5.00 per examination. He stated that it has been the practice

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to give a medical examination to all applicants qualifying for the supernumerary list. The Committee feels, and the Personnel Commission concurs, that this practice should be eliminated and that future appropriations for both civil and physical examinations given due consideration. This pertains to both Police and Fire Departments. Another examination is planned shortly and, if the above procedure is followed, another appropriation will be required.

Joseph Carlin MOVED acceptance of the report, seconded by Helen Bromley, and CARRIED.

Health & Protection Committee

John Cook reported in Robert Lewis' absence. At the February 2, 1953 meeting the emergency appropriation of \$2500. for maintenance of patrol cars in the Police Department was referred to this committee for further review, although it was approved by the Fiscal Committee.

John Cook MOVED approval of this emergency appropriation of \$2500. seconded by Helen Peatt and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, all present voting yea.

John Cook reported on the dangerous water hazard on Summer and Eight Streets opposite the Budget Market. The attorney, Aaron Weissman, for the property owners, advises that his clients will be notified to rectify this trouble; Mr. Weissman also stated that arrangements are being made to have this water hazard filled in.

John Cook MOVED that a letter be sent to the Building Inspector requesting that he see that this be taken care of in accordance with Ordinance #15 Supplemental of the Code of General Ordinances, seconded by Edward Hogan and Carried.

Appointments Committee

John Cameron read a letter from Mayor Quigley commenting on the action of the Board in declining approval of Mr. Samuel Gordon to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board. The Mayor requested that he be reconsidered for the appointment.

Joseph Carlin MOVED Suspension of the Rules to include this item on the Agenda, seconded and Carried.

George Connors read the report of the Appointments Committee submitted at the previous meeting.

A ballot vote was taken and counted by tellers, Longo and Young. Approval of the appointment of Samuel Gordon was defeated by a vote of 16 in favor, 17 opposed.

Two letters from the Mayor were also read by Mr. Cameron submitting the following names for appointments:

William A. Pflugner, Cedar Heights Road, Stamford for consideration as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals term to expire December 1, 1953.

Mrs. Richard Penfield, Riverbank Road, Stamford, Conn., for consideration as a member of the Board of Recreation term to expire December 1, 1957.

These were referred to the Appointments Committee to be voted on at the April 6, 1953 meeting.

Steering Committee Report

Mr. Cameron reported the appointment of Robert Lewis to the Steering Committee to replace Catherine Cleary.

The Steering Committee recommends the request of the Stamford Good Government Association proposing that strong representations be made to the State Highway

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Department in support of the 100 foot wide viaduct or elevated structure for the proposed Thruway along the north side of the railroad between Greenwich Avenue and Myrtle Avenue to East Main Street rather than the 325 foot wide earth embankment now proposed be endorsed.

Frederick Littleworth MOVED, seconded by Karl Young, Jr., that a letter be sent to the State Highway Department making strong representations to this effect. Unanimously Carried.

Michael Holahan presented a petition for the acceptance of Maitland Road. It was agreed to refer this to the Planning and Zoning Committee for attention.

Introduction of Ordinance

An Ordinance was introduced and read by James Mulreed for official publication prior to the April meeting when it will be given due consideration.

ORDINANCE to Authorize Sale of a Fifty (50') foot strip of City-Owned Property to Mary R. Smith.

BE IT ORDAINED BY STAMFORD THAT in conformity with Section 488 of the Stamford Charter and notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 31 of the Code of General Ordinances of Stamford, the sale to Mary R. Smith residing at East Hunting Ridge Road, of the following property, viz: a strip of approximately fifty feet starting at Rockrimmon Road where the property of the City of Stamford joins the property of the Rock Rimmon Development Company proceeding southerly along Rockrimmon Road for approximately 86 feet, thence generally westerly to the property of Mary R. Smith, all as set forth on a map by L. Bromfield, Jr. dated October 3, 1951 and filed with the Town and City Clerk, March 2, 1953, as Map 4637, entitled Proposed Purchase of Land belonging to the City of Stamford from Rockrimmon Road to land of Mary R. Smith of Stamford, for a consideration to be determined jointly by the Commissioner of Finance and the Assessor but in no event less than five hundred dollars, is hereby authorized provided the Mayor and the Board of Finance approve within ninety days of the date hereof.

The Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to act for the City to acknowledge receipt of the consideration required hereunder and to execute any and all documents necessary to transfer title to said property.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Helen Bromley MOVED acceptance of the Ordinance for introduction and publication, seconded by Edward Hogan and CARRIED.

Karl Young MOVED, seconded by Edward Hogan, that the Chairman of the Legislative & Rules Committee, James Mulreed, be authorized to represent the Board at the public hearing at Hartford on Stamford Day or that he be given power to delegate someone in his place to represent the Board.

Joseph Carlin MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 12:15, seconded and CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Zdanowicz
Temporary Clerk