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The adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Representatives was reconvened at 8:15 P.M. on April 20, 1953 at the Burdick Junior High School by John L. Cameron, President.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk. There were 29 members present, 11 absent. The absent members were: Joseph Vitti, John Charleson, John Canavan, John Sandor, Joseph Zdanowicz, John Rubino, Vito Longo, Karl Young, Edward Hogan, Dr. Somma and George Russell. Dr. Somma and George Russell arrived later, making the final attendance 31 present, 9 absent.

John Cameron stated that Mr. P. Wardham Collyer has been made a member of the Planning & Zoning Committee, replacing Catherine Cleary.

Helen Peatt MOVED for Suspension of the Rules for the purpose of presenting a petition, seconded by Clifford Waterbury and CARRIED.

Helen Peatt read a letter from the American Legion, Oscar H. Cowan Post No. 3, Inc. re holding a carnival from May 10 to May 17, 1953 on private grounds. Patrick Hogan pointed out that the matter should be sent to the Majority and Minority leaders since it was on private property. It was so ordered by the President.

#### Fiscal Committee

Helen Bromley, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, read the committee's recommendations. The committee commended the reductions made in the budget by the Board of Finance but stated the fiscal committee had discovered two omissions in the budget namely the \$325,000. for the Cafeteria Program of the Board of Education and \$19,253. for the High School Athletic activities. These items were included as additional items, as per letter transmitted to this Board, having been acted upon at a Special Meeting of the Board of Finance held tonight prior to our meeting. As the cafeteria program is entirely self-supporting, these monies will be returnable and will be so included in the item "Less Anticipated Revenue from Sources other than Taxation" in the Operating Budget. While the Athletic Program requires an appropriation of \$19,253, the anticipated revenue is \$17,850., leaving an approximate deficit of \$1403. representing the net cost of the Athletic Program to the community.

The committee feels a more accurate forecast of all anticipated revenues would present a clearer tax picture for everybody inasmuch as the figures have been approximately \$225,000.00 less than actual receipts. The committee has recommended cuts in appropriations totalling \$40,211.

A copy of the complete Fiscal Report is appended to these minutes as a part of these minutes. >

The Board then adopted the procedure of voting on the Budget by totals for each department, except for items where the Fiscal Committee recommended changes or where other Board members recommended changes. The items not specifically voted on were approved as submitted by the Board of Finance.

1. Traffic Engineer - The fiscal committee recommended reducing the item by \$300. to a total of \$1500. Joseph Carlin MOVED approval of the reduction, seconded by Patrick Hogan and DEFEATED.

Patrick Scarella MOVED that we hear from Mr. Gorman, Chairman of the Board of Finance, seconded and CARRIED. Mr. Gorman stated the Board had arrived at \$1800. annually by multiplying \$150. per month by twelve months.

Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of the \$1800. appropriation, seconded by Webster Givens and CARRIED by a vote of 27 yeas, 2 nays, Helen Bromley and Joseph Carlin dissenting.

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2. Tax Collector - Salary - The fiscal committee recommended cutting Code 575.1 Salaries by a sum of \$1711. inasmuch as the new Collector will start with a salary of \$6300. Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by Joseph Carlin that the salary of Tax Collector be reduced to \$6300. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by all members present voting "yea".

3. Board of Education - The committee recommended a reduction of \$20,000. and in so doing made suggestions of items they believed could be taken out of this year's budget without curtailing the education of the children. These items totalled more than \$20,000.

Joseph Carlin MOVED approval of a total of \$3,679,092, seconded by P. Wardham Collyer and CARRIED by a vote of 24 "yeas" and 6 "nays". The dissenting votes were Patrick Scarella, Stephen Kelly, William White, Paul Plotkin, Joseph Caputo, and George Connors.

Helen Bromley MOVED approval of \$19,253. for the Interscholastic Athletic Program of the High School and also \$325,000. for the Cafeteria Program as additions to the original budget, as per letter from the Board of Finance, such appropriations having been duly requested and having been approved by the Board of Finance at a Special meeting held earlier this evening, seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by all members voting "yea".

The total Board of Education budget with the above changes is \$4,035,752.00.

4. General Hospitals - Code 461A - Helen Bromley MOVED to reduce this appropriation from \$60,000. to \$50,000., seconded by Babette Ranschoff.

Patrick Scarella MOVED that we hear from Mr. Laturney, seconded by Robert Lewis and CARRIED.

Mr. Laturney stated he felt with the increased costs of hospital bills and with a possible raise in view that \$60,000. was necessary to carry this item. However, it is an item covering expenses of patients under welfare jurisdiction and there was no way of knowing just how much they would be as there was no way of knowing how many patients would be hospitalized during a year.

Robert Lewis amended the motion to approve \$60,000., seconded by Dr. Somma.

James Mulreed spoke to the amended motion, stating same should remain at \$60,000. inasmuch as the Board of Finance had already cut the appropriation by \$10,000.00.

Helen Bromley refused to accept the amendment.

The amendment to the motion was brought to question and the vote was 24 "yeas" and 6 "nays". The dissenting votes were Patrick Hogan, Michael Holahan, Helen Bromley, Wardham Collyer, Babette Ranschoff and Leon Staples. The motion as amended was declared CARRIED.

5. Sunset Home - Code 462.18 - Building Maintenance - Helen Bromley MOVED approval of \$9800., deducting the item of \$700. for the sterilizer and dishwasher, seconded by Patrick Hogan and Motion declared DEFEATED by a vote of 9 "yeas" and 22 "nays".

Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of appropriation of \$10,500. for Code 462.18, seconded by Harold Clark and declared CARRIED by a vote of 26 "yeas" and 3 "nays". Joseph Carlin, Patrick Hogan and Helen Bromley voted "nay".

6. Civilian Defense - Code 444.17 - Travel, Training and Gasoline. Helen Bromley MOVED that Code 444.17 be reduced from \$2000. to \$1500., a reduction of \$500., seconded by Joseph Carlin and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, all members present voting "yea".

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Code 444A - Operation equipment. Helen Bromley MOVED that this item be reduced from \$15000. to \$11000., a reduction of \$4000. inasmuch as the committee was advised that \$4000. or 1/2 cost of the rescue truck would be reimbursed by the Federal Government, seconded by Patrick Hogan.

Patrick Scarella MOVED, seconded by George Connors, that we hear from Mr. Charles Price, Director of Civil Defense.

After hearing from Mr. Price, question on the Motion raised and the motion was declared CARRIED by a vote of 24 "yeas" and 3 "nays". Webster Givens, Ralph Nau and John Cook voted "nay".

Robert Lewis, by permission of the Board, abstained from voting.

William Murphy left the meeting at this time.

7. Bureau of Highways and Maintenance - Code 412A-1 - Salaries. Helen Bromley MOVED that since there is only one mason on the payroll and no request has been placed with the Personnel Director for another one, the salary item be reduced by \$3840. and the total changed to \$253,390., seconded by Ralph Nau and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, all members present voting "yea".

8. Bureau of Highways Yard #2 - Code 412B-1 - Salaries. Helen Bromley MOVED that the item for the Blacksmith salary of \$3600. be deducted inasmuch as the position had not been filled for more than two years, seconded by Michael Holahan.

Mr. Chase who was asked to speak on the item stated that it had been impossible to hire a blacksmith although they were still seeking one.

George Connors MOVED to amend the motion to include the blacksmith salary and to change the total to be appropriated to \$24,104., seconded by Katherine Kaminski.

Helen Bromley refused to accept the amendment.

The question of the amendment to the Motion was voted upon and approved by a vote of 16 "yeas" and 13 "nays". The dissenting votes were P. Wardham Collyer, Walter Seely, Leon Staples, David Waterbury, Michael Holahan, Frederick Littleworth, Patrick Hogan, Dr. Francis Dolan, Babette S. Ransohoff, Joseph Carlin, Helen Bromley, Ralph Nau and Webster Givens.

Stephen Kelly MOVED the approval of the total of Bureau of Highways Yard #2 for \$25004., seconded by Katherine Kaminski, and approved by a vote of 22 "yeas" and 7 "nays". The dissenting votes were Patrick Hogan, Michael Holahan, Helen Bromley, Frederick Littleworth, Dr. Somma, Ralph Nau and Babette Ransohoff.

9. All other items were approved unanimously as recommended by the Board of Finance.

10. Helen Bromley MOVED that the total of the Operating Budget be approved with the corrections and changes made as previously recorded, seconded by Joseph Carlin and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, all members voting "yea".

Meeting recessed to 11: P.M. by request of the Chairman.

#### CAPITAL BUDGET

John Cameron requested that we proceed with the Capital Budget by total on each page unless the Fiscal Committee requests a change in any particular item.

1. Storm Drains - Page 3.

James Mulreed MOVED, seconded by Michael Holahan, that we hear from Mr.

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Manning and also Mr. Tuttle on item 4, Stillwater Road - McWilliams in connection with proposed work on Long View Park Development.

Mr. Manning stated that this was simply to take the excessive water from Stillwater Avenue to storm drains which would eventually go to the stream and would not in any way be a part of the Long View Park Development plan or add to the drainage problem there. Mr. Tuttle concurred with this.

Helen Bromley MOVED appropriation of \$203,059. for Storm Drains, seconded by Patrick Scarella and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, all members present voting "yea".

2. Police Department - Page 6 of Capital Budget

Helen Bromley MOVED to delete the \$64,000. item, seconded by Patrick Hogan.

Robert Lewis MOVED that we hear from Mayor Quigley on this subject, seconded and CARRIED.

Mayor Quigley spoke of the present need for a Police Building, one that we could afford to build. He stated that the original request of \$200,000. had already been reduced to \$64,000. by the Board of Finance, but if this amount was granted by this Board, plans and land preparation of the site could be completed and he would then return for an emergency appropriation to build.

Babette Ransohoff MOVED to hear from Mr. Sherman Hoyt, Chairman of the Planning Board, seconded by Helen Peatt and CARRIED.

Mr. Hoyt spoke of previous plans for a police and court building and the need for some additional planning as well as the preparation of the site if the proposed building were to be built; also that the Planning Board had conferred with builders whose price would indicate the building would run above \$200,000. with alterations required to fit Stamford's needs.

The Motion was brought to question and the Chairman declared it DEFEATED.

Paul Plotkin MOVED the appropriation of \$64,000., seconded by George Connors and CARRIED by a vote of 23 "yeas" and 5 "nays". Patrick Hogan, Leon Staples, Helen Bromley, Joseph Carlin and Michael Holahan voting "nay". Babette Ransohoff abstained from voting with permission of the Board.

3. Board of Education - Page 8 of Capital Budget

Wardham Collyer MOVED that we hear from Mr. Neuwein on the Bond issues, seconded by Patrick Scarella and CARRIED.

Mr. Neuwein stated that the Vidal Park School would be needed whether the new housing development is built or not. He said the bonds on the Murphy and North Franklin Schools would probably be issued in August and the Vidal Park School sometime during late October or early November.

4. Helen Bromley MOVED approval of \$3,113,461. for the Capital Budget, seconded by Patrick Hogan and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, all members present voting "yea".

John Cameron submitted a resolution re adoption of the Operating and Capital Budget for the Fiscal year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954. Robert Lewis MOVED approval, seconded by Helen Bromley and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, all members present voting "yea".

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Resolution #160 - Adoption of the Operating and Capital Budgets from July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954.

WHEREAS the Board of Finance has transmitted to the Board of Representatives its recommended budget for the City of Stamford for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 1953 and ending June 30, 1954 for final action thereon by the Board of Representatives.

BE IT RESOLVED BY STAMFORD that the itemized estimate of receipts and expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year 1953-1954 in the budgets as submitted by the Mayor and as acted upon by the Board of Finance and as finally acted upon and considered by the Board of Representatives in the amount of

- a. \$8,416,609.88      Operating Budget
- b. \$3,113,461.00      Capital Budget

be and is hereby accepted, adopted and approved and specific appropriations are hereby made for each of the several items in the amounts appearing in the columns of the budget under the heading of "Board of Representatives" recording the approval or other action of this Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the projects contained in the Capital Budget are to be financed as follows:

- 1. \$ 624,961.00      Current Taxation
- 2. \$2,488,500.00      Municipal Bonds
- \$3,113,461.00

Dated at Stamford, Connecticut, this 20th day of April 1953.

On motion of Joseph Carlin the meeting adjourned at 12:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Babette S. Ransohoff  
Clerk