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The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives, Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Wednesday, September 9, 1953 at the Burdick Junior High School. John L. Cameron, President, called the meeting to order at 8:12 P.M.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk. There were 27 present and 13 absent. The absent members list as follows: Joseph Caputo, Paul Plotkin, Michael Vitti, Clifford Waterbury, Dr. Peter Somma, Dr. Abraham Stigler, John Canavan, Vito Longo, John Cook, Joseph Carlin, Edward Hogan, Patrick Scarella and Ralph Ndu. Patrick Scarella arrived later making the attendance 28 present and 12 absent.

John Cameron submitted minutes of August 3, 1953 for approval, William Kaminski MOVED that a correction be made on Page 614, fifth paragraph, changing "William Kaminski MOVED" to read "Patrick Hogan MOVED", seconded and CARRIED.

Walter Seely MOVED that the minutes of August 3, 1953 be accepted as corrected, seconded by Robert Lewis and CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

1. James Mulreed stated that the Master Plumbers Association requested a meeting to clarify the Building Code re the installation of plumbing by the home owner. As a result of the meeting, the committee drew up an amendment to the Building Code which would clarify that particular wording in the Code. Since then other matters of a serious nature have arisen which will involve further interpretation of the Building Code. It will be necessary to further amplify our Building Code to safeguard the Building Code as it was originally intended to be. James Mulreed MOVED that this be referred back to committee to be reported on at the October meeting, seconded by Leon Staples and CARRIED.

2. James Mulreed submitted an ordinance re abandoned ice boxes, refrigerators, storage cabinets, etc., and MOVED that same be accepted for publication, seconded by Stephen Kelly.

Robert Lewis MOVED to amend the motion, to dispense with prior publication according to Section 204.1 of the Charter inasmuch as this matter is an emergency, seconded by Wardham Collyer.

James Mulreed explained that while he was not personally opposed to the amendment, he felt it should be voted on separately and, therefore, he could not accept the amendment to his motion. The amendment was voted on and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The Motion, as amended, to adopt the ordinance was then voted upon and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ordinance #25 Supplemental - Re Abandoned or Discarded Refrigerators, Ice-Boxes, etc., of Three Cubic Feet or more.

BE IT ORDAINED BY STAMFORD that Chapter 11, Section 11 of the Code of General Ordinances be amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:

No refrigerator, ice box or other container equipped with a self-locking door or cover and of a capacity of three cubic feet or more, shall be abandoned, discarded or stored while not in use, except in a locked store-room, without first removing the door or cover or removing therefrom the self-locking device.

Patrick Hogan MOVED that the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford request Mayor Quigley to propose to the U. S. Conference of Mayors that they exert as much influence as possible upon the manufacturers and designers of refrigerators, ice-boxes and receptacles equipped with outside locking and opening devices only, to install on those pieces of equipment inside opening devices so that no further fatalities, as occurred recently, will occur from new equipment. The U. S. Conference of Mayors should be an expression of municipal opinion of the United

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States and Canada and the expression of such a representative and responsible body should have a salutary effect upon designers and manufacturers of such equipment. Motion was seconded by George Connors and CARRIED.

3. James Mulreed presented for consideration an ordinance re Sale of City Owned Property, validating the sale of City Owned Property at the Auction Sale held on January 5, 1953, thereby ratifying all said deeds; also another ordinance with reference to future sales of such property, thereby amending Supplemental Ordinance #11.

James Mulreed stated that this matter had just been received from the Corporation Counsel and had not had the consideration of the committee. However, he felt that the first portion was an emergency and suggested that same be adopted immediately without prior publication according to Section 204.1 of the Charter. James Mulreed MOVED to hear from Corporation Counsel John Hanrahan as to whether this could be acted upon as two separate ordinances, seconded and CARRIED.

John Hanrahan stated that there was no reason why these matters could not be acted upon individually, stating that there was no emergency re the amendment to Supplemental Ordinance #11.

Mrs. Bromley asked the Corporation Counsel if the ordinance proposed for adoption without prior publication referred only to properties disposed of at the Auction Sale held on January 5, 1953 and the answer was "yes".

James Mulreed MOVED that the provision of Section 204.1 of the Charter relative to the introduction of a publication of proposed ordinances be dispensed with by vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of this Board to permit the introduction of and action on the following ordinance, seconded by Patrick Scarella and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORDINANCE #26 Supplemental - VALIDATION, RATIFICATION AND AFFIRMATION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTIES SOLD AT AUCTION SALE ON JANUARY 5, 1953.

BE IT ORDAINED BY STAMFORD that the Auction sale of City-Owned properties held on January 5, 1953, is hereby validated, ratified and affirmed, notwithstanding the fact that the prior approval of this board was given after March 1952, and that such sale occurred more than two months after the approval for the same, as required by Chapter 31, of the Code of General Ordinances of Stamford, was given by the Board of Representatives; and all deeds and instruments of conveyance given or to be given pursuant to and resulting from said sale are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

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

James Mulreed MOVED that the other matter re amending Supplemental Ordinance #11 of the Code of General Ordinances be referred back to Committee as the committee had not had time to consider whether certain changes would be necessary, seconded by Patrick Hogan and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

George Connors asked to be excused.

4. BUILDING LINES

* Finance Board

Mr. Mulreed reported on the meeting called by Mayor Quigley on Building Lines. The meeting comprised members of the Planning Board, Corporation Counsel, Fiscal and Legislative & Rules Committee and Steering Committee of the Board of Representatives. Although the meeting had no legal effect, it did at least give the Mayor an indication that each of those present were of the opinion that the Boards realized the possible financial implications in establishing building lines and the necessity of nevertheless proceeding with the program initiated by this Board.

Babette Ransohoff MOVED that the Legislative & Rules Committee Report be accepted, seconded by Helen Peatt and CARRIED.

Public Works Committee

Webster Givens submitted the Committee report on Scofieldtown Dump stating conditions had not been improved and because of the health and fire nuisance requested that earth back-fill be put on the dump each day it is operated; also that private carriers be charged a larger fee for the use of said dump.

Karl Young MOVED, seconded by Helen Bromley, for Suspension of Rules, to permit Mr. Cameron to read the two letters from the Mayor on this matter. CARRIED.

The Mayor's letters which are on file, indicated that it would be impossible to operate additional shifts at the incinerator while new stokers are being installed; also that a meeting would be held in the evening of September 11, 1953 and an engineering firm will be chosen to make the survey of the sewage, garbage and refuse situation of Stamford.

Robert Lewis MOVED that Mr. Chase of the Public Works Department be heard, seconded and CARRIED.

Mr. Chase stated that several hundred yards of earth had been placed on the dump, but because of the highly combustible material being dumped by industries plus the very dry spell, it was almost impossible to halt fires; he added that the tonage in the past ten years had practically tripled.

Webster Givens MOVED that the first part of the report be accepted and that the matter of fees be referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee, seconded by Helen Peatt and CARRIED.

Karl Young submitted a minority report on the Broad Street bridge. Webster Givens questioned propriety of calling it a minority report since none of the members of the Public Works Committee had been consulted on the matter. Upon ruling of the chair that the matter could not be considered a committee report and could only be considered under suspension of the rules, Karl Young MOVED for Suspension of the Rules to place the matter before the Board, seconded by Patrick Scarella and CARRIED.

Karl Young submitted his report on the Broad Street bridge stating that Main "1" Beam was badly rusted, penetration in some parts nearly through the web, thereby estimating loss in beam strength of some 25 to 30%. It would appear that the bridge is unsafe for heavy loads and that the passing of two heavy trucks at the same time might be dangerous. It is suggested that a load limit be placed on the bridge and posted until repair or replacement is made and that funds for replacement be included in next year's budget. He felt that regular traffic or ambulance traffic at this time was safe.

James Mulreed MOVED that the Police Department be requested to place signs on the bridge approaches indicating the Safe Capacity Load.

Robert Lewis MOVED to amend this motion that the Police Department confer with the City Engineering Department for the correct capacity, seconded by Karl Young.

James Mulreed accepted the amendment. The Motion, as amended, was CARRIED.

Liaison Committee of the Welfare Survey

John Cameron, Chairman of this committee, submitted the report, copy of which had been distributed to each member of the Board and is on file at the office of the Board of Representatives.

It was felt that no further steps could be taken until the Commissioner of Finance had made arrangements for the new tabulating machine work in the tax department and until the State law affecting administration of state aid, could be evaluated in relation to the local department.

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Babette Ransohoff MOVED for acceptance of the report and the continuance of the Liaison Committee of the Welfare Survey, seconded by Michael Holahan and CARRIED.

James Mulreed MOVED that this Committee be given a vote of thanks for the obvious amount of thought and effort on this matter in drawing up this report, seconded by Babette Ransohoff and CARRIED.

Sub-Committee of Planning & Zoning Committee

Mrs. Ransohoff reported that it would be necessary to rescind Resolution #162 adopted July 6, 1953 inasmuch as the interest rate had been changed by the Federal Government from 3% to 3-1/8%, involving a change of approximately \$1.88.

Mrs. Ransohoff MOVED that the new Resolution be adopted covering this change, seconded by Joseph Zdanowicz and CARRIED.

Resolution #164

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION OF A FIRST AMENDATORY CONTRACT AMENDING CONTRACT FOR ADVANCE 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 First Amendatory Contract (herein called the "Amendatory Contract"), to amend that certain Contract for Advance No. UR Conn. A-16, dated the 20th day of June, 1952, 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 Amendatory Contract in two counterparts on behalf of the Local Public Agency, and the City and 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 as may be required by the Government.

SECTION 3. The approval given by this Board of Representatives on July 6, 1953, to a proposed First Amendatory Contract, dated as of the 15th day of June, 1953, amending Contract for Advance No. UR Conn. A-16, by and between the City of Stamford and the United States of America, is hereby rescinded and said proposed First Amendatory Contract shall be of no force or effect.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mrs. Ransohoff stated that Mr. Mark Harris, Executive Director, Urban Re-development Commission, advises that a public hearing on the East Meadow Street Project will be held shortly and that proper notification will be made in the Advocate.

Planning & Zoning Committee

Joseph Zdanowicz stated that he had received no reports on the various streets pending acceptance from the City Engineer and, therefore, had nothing to report.

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HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Robert Lewis submitted the monthly training reports of the Police and Fire Departments. He also stated that matters of lighting and traffic conditions at Myano Lane and Connecticut Avenue were being checked and that a full report would be submitted at the October meeting.

Helen Bromley MOVED that the report be accepted, seconded by Harold Clark and CARRIED.

Helen Bromley stated that in speaking with ~~Mayor Quigley~~ *Jo F Manning* that he had indicated that lights would be installed shortly.

Karl Young read a letter from one of the residents of that project stating facts of the poor lighting and traffic conditions that might have been the cause of the recent death of a five year old child.

Letters from the Mayor

A letter from the Mayor was read advising the election results of Urban Redevelopment Commission officers for the coming year as follows:

William Pitt, Chairman
Frank X. Lennon, Vice-Chairman
Joseph A. Dombroski, Secretary
Pat DeLuca, Treasurer

7 app officers

Letters submitting names for appointments to the following Boards were also read:

Gerald J. Rybnick, 907 Cove Road - Democrat	Board of Tax Review Term expiring December 1, 1957
Alfons Bach 2351 Summer Street	Urban Redevelopment Commission Term expiring August 7, 1958

Patrick Scarella MOVED, that these two names be referred to the Appointments Committee for consideration, seconded and CARRIED.

Steering Committee Report

John Cameron submitted the committee report and read the letter from the Planning Board re the traffic situation at Broad and River Streets.

George Russell MOVED, seconded by Frederick Littleworth, that the report be accepted, seconded and CARRIED.

John Cameron read a letter from Mayor Quigley in reply to the Board's request made at the August 3, 1953 meeting for data to alleviate flood conditions of the Rippowam River.

George Connors MOVED that this be referred to the Public Works Committee, seconded by Karl Young and CARRIED.

PETITIONS

Petition #148 - Stamford Community Chest requesting permission to use Red Feather Symbol in various parks.

Robert Lewis MOVED, seconded by Helen Peatt that permission be granted the Stamford Community Chest to erect Red Feather Symbols in the various parks as requested, during the month of October 1953. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1953BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR

The letters from John Hanrahan, Corporation Counsel, were read concerning amending the Capital Projects Budget and it was the opinion of Mr. Carley, representative bond counsel, that in order to amend the Budget it would require 2/3 vote of those present at the meeting of the Board, and stating that Mr. Carley was reviewing the entire record with a view to further recommendations. With this clarification, it would appear that the Capital Projects Budget of 1953-1954 had not been amended and that if an amendment is to be proposed, it will be necessary to start from the beginning.

Robert Lewis MOVED to adjourn at 11: P.M., seconded and CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Babette S. Ransohoff
Clerk