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The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives, Stamford, Connecticut was held on Monday, November 16, 1953, at the Burdick Junior High School. John L. Cameron, President, called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M.

Invocation was given by Reverend C. Robert Nielsen of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Helen Bromley MOVED to nominate Walter Seely as Temporary Clerk in Mrs. Ransohoff's absence, seconded by Patrick Hogan.

John Cook MOVED that nominations be closed, seconded and CARRIED.

By UNANIMOUS vote Mr. Walter Seely was appointed Temporary Clerk.

John Cameron stated that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 5, 1953, adjourned to October 14, 1953, had just been received and that a recess would be given later in the meeting to read same through so that the minutes would be acted on by the present board.

Roll call was taken by the Temporary Clerk. There were 24 present and 16 absent. The sixteen members were Clifford Waterbury, Dr. Peter J. Somma, Gordon Paterson, Leon C. Staples, Dr. Abraham Sigler, James Mulreed, Frederick Littleworth, John A. Sandor, Joseph Zdanowicz, Dr. Francis Dolan, Vito Longo, Babette Ransohoff, Joseph Carlin, Karl Young, Jr., Ralph Nau and Webster Givens. The following members arrived later (James Mulreed, Joseph Zdanowicz, Ralph Nau and Dr. Dolan) changing the attendance to 28 present and 12 absent.

#### Fiscal Committee

1. Helen Bromley stated the committee approved granting \$700. for Code 571.4 requested by the Board of Taxation to cover cost of printing (~~two jobs being statutory requirements~~). Helen Bromley MOVED approval of this emergency appropriation, seconded by Patrick Hogan and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. *1/15/54*

2. Helen Bromley MOVED, with committee's approval, that the transfer of \$480. from SUNDRIES to Code 440.18 General Repairs to Buildings covering cost of furnishing materials to rewire the light and power board in the cellar of the Safety Center from present inadequate set-up to 200 Ampere Four Wire Three Phase be approved, seconded by Robert Lewis and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. *✓ 8*

3. Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by George Connors, that the following emergency appropriations be granted covering pensions for the following retired policemen and a fireman:

\$1,423.75 for Pension for Patrolman John J. Burke from October 15, 1953 to June 30, 1954. *✓ 8*

\$1,480.70 for Pension for Patrolman Francis J. Kane from October 15, 1953 to June 30, 1954. *✓ 8*

\$1,423.75 for Pension for Fireman David W. Burke from October 16, 1953 to June 30, 1954. *✓ 8*

4. Helen Bromley MOVED with committee's approval, that an emergency appropriation of \$500. for Code 430.27 investigation and Travel be granted, seconded by Helen Peatt and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. *✓ 8*

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John Cameron asked that the Board recess at this time to review the minutes of the regular meeting of October 5, 1953, adjourned to October 14, 1953.

John Cook MOVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 5, 1953 adjourned to October 14, 1953 be approved as submitted, seconded by John Canavan and CARRIED.

#### HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Robert Lewis, Chairman submitted the regular monthly reports from the Police and Fire Departments on the training program.

#### APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

George Connors, Chairman, submitted the committee report approving the appointment of John E. Sotire to the Zoning Board.

Ballots were distributed to the 27 members then present by the tellers David Waterbury and William Murphy. The votes were counted and appointment of John E. Sotire to the Zoning Board, term expiring December 1, 1953, was confirmed by a vote of 14 in favor, 13 opposed.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

John Cameron read a letter from Mayor Quigley thanking the members of the Board of Representatives for excellent cooperation as well as for the sacrifice of time and effort given as a public service.

#### PEITIONS

##### Petition #150 - Christmas Seal Sale Committee

Steve Kelly MOVED that permission be granted this committee to erect the T. B. Double Barred Cross in St. John's Park, as well as the use of Central Park for another exhibit for the 46th Annual Christmas Seal Sale, seconded by John Canavan and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

##### Petition #151 - Nativity Tableau at Bedford Park by Bedford Street Association

Robert Lewis MOVED, seconded by Ralph Nau, that permission be granted the Bedford Street Association to use Bedford Park during the pre-Christmas Season for a large Nativity Tableau. The motion was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### Steering Committee Report

John Cameron submitted the report and Robert Lewis MOVED that same be placed on file seconded and CARRIED.

#### SUB-COMMITTEE OF PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Mr. Cameron stated that Mrs. Ransohoff had requested him to inform the Board that a detailed report from the sub-committee was being prepared and would be ready for distribution shortly and had suggested that it be made available to the members of the incoming Board who would have to act on the matter.

Helen Bromley MOVED that the report from the sub-committee re the Urban Re-development Commission Meadow Street Project be sent to all members of the incoming Board, seconded by Ralph Nau and CARRIED.

#### LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

James Mulreed, as Chairman, referred to the action of the recent General Assembly approving of a Parking Authority for Stamford. He indicated that the

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Parking Authority under the terms of this legislative act had asked us for permission to acquire by lease a certain tract of land for use of parking facilities, and produced a map which accompanied a letter from the Parking Authority. Mr. Mulreed then described the footage shown on said map. He pointed that the map received showed only one right-of-way measuring 9.87 feet to Beckley Avenue.

Mr. Mulreed stated that he was speaking as only one member of the committee as his committee had not been able to meet on the matter. He questioned the suitability of the property because the access to the property would not provide passage for two cars. He said he had discussed the situation with Mr. Katz, chairman of the Parking Authority, who stated the map sent was incorrect. Mr. Mulreed MOVED that we hear from Mr. Katz so that this might be explained, seconded by Helen Bromley and CARRIED.

Mr. Katz stated that Mr. Hanrahan has possession of the lease on said property which details the description of property, egress and exits, length of lease and possibility of purchase. The City has Mr. Hanrahan as Counsel and the owners are represented by Mr. Dimenstein. He stated the lease is a 10 year lease, at \$1200. annually for the first five years, with option of renewal at \$1800. annually for the remaining five years; also an option to purchase at any time within the period of said lease. It is understood that the owners are still liable for all taxes.

Joseph Zdanowicz who had been preparing the report of the Planning & Zoning Committee joined the meeting at this point.

James Mulreed asked Mr. Katz if he had any knowledge that the map submitted was incorrect and also whether there had been any indication on the part of the owners as to the alternate purchase price.

Paul Plotkin MOVED that this discussion be deferred until Mr. Hanrahan's arrival and that we proceed with the report of the Planning & Zoning Committee at this time, seconded and CARRIED.

#### PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Joseph Zdanowicz, Chairman, stated the committee report was a two man report as he was unable to arrange with the other members for the meeting and asked for a ruling of the Chair as to whether such report was acceptable. The Chair indicated that unless there was objection from a member of the Board, the report would be considered.

There being no objection the report was submitted and considerable discussion evolved over the acceptance of certain portions of streets, particularly when such portion does not have access to an already accepted road. After some lengthy debate the following action was taken.

Joseph Zdanowicz MOVED that the following streets and portions of streets be accepted as public highways, seconded and CARRIED.

1. 1120' of the newly constructed Thunder Hill Drive.
2. Remaining 435' more or less of Dora Street.
3. Second Section of Jeanne Court, 480' more or less.
4. Sound View Drive - 1360' more or less
5. Remainder of Hartswood Road, approximately 1255'.
6. Ayers Drive, 719' approximately.
7. Second Section of Doolittle Road, approximately 1043.41'.

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8. Little Hill Drive, 1340'9. Denver Road, 360'

George Russell MOVED that action on acceptance of Janice Road be referred back to Committee re the question raised on proper disposal of drainage water in accordance with arrangements of the developer and a certain property owner as described by Mrs. Peatt, seconded by James Mulreed and CARRIED.

Joseph Zdanowicz MOVED that acceptance of Skyline Lane be referred back to Committee for action at the December meeting, until such committee is properly advised of the number of feet to be accepted, seconded by Paul Plotkin.

James Mulreed MOVED to amend the motion to provide that the City accept said street as soon as the Board is notified by the City Engineer of footage involved but after discussion withdrew his amendment.

Original motion was brought to question and CARRIED.

Joseph Zdanowicz stated that to date the Planning Board had not accepted Mr. Munko's plan of development, and asked that the incoming Planning & Zoning Committee expedite acceptance of this request.

Joseph Zdanowicz submitted a detailed outline for petitioners to submit on acceptance of roads which would be helpful to the new Planning & Zoning Committee. This report would list Date of Petition, Name of Petitioner, Length and Description of Road, Map bearing Title, Planning Board Approval Date and File No. at City Clerk's Office, Term of Bond \_\_\_ years and Signatures of Petitioners.

James Mulreed MOVED acceptance of proposed form, seconded and CARRIED.

Joseph Zdanowicz asked if he should read the balance of his report which covered pending matters to be carried over and Mr. Stephen Kelly asked to hear it.

James Mulreed MOVED that a copy of the remainder of the report be sent to the members of the incoming board, seconded and CARRIED.

James Mulreed expressed a vote of thanks to Joseph Zdanowicz for his excellent work while on the Board and MOVED acceptance of the report, subject to the specific action previously referred to, seconded by John Canavan and CARRIED.

#### LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

John Hanrahan, holding in his possession the ten year lease on the proposed Parking Authority option, was asked to speak.

Mr. Hanrahan stated that the lease covers two tracts of property, one of 62' front on Cottage Street with a 75' depth, with terms of lease stating building must be demolished and will open up for right of way. Second tract has a 9' right of way on Beckley Avenue and on the East a 25' right of way subject to the lease itself. Gross rent of said property is \$100. monthly.

James Mulreed asked if anything is stated in proposed lease giving the City the right of renewal and any statement indicating the price which the City might accept or reject as purchase price of said property.

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Mr. Hanrahan stated the City has option to renew said lease in five years with a rental increase of \$50. monthly. With respect to the purchase, it is provided that in the event of a bonafide offer to purchase, the Parking Authority has the privilege or right to buy the property at the same price offered by the buyer.

Mr. Mulreed read the letter from the Planning Board on consideration of acceptance of proposed lease subject to two conditions. This letter will be on file at the Office of the Board of Representatives.

Mrs. Bromley stated the minutes of our last meeting showed the lease to be of one year's duration whereas it is now proposed for five years, with five year renewal. Mr. Hanrahan indicated this must be a misunderstanding as the letter from the Parking Authority had referred to a five year lease.

Mr. Katz, Chairman of the Parking Authority, was asked to speak again. He stated the property should amply take care of parking 100 cars and estimating four hours daily the income should be approximately \$20. daily or on a 25 day monthly basis, an income of \$500. This income will amply take care of the rent, insurance and improvements such as black top, etc. The estimated cost of improvements will be about \$7,000. and the income will more than offset the projected outlay over a five year period.

James Mulreed contended that this would merely be improving the rear of the Gelb property with a greater appreciation value and MOVED, that it be referred to Committee for further study.

After further discussion it was voted to defer action by a vote of 16 in favor, 8 opposed.

William Kaminski MOVED that consideration of adoption of the three ordinances on the agenda be deferred to the December meeting; also that the Resolution re Street Lighting be deferred to the December meeting, seconded and CARRIED.

Mr. Cameron thanked the members for their cooperation and helpfulness during the period he had acted as President and bespoke the same spirit during the coming session of the Board.

Helen Bromley submitted a congratulatory message to Mr. Shephard, Mr. Cameron, Mrs. Ransohoff and all the members of the Board for their tireless efforts and cooperation.

Patrick Hogan MOVED, seconded by Michael Holahan, that said message be incorporated as a part of the minutes. CARRIED.

"This being the final meeting of the present Board, as majority leader, I wish to congratulate all the members for their unselfish service to our City. I especially wish to compliment Mr. Bob Shephard and you, Mr. Cameron, for acting as Presiding officers in a fair and efficient manner. To Mrs. Ransohoff who proved herself a very capable clerk and also to all committee Chairmen whose study of all problems within their jurisdiction guided us in our decisions. To those who are retiring I want to express our thanks and to those who are continuing I hope that they will continue to serve on the same high plane as they have in the past. In other words, a vote of thanks to everyone on the present Board and I know that the fine friendships formed here will continue."

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John Cook MOVED that the meeting adjourn, seconded and CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Seely  
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