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The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, December 7, 1953 at the Burdick Junior High School. The meeting was called to order by Alphonse Jachimczyk, Clerk, in absence of the President, George V. Connors, at 8:15 P.M.

Alphonse Jachimczyk requested nominations for temporary President in the absence of George Connors.

Helen Bromley MOVED to nominate William Kaminski as temporary President, seconded by Joseph Caputo.

Thomas Topping Moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Dwight Marshall.

William Kaminski took the Chair, one ballot being cast by the Clerk.

William Kaminski introduced Rev. Nicholas N. Metropolsky of St. Mary's Russian Orthodox Church who delivered the invocation.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk. There were 35 present and 5 absent. The following members were absent: Martin Cash, Robert Lewis, George Connors, George Russell and Patrick Scarella. Patrick Scarella arrived later, changing the attendance to 36 present and 4 absent.

William Kaminski submitted minutes of November 16, 1953 for approval.

Helen Bromley MOVED that a correction be made on Page 638, under Item 1, of the Fiscal Committee by deleting the phrase "(two jobs being statutory requirements)".

John Cook MOVED, seconded by Edward Ryba that the minutes be accepted. This motion was withdrawn.

Wardham Collyer MOVED to defer action until the January meeting so that the minutes may be properly reviewed by all, seconded by James Mulreed and CARRIED.

William Kaminski requested that a correction be made on the already accepted minutes of October 14, 1953 changing "one" year lease to "five" year lease appearing on Page 631, under Parking Authority.

James Mulreed MOVED that the correction be made, seconded by Helen Bromley and CARRIED.

Joseph Iacovo MOVED that the members of the Board of Representatives pay respect to the late Chief of Police John Brennan for his loyalty and devotion to duty and service to our Community by standing for one minute in meditated silence, seconded by Hayes Hoyt and CARRIED.

The Board rising stood in meditated silence for one minute in respect to the late Chief John B. Brennan of the Stamford Police Department.

#### Fiscal Committee

Patrick Hogan MOVED under Suspension of the Rules to submit a resolution opposing request for an increase at this time in bus rates by the Connecticut Company, seconded by Helen Bromley and CARRIED.

Patrick Hogan submitted a resolution for consideration and a lengthy discussion followed.

Irving Snyder MOVED <sup>to Amend</sup> that the following statement be added to Mr. Hogan's resolution "Furthermore that the Connecticut Company be requested to extend its

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service to those sections of the City where it is deemed necessary and where its service is not at present obtainable, seconded by Helen Bromley.

Discussion followed on infringement of a private bus company franchise and it was the feeling generally that "better service and Better Accommodations" covered the matter.

Irving Snyder withdrew his amendment and question on the motion was brought to the floor. MOTION WAS DECLARED CARRIED.

Resolution #165 -- Opposed to Further Increase in Bus Fares

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford records itself as being opposed to a further increase in fares by the Connecticut Company until such time as said company provides better service and better accommodations to its patrons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be filed with the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Connecticut before December 28, 1953 at 10: A.M., the date on which the public hearing on said application will be held.

Legislative & Rules Committee

1. Paul Plotkin, Chairman, stated the committee recommended approval of Ordinance #28, Supplemental re clarifying the meaning of Home Owner in the Building Code. Mr. Plotkin read the proposed ordinance, and MOVED its adoption, seconded by Stephen Kelly.

A long discussion followed on the period of five years, the feeling being that it would be best set at three years.

Rutherford Huizinga MOVED that it be amended from five years to three years, seconded by Doris Zuckert.

Paul Plotkin refused to accept the amendment.

William Kaminski asked for a "vote on the first motion, namely five years.

Motion was declared carried by a vote of 23 in favor, 12 opposed. Ordinance #28 Supplemental was adopted.

ORDINANCE #28 SUPPLEMENTAL - Amending the Building Code Clarifying the Home Owner

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BE IT ORDAINED BY STAMFORD THAT Section 1700-3 (m), Page 114 of the Building Code, of the ordinance entitled Building Code of the City of Stamford be amended by adding thereto the following sentence - "no permit for installation of plumbing by home owner nor any certificate of compliance of installation of plumbing by home-owner shall be issued to any individual home owner which involves more than one premise during any five year period".

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

Dated this 10th day of December, 1953.

2. Paul Plotkin read the proposed Ordinance #29 Supplemental and stated the committee recommended its approval and so MOVED, seconded by Stephen Kelly, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 35 members voting yea.

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ORDINANCE #29, SUPPLEMENTAL - Amending Sections 31 and 32 of Chapter 25 re "Excavations" of the Code of General Ordinances.

BE IT ORDAINED BY STAMFORD THAT Section 31 and Section 32 of Chapter 25 of the Code of General Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

Section 31. Expiration of permit. Every permit issued under the provisions of this article shall expire on a date set by the City Engineer but in no event more than thirty days after the date of its issuance.

Section 32. Openings to be refilled before expiration of permit; method of refilling. Every opening made under the provisions of this article shall be properly refilled, in accordance with standards and specifications set up by the City Engineer, before the expiration of the permit.

This ordinance shall take effect from the date of its enactment.  
Dated this 9th day of December 1953.

3. Paul Plotkin, with committee's recommendation, MOVED approval of Ordinance 30 Supplemental which he read at length, seconded by Helen Bromley and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 35 members voting yea.

ORDINANCE #30 SUPPLEMENTAL - Amending Ordinance #11 Supplemental re Rental and Sale of City Owned Property.

BE IT ORDAINED BY <sup>THE CITY OF</sup> STAMFORD THAT Supplemental Ordinance #11 of the Code of General Ordinances of Stamford is hereby amended by substituting the following therefore:

Chapter 31 - Rental or Sale of City Owned Property.

Sec. 1. Procedure for Authorizing Rental or Sale.

a. Annually, the Commissioner of Finance shall furnish the Planning Board with a list of all real property owned by the city, excepting from said list such real estate as is being used for schools, public buildings or public parks, and any properties so restricted by deed or otherwise as to preclude rental or sale. Such list shall include a description of each parcel, its assessed valuation, the use to which it is being put, and the income, if any, received from the same by the City during the preceding fiscal year.

b. The Planning Board shall review the list and shall transmit to the Mayor, the Board of Representatives and the Board of Finance, said list with its recommendation as to present and future use of each parcel on the same. Such use may be stated in general terms.

c. The Board of Representatives, after its receipt of the list, shall, by a majority vote, authorize the lease or sale of any property on said list which is recommended for lease or sale by the Planning Board. The Board of Representatives, by a two-thirds vote of its entire membership, may authorize the rental or sale of any property on said list which is not recommended for lease or sale by the Planning Board. The Board of Representatives, by a two-thirds vote of its entire membership, may authorize the rental or sale of any property on said list which is not recommended for lease or sale by the Planning Board. The Board of Representatives, by a two-thirds vote of its entire membership, may authorize the sale or lease of any property owned by the City of Stamford at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

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Sec. 2. Negotiation of Rental or Sale.

The Mayor is hereby empowered to negotiate leases of such properties as are authorized for rental in accordance with Sec. 1 hereof, and, subject to the approval of the Board of Finance of the terms and conditions thereof, to enter into such leases on behalf of the City, but no lease extending over a period of more than two years may be made without specific approval by the Board of Representatives.

The Mayor, upon receipt of the list as approved by the Board of Representatives and the Board of Finance, shall sell at public auction but for not less than its assessed value, such of the properties authorized by the Board of Representatives for sale as the Mayor and the Board of Finance shall approve. Notice of the time and place of such sale shall be given by publishing a notice of the same for two consecutive days in a daily newspaper having a general circulation in the City of Stamford, beginning not less than five days nor more than twenty days before the date of said sale.

The Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to act for the City and to execute all documents necessary to transfer title to such property.

Sec. 3. Procedure if no Acceptable Bid.

If there shall be no acceptable bid for any particular parcel of real estate, the City shall continue to hold it and it shall be included on the list to be submitted by the Commissioner of Finance the following year, unless, prior to submission of such list the Board of Representatives shall again authorize sale by a two-thirds vote of those present at a regular meeting or a special meeting called for the purpose.

Sec. 4. Effective date.

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

Dated this 10th day of December 1953.

4. Street Lighting. Paul Plotkin, submitted a Resolution covering additions and new installations of lighting on streets and stated the committee recommended its approval, seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

Resolution #166 - STREET LIGHTING

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that, upon the receipt of notice of the acceptance of a new street by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, or of a request for an improvement in, or replacement of, existing lighting or additions thereto, that the Mayor request from the City Engineering Department and the lighting company a report on the need for the same; that upon the receipt of such reports by the Mayor the same shall be submitted to the Planning Board for approval or disapproval of the same. In the event the Planning Board approve the requested action the Mayor would thereupon be authorized to order the installation by the lighting company.

5. Parking Authority - Lease proposed for Cottage St. & Beckley Ave.

Paul Plotkin read the proposed lease on above property, and stated the committee had agreed that there were three or four changes within the lease that should be changed. However, the Corporation Counsel had assured him that such changes would be incorporated and suggested the Board vote at this time so that

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work could be started, that the changes would be made and returned to committee for approval.

Discussion ensued and it was the general feeling of the Board that they objected to pass on a lease which was incomplete and not in final form.

Paul Plotkin MOVED approval of the lease between the Beckley Company and the Parking Authority with specified changes, to be approved by the Legislative & Rules Committee, seconded by Hayes Hoyt.

Joseph Iacovo amended the Motion to read that said lease be changed and be returned to the Board for its final approval rather than Committee for approval. Paul Plotkin and Steve Kelly accepted the amended motion.

A vote was taken on the amended Motion and declared CARRIED.

6. Building Lines on Summer and Bell Streets

Paul Plotkin stated the committee had reviewed the letter received from the Planning Board re concluding action for the establishment of building lines on these streets. The committee reported that Corporation Counsel stated that all possible action that can be taken is being taken. The committee recommends the letter be placed on file.

Paul Plotkin MOVED that the letter from Peter Delaney suggesting various changes in State laws and Charter provisions be placed on file, seconded by Helen Bromley and CARRIED.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

William Murphy, Chairman, submitted the committee's report recommending the acceptance of certain footage of Munko Drive, Sky Line Lane, and Janice Road inasmuch as Joseph Zdanowicz of the previous board had requested that action be taken at the December meeting or shortly on the above roads.

William Kaminski stated that inasmuch as the date limit of October 15, 1953 had been exceeded the Chair rules the motion out of order William Murphy appealed the ruling of the chair.

Patrick Scarella MOVED, seconded by James Mulreed, that the Chair be overruled. A vote was cast and the Chair overruled by a vote of 19 for, 25 opposed.

William Murphy MOVED that the following roads be accepted as public highways, seconded by Joseph Caputo.

Helen Bromley amended this motion to include subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel since the Board questions whether we are legally within our right, seconded by Hayes Hoyt and accepted by William Murphy and Joseph Caputo.

The amended motion was brought to Question and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Munko Drive, 360'

Sky Line Lane, 802.29'

Janice Road, 400' with proviso that certain work be performed by the developer regarding a storm drain installation on the Aiken property.

Previous Sub-Committee of Planning & Zoning

A new committee has not yet been appointed. Paul Plotkin, previous member,

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submitted a report stating that a mimeographed copy of the sub-committee findings on the Urban Redevelopment Commission - East Meadow Street Project had been distributed or mailed to each member of the Board and that the matter would probably be brought up for consideration at the January meeting.

Paul Plotkin MOVED, seconded by Joseph Caputo that this report be referred to the new sub-committee of Planning & Zoning who have not, as yet, been appointed. CARRIED.

Paul Plotkin MOVED that the President of the Board of Representatives appoint a sub-committee at the earliest possible time on Planning & Zoning with the advice of the majority and minority leaders, seconded by Irving Snyder. CARRIED.

No reports were submitted by the Chairmen on Public Works Committee, Health & Protection Committee, Welfare & Recreation Committee or Appointments Committee.

#### STEERING COMMITTEE

The report was read by William Kaminski and a copy of same is on file at the office of the Board of Representatives.

Patrick Scarella MOVED acceptance of the report, seconded by Rutherford Huizinga. CARRIED.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Letters from the Mayor recommending various appointments were read, and referred to the Appointments Committee for action at the January meeting.

Recommended appointments list as follows:

Thomas Morrissey, Jr., 65 Sedan Terr., Bridgeport, Conn.  
reappointment as Commissioner of Finance.  
Waiver of Residence required for this appointment.  
Term December 1, 1953 - December 1, 1955.

John M. Harahan, 68 Hope St., Stamford, Conn.  
reappointment as Corporation Counsel  
Term December 1, 1953 - December 1, 1955

Michael Beluk, 39 Rachele Avenue, Stamford, Conn. Independent  
member of the Hubbard Heights Golf Course Commission  
Replacing Mr. Charles Peebles  
Term December 1, 1953 - December 1, 1958

Frederick M. Leone, 763 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, Conn. Republican  
reappointment to the Public Welfare Commission  
Term December 1, 1953 - December 1, 1953 - December 1, 1956

William A. Pflugner, Cedar Heights Road, Stamford, Conn. Republican  
Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals  
Term December 1, 1953 - December 1, 1958

Charles Alexander, 69 Seaton Road, Stamford, Conn. Republican  
reappointment to the Board of Tax Relief  
Term December 1, 1953 - December 1, 1958

Thomas C. Barker, 15 Willard Terrace, Stamford, Conn. Republican  
member of the Board of Tax Relief to replace the  
late Charles Woundy for unexpired term.  
Term ends December 1, 1954.

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Frank P. Barrett, High Ridge Road, Stamford, Conn. member of the Planning Board Term December 1, 1953 - December 1, 1958	Democrat
Edward N. Powell, 17 Adams Ave., Stamford, Conn. Reappointment to the Board of Recreation Term December 1, 1953 - December 1, 1958	Republican
Harold Rowe, 40 Rippowam Road, Stamford, Conn. member of the Board of Taxation Term December 1, 1953 - December 1, 1958	Democrat
John R. Boyd, 20 Evergreen Court, Stamford, Conn. member of the Board of Tax Relief Replacing Elmer W. Lowden, recently resigned. Term ends December 1, 1956	Democrat
John E. Sotire, 646 Hope Street, Springdale, Conn. reappointment to the Zoning Board Term December 1, 1953 - December 1, 1958	Democrat
Webster C. Givens, High Ridge Road, Stamford, Conn. member of the Zoning Board Replacing Thomas C. Barker recently resigned Term ends December 1, 1957	Republican
Lucian V. Sclafani, 53 St. George Ave., Stamford, Conn. reappointment to the Sewer Commission Term December 1, 1953 - December 1, 1958	Independent

Helen Bromley MOVED that House Bill No. 327, Spec. Act. No. 273 adopted at the last General Assembly be brought to the attention of the Mayor, seconded by Hayes Hoyt and CARRIED. This bill is entitled "An Act Placing the Controller of the City of Stamford under the Merit System".

#### PETITIONS

Helen Bromley MOVED for Suspension of the Rules to consider a request from the Salvation Army, seconded by John Cook and CARRIED.

#### Petition #152

Rutherford Huizinga MOVED that permission be granted the Salvation Army to erect a house on the sidewalk near Liggetts and to have several kettles on the sidewalks throughout Stamford, seconded by Vincent Vitti and CARRIED.

The following appointments were made to the Standing Committees of the Board of Representatives:

#### Personnel Committee

Dr. Francis Dolan  
Vincent Vitti

Norton Rhoades  
Wardham Collyer

#### Tellers

Thomas Topping  
Rose Ann Sheridan

#### Alternates

Joseph Iacovo  
Mary Bankowski

Karl Young MOVED to adjourn seconded by Phil Coulter, and CARRIED. Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alphonse C. Jachimczyk  
Clerk