

The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut was held on Monday, February 1, 1954 at the Burdick Junior High School Auditorium. George V. Connors, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M.

Invocation was given by Rev. William V. Albert of the Emmanuel Church of Springdale

Roll Call was taken by the Clerk. There were 39 members present. The absent member was Helen Peatt.

George Connors submitted minutes of December 7, 1953 for approval.

Doris Zuckert Moved that a correction be made on Page 651, 2nd paragraph. Change "BE IT ORDAINED BY STAMFORD THAT" to read 'BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT'.

Hayes Blake Hoyt MOVED acceptance of minutes of December 7, 1953 with stated correction, seconded by Doris Zuckert and CARRIED.

George Connors submitted minutes of January 4, 1954 for approval.

Karl Young MOVED a correction be made on Page 670, third paragraph, deleting the word "for or far" before the words "more substandard than Meadow Street that needed clearance". Also a correction on page 676, 6th paragraph inserting the words "for the Board of Representatives" after 'budget for 1954-1955', seconded and CARRIED.

Samuel M. Picciallo MOVED that the total on page 667, concerning bonding resolution #167 totals \$2,698,400. and requested correction be made, seconded and CARRIED.

(If said change is made, it will also be necessary to make a change to \$2,698,400. on page 666, descriptive reading after Resolution #167. Also it will be necessary to change the descriptive details on line 2 and 3 on page 667 to "two million six hundred ninety-eight thousand four hundred (2,698,400)" instead of 'two million five hundred ninety-eight thousand four hundred (2,598,400)'. As this was an error in computation it will be necessary to change the figures all the way through).

Hayes Hoyt MOVED a correction on Page 668, third paragraph, changing the word "by" to "be" on the first line before the word approved; also seconded by "Samuel Picciallo" instead of Hayes Hoyt as it now reads; seconded and CARRIED.

Hayes Hoyt MOVED a correction on Page 676, changing seconded by "Doris Zuckert" instead of "Hayes Hoyt" as it now reads, seconded and CARRIED.

Patrick Scarella MOVED that the minutes of January 4, 1954 be accepted as corrected seconded by Patrick Fortunato and CARRIED.

#### Fiscal Committee

Patrick Scarella MOVED for Suspension of the Rules, seconded by Helen Bromley, to consider a transfer for \$50,000. within the Capital Budget 1952-53 which had the approval of the Board of Finance at its meeting on January 27, 1954. CARRIED.

Patrick J. Scarella read the Resolution submitted by Corporation Counsel John Hanrahan and MOVED its adoption. Motion was seconded by Helen J. Bromley and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 38 members voting "yea".

Those voting yea list as follows: Irving Snyder, Joseph Caputo, William Kaminski, Mary Bankowski, Patrick Scarella, Vincent Vitti, James Mulreed, Samuel Picciallo, P. Wardham Collyer, Joseph Iacovo, Martin H. Cash, Sr., Rose Sheridan, Robert Lewis, Doris Zuckert, Phil Coulter, David Waterbury, Patrick J. Fortunato, Paul Plotkin, Patrick Hogan, William Murphy, Edward Ryba, Stephen Kelly, Thomas Killeen, Alphonse Jachimczyk, Katherine Kaminski, Dr. Francis V. Dolan, Frank Longo, John Cook,

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Thomas Topping, Norton Rhoades, Jack McLaughlin, George Russell, Helen Bromley, Karl Young, Hayes Blake Hoyt, Helen Huben, Rutherford Huizinga, and Dwight Marshall.

RESOLUTION #170 - Amending Capital Projects Budget for year 1952-53 permitting a transfer of \$50,000. from the project High Ridge Elementary School to the North Franklin (Roxbury) School.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that Capital Projects Budget for the year 1952-1953 be and the same is hereby amended in accordance with the recommendation of the Planning Board and the approval of the Board of Finance and the Mayor of the City of Stamford to increase the amount authorized as appropriation for the North Franklin (Roxbury) School by the addition of the sum of \$50,000. thereto.

That said additional amount be financed by the transfer of funds in the amount of \$50,000. from the project in said 1952-1953 Capital Budget known as the High Ridge Elementary School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, in accordance with the request of the Mayor and the approval of the Board of Finance, there is hereby authorized the transfer of unexpended proceeds of a bond issue authorized in the 1952-1953 Capital Projects Budget for the High Ridge Elementary School in the amount of \$50,000. to the project in said 1952-1953 Capital Budget known as the North Franklin (Roxbury) School.

Patrick Scarella, Chairman, submitted the Committee report recommending approval of items (a) through (h) on the agenda. Item (d), however, did not receive unanimous approval of the committee, that the new legal aide should come under the Merit System.

Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of inter-department transfer of \$250.00 from SUNDRIES to Code 300.3 Stationery and Supplies - Mayor's Office, seconded by Patrick Fortunato and CARRIED by a vote of 37 yeas and 1 nay, the dissenting vote cast by Phil Coulter.

Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of inter-department transfer of \$375.00 from SUNDRIES to Code 300.5 Telephone - Mayor's Office, seconded by Vincent Vitti and CARRIED by a vote of 37 yeas and 1 nay, the dissenting vote cast by Phil Coulter.

Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of the emergency appropriation of \$14,620.51 to cover the judgment awarded by the Court of Common Pleas, in favor of Factory Estates, seconded by Helen Huben and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 38 members voting yeas.

Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of the emergency appropriation of \$1,130.50 to cover salary for 3 1/2 months for the balance of the fiscal year 1953-1954 for the hiring of an assistant to Mr. Hanrahan as legal aide, seconded by Vincent Vitti.

Irving Snyder MOVED that Corporation Counsel, John Hanrahan be heard on this subject, seconded by Thomas Topping and CARRIED.

Mr. Hanrahan stated although it is not necessary that the assistant be under the Merit System, it was felt that such an individual would be secure in his position and therefore the office work would be taken care of better; it would not be a position of two or four year duration affected by elections. This aide should be a graduate attorney, licensed to practice in Connecticut who would be qualified to handle all the phases of the office work, thereby allowing the Corporation Counsel to take care of the many court cases for the city.

Helen Bromley and Rutherford Huizinga spoke against placing the assistant under the Merit System.

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James Mulreed favored placing the assistant under the Merit System but questioned if the money appropriated would be ample to hire a qualified attorney. Robert Lewis agreed with Mr. Mulreed.

Robert Lewis MOVED that the legal aide to the Corporation Counsel which we are presenting voting on be placed under the Merit System, seconded by Karl Young, and CARRIED by a vote of 30 in favor and 8 opposed.

It was then agreed to vote on the original motion presented by Patrick Scarella, as mentioned above, and the motion was CARRIED by a vote of 32 in favor, 6 opposed.

Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of the emergency appropriation of \$1250. for the Fire Department, \$750. for Code 440.12 Maintenance of Equipment and \$500. for Code 440.22B, Miscellaneous Equipment.

Joseph Iacovo, seconded by Robert Lewis, MOVED that we hear from Acting Chief Richardson in the audience.

Acting Chief Richardson stated that most of this expense was incurred at the time of the accident with the ambulance but was not clear as to what portion would be replaced, if any, to the general fund when settlement was made by the insurance company.

Helen Bromley MOVED the question, seconded by Stephen Kelly.

The vote on the original motion was taken and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by a vote of 38 members voting "yea".

Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of the emergency appropriation of \$250. for the Tax Department for Code 575.4 Advertising, seconded by John Cook and CARRIED by a vote of 37 yeas and 1 nay, the dissenting vote cast by Phil Coulter.

Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of the emergency appropriation of \$210. for the Tax Department for Code 575.12, Maintenance of Equipment, seconded by Vincent Vitti and CARRIED by a vote of 37 yeas and 1 nay, the dissenting vote cast by Phil Coulter.

Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of the emergency appropriation of \$30,000. for Code 412A.6A Snow Removal for the Public Works Department, seconded by Karl Young and CARRIED by a vote of 37 yeas and 1 nay, the dissenting vote cast by Phil Coulter.

#### Legislative & Rules Committee

Paul Plotkin read Mayor Quigley's letter stating reasons for his veto of Supplemental Ordinance #28 adopted by the Board of Representatives at the December 7, 1953 meeting. He also presented a new ordinance for consideration of the Board. Mr. Plotkin stated the committee agreed that the Board might consider acting on the Ordinance originally adopted over the Mayor's veto, adopt the proposed ordinance as submitted or eliminate the provisions of plumbing and electrical work from the code.

Paul Plotkin MOVED that Mr. Swinnerton, Building Inspector, be heard on this subject, seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED.

Mr. Swinnerton spoke in favor of the licensed plumber and electrician rather than the home owner or friend who in many instances was not qualified to do the work.

Irving Snyder MOVED that we override the Mayor's veto and reconsider the ordinance that we originally adopted, seconded by Dwight Marshall.

Helen Bromley MOVED for a ten minute recess, seconded by Patrick Scarella and CARRIED.

George Connor's recalled the meeting to order and Paul Plotkin <sup>presented</sup> the Ordinance #28 Supplemental as originally adopted and appearing in minutes of December 7, 1953 on page 650.

A vote on the motion was taken and declared CARRIED by a vote of 26 members voting yea and 12 voting nay.

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ORDINANCE #28 SUPPLEMENTALAMENDING THE BUILDING CODE CLARIFYING THE MEANING OF HOME OWNER

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF 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".

Planning & Zoning Committee

William Murphy, Chairman, MOVED that a change be made on the committee report of December 7, 1953 in accordance with a letter from Mr. Tuttle changing the footage of 'Junko Drive to 740', instead of 360' as it now reads, seconded by Patrick Fortunato and CARRIED.

Wardham Collyer MOVED that the amended committee report, incorporating the change to 740', be accepted and that also a change be made on page 653 of the minutes of December 7, 1953 to 740' instead of 360', seconded by Thomas Topping and CARRIED.

Health & Protection Committee

Joseph Caputo, Chairman, submitted the committee report stating that inasmuch as there were 425 special badges already issued, further applications would only be considered when name, address and reason for requiring a special police badge is submitted. The committee recommends the continuance of the First Aid courses and the use of the resuscitators in the fire and police departments.

Robert Lewis MOVED that the report be accepted, seconded by Irving Snyder and CARRIED.

Personnel Committee

Jr. Francis Dolan stated there was no report to be submitted by the committee. However, the third Tuesday of each month had been selected the meeting date and all members had been notified.

Robert Lewis MOVED that the President request a ruling from the Personnel Commission on the legality and right of classified employees to sign a petition on a primary, seconded by Irving Snyder and Carried, vote being 31 in favor, 7 opposed.

Appointments Committee

William Kaminski, Chairman, submitted the committee report recommending Edward N. Powell for the reappointment to the Board of Recreation.

Tellers Rose Sheridan and Thomas Topping distributed and counted the ballots.

Edward N. Powell was reappointed to the Board of Recreation for the term December 1, 1953 to December 1, 1958 by a unanimous vote, 39 members voting in his favor.

Steering Committee Report

George Connors read the steering committee report. A copy of same is on file at the office of the Board of Representatives. Irving Snyder MOVED that the report be accepted as submitted, seconded by Karl Young and CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR  
BUILDING LINES SUMMER AND BELL STREET

George Connors read the letter from the Mayor dated January 15, 1954 stating he



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hesitated requesting appropriations for establishing the building lines on Summer and Bell Streets since studying the forthcoming Capital and Operating Budget would present that such large undertakings would place an undue load upon the people in their capacity to pay according to value received. He further stated that he felt the need for widening and extending Broad Street from the Rippowam River to Clark's Hill was more necessary to relieve the bottleneck prevalent in the downtown area.

George Connors also read the letter from the Planning Board signed by Sherman Hoyt, previous Chairman, and dated January 12, 1954 stressing the need for establishing building lines on Summer and Bell Streets.

Irving Snyder MOVED that previous action taken on Resolution #145, adopted July 21, 1952, be rescinded so that the matter once and for all is put to bed, seconded by Paul Plotkin, and thereby permitting concerned property owners to make plans. A lengthy discussion followed. Hayes Hoyt, James Mulreed, George Russell and Wardham Collyer spoke in favor of establishing the building lines; the possibility of appropriating funds for a survey of the costs of establishing such lines. Dwight Marshall spoke against taking any action that might forstall action of said lines at some future date.

Irving Snyder withdrew his motion in view of sentiments expressed; Paul Plotkin also assented to withdrawing the motion.

Wardham Collyer MOVED that the Clerk be requested to address a letter to the Mayor to do all in his power to expedite the establishment of building lines on Summer and Bell Streets, giving Summer Street first consideration and Bell Street second consideration, second by George Russell.

George Russell amended the motion to add - Appropriation requests are to be submitted in two requests, one for Summer Street and one for Bell Street, seconded by Karl Young.

Wardham Collyer accepted the amendment and the motion was carried by a vote of 20 in favor, 18 opposed.

George Connors read the letter from Mayor Quigley to Carl W. Knobloch, President of the Ferguson Library thanking the Board of Trustees of the Ferguson Library for the Quit Claim Deed to the 12 foot strip of land on Broad Street in front of the library.

Paul Plotkin MOVED that the president send a letter of thanks to Mr. Knobloch from the Board, seconded by John Cook and CARRIED.

George Connors read two letters from Mayor Quigley, submitting the following names for consideration and approval of the vacancies:

Alphonsus J. Donahue, Jr.  
336 Ocean Drive West  
Democrat

member of Planning Board  
(to fill unexpired term of  
Charles Nosal due to expire  
December 1, 1956)

Joseph W. Kinsella  
154 Myrtle Avenue

Chief of Police  
(in accordance with Sec. 401.2  
of the Stamford Charter)

Patrick Scarella MOVED that these appointments be submitted to the Appointments Committee for consideration, seconded by John Cook and CARRIED.

#### PETITIONS

Petition #153 - American National Red Cross requests permission for placing displays

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from February 27, 1954 to March 31, 1954 in Central and Bedford Park, etc. for the Annual Red Cross Drive.

Stephen Kelly MOVED, seconded by Edward Ryba, that permission be granted. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Petition #154 - Stamford Heart Association, Inc. requests permission to display signs during month of February 1954 for the annual Heart Fund Drive.

Rutherford Huiiziŋga MOVED, seconded by John Cook, that permission be granted. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

George Connors read the reply received from the Chairman of the Board of Finance, Richard V. Holahan, stating the request had been given serious thought but it was the unanimous judgment of the Board that committee chairmen and members of the Board of Representatives should not be invited to attend the departmental hearings.

Patrick Logan MOVED that the letter be placed on file, seconded by Patrick Fortunato and CARRIED.

Patrick Scarella MOVED to hear from Mr. Holahan who was in the audience, seconded by Vincent Viiti and CARRIED.

Mr. Holahan explained further why the Board of Finance felt the hearings should be kept independent of one another; that the action of the Board of Finance was completely apart from that of the Board of Representatives.

NEW BUSINESS

George Connors requested Suspension of Rules to act upon a request from the Oscar H. Cowan Post.

Patrick Scarella MOVED Suspension of Rules to hear this item, seconded and CARRIED. Helen Bromley MOVED that this matter be referred to the Welfare & Recreation Committee, seconded by Karl Young and CARRIED.

Thomas Topping MOVED to hear the various letters received from various organizations on the appointment of Mr. Kinsella, seconded by Robert Lewis. Motion defeated.

Karl Young MOVED to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Joseph Caputo and CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alphonse C. Jachimczyk  
Clerk