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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, July 11, 1955, at the Walter R. Dolan Jr. High School Cafeteria. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. George V. Connors at 8:15 P.M.

Invocation was given by Rev. Stanley F. Hemsley of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. There were 27 present and 13 absent. Mr. Snyder, Mr. Mulreed, Mr. LiVolsi and Mr. Russell arrived late, changing the roll call to 31 present and 9 absent. Those absent were: John W. Cook, Phil C. Coulter, Alanson Fredericks, Rutherford Huizinga, Joseph F. Iacovo, Alphonse C. Jachimczyk, Joseph Milano, Edward G. Ryba and Barbara Winsor.

Mr. Murphy MOVED that Mrs. Zuckert act as Temporary Clerk in the absence of the Clerk. SECONDED by Mr. Caputo.

RESIGNATION - Mrs. Hayes Blake Hoyt.

Mr. Connors read the resignation of Mrs. Hoyt as a member of the Board of Representatives.

Mrs. Huben MOVED that MR. JOHN J. DE FOREST of Rockrimmon Road, in the 19th District, be appointed to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. Hoyt. SECONDED by Mrs. Peatt.

Mrs. Bromley
~~Mr. Connors~~ MOVED that the nominations be closed. VOTE taken on the nomination of Mr. De Forest and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. De Forest was sworn in by Mr. John Hanrahan, Corporation Counsel of the City of Stamford, and took his seat on the Board.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Longo MOVED for approval of the Minutes of May 2, 1955. SECONDED by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

Mrs. Bromley MOVED for acceptance of Minutes of June 6, 1955. SECONDED by Mrs. Huben and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Kaminski asked that the Minutes of June 21, 1955 be corrected of page 891, fourth line, 8th word, to read "starting rate", not "starting range".

Mrs. Kaminski MOVED for acceptance of the Minutes of June 21, 1955. SECONDED by Mrs. Peatt and CARRIED unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Fiscal Committee:

Mr. Plotkin MOVED that the following items (a) and (b) be deferred for study by the Legislative & Rules Committee. SECONDED by Mrs. Bromley.

- (a) Sale of Pieces of City-owned property listed in Corporation Counsel's letter to members of Board

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Passed by
Based at July 7^a
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of Representatives, dated January 20, 1955, subject to provisions of ordinance governing sale of City-owned property.

- (b) Sale of City-owned property located on South side of Hillandale Avenue, to Bernard N. and Essie Levine.

Mr. Mulreed objected to holding up these items and said he was not in favor of prolonging the action of the Board.

Mr. Plotkin replied that these items had not been held up by the Board of Representatives, but had been held up four months by the Board of Finance.

The President then called attention to the original requests. Items (a) and (b) were approved by the Board of Finance at their meeting on May 13, 1955.

VOTE taken on items (a) and (b) being referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee. CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Plotkin MOVED for SUSPENSION OF RULES in order that Mayor Thomas F. J. Quigley might present his annual message for the Fiscal Year 1954-1955. SECONDED by Mr. Fortunato and CARRIED unanimously.

Mayor Thomas F. J. Quigley then addressed the members of the Board of Representatives. Copies of his talk were passed out to all the members present.

Mr. Mulreed MOVED that the Board accept with appreciation and thanks the report of Mayor Quigley as to the condition of the City, as to its finances, expenditures, improvements and recommendations in accordance with Section 303.1 of our Charter, along with the statistical information that it contains. SECONDED by Mr. Caputo and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Mulreed MOVED that the Board proceed to the next order of business.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Fiscal Committee:

Dr. Dolan read the following report of the Fiscal Committee:

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Stamford, Connecticut

The following items were unanimously approved by Mrs. H. Huben, Mrs. H. Bromley, Mr. T. Killeen, Dr. F. Dolan and G. Picciallo.

- (c) Request for additional appropriation of \$11,500.00 for Cost-of-Living Salary Adjustment, 1954-1955 Budget.

The Personnel and Finance Departments estimated the employees at 850. Since that time seasonal employees

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have been incorporated into the plan. These additional employees sometime number as many as 60 a month, so instead of 850 employees, there is slightly over 900, or an additional 50 to 55 employees each month. On this basis of 50 employees at \$315.00 there would normally be a deficit of \$15,750.00. It must be born in mind that the seasonal employees work only two or three months, so that their average cannot be included on a 12 month basis. See attached letters.

- (d) Request for additional appropriation of \$600.00 for City Court. Code 800.27.

At the present time \$437.00 is outstanding Doctor and Hospital bills and additional bills which have not been billed as yet. See attached letter.

- (e) Request for pension for one day, June 30, 1955, of \$6.27 for Fireman William J. Hudson.

Fireman William J. Hudson, a member of the Stamford Fire Department for more than twenty-six years, having been appointed August 16, 1928, has tendered his resignation and requested that he be transferred to the retired list of the Fire Pension Fund, as of June 30, 1955. His annual salary has been \$4335.00; he will be entitled to a pension of 52% of his annual salary, or \$2254.20. For the balance of the fiscal year, June 30, 1955, to July 1, 1955, there will be due him one day pension, or \$6.27. See letter.

- (f) Request for additional appropriation for Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, Advertising \$520.00; Stenotypist \$165.00

Because of the requirements of the Charter, as amended, as it applies to the activities of the Zoning Department, numerous public notices and stenotypist's services are required; and this requested amount is to cover unpaid bills, and also estimates of cost of public notices and stenotypist's services for three meetings to be held.

- (g) Request of City and Town Clerk for additional appropriation of \$2647.00 as follows: Hunting & Fishing Licenses \$1927.00 and Record Books \$720.00.

To cover fees that must be paid to the State of Connecticut for Hunting & Fishing Licenses. This amount is necessary because of the large amount of business done during the past two months. See letter attached.

\$720.00 Record Books. To cover outstanding bills, which were solely due to a great amount of business done in recording of instruments in the past two and one-half months. See letter attached.

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Thomas M. Killeen
Dr. Francis V. Dolan

Sam Picciallo, Chairman
Fiscal Committee

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Hon. Board of Representatives
Stamford, Connecticut

Gentlemen:

The Classified Employees of the City of Stamford respectfully PETITION your HONORABLE BOARD to amend the Charter provision concerning RETIREMENT and PENSION PLAN of the Classified Employees of the City as follows:

REPEAL - SEC. 5 (c) - RETIREMENT - and enact instead thereof the following:

"Sec. 5 (c) The Trustees shall retire any member upon his written request, who shall have completed twenty-five years (25) or more of service and who shall have attained the age of fifty (50) years in the case of a female employee and fifty-five (55) years in the case of a male employee, such retirement to be effective one month after receipt of the written request for retirement. Due credit shall be made for any Social Security benefits thereafter available to the member."

REPEAL - SEC. 6 (e) - PENSION - and enact instead thereof the following:

"Sec. 6 (e) All pensions payable hereunder shall be paid in monthly installments and after the payment preceding the death of the person entitled to receive the payments said pension shall survive and be paid to the widow or widower if he or she is determined by the Trustees to be substantially dependent upon the deceased employee, until her or his death or remarriage and thereafter such part of the pension as the Trustees shall feel reasonable shall be paid to the children of such deceased employee who are under the age of eighteen (18) years. In case there is no surviving spouse, said pension shall be paid to any children of the deceased employee under the age of eighteen (18) years."

The purpose of the above amendments is to make proper provision for the surviving spouse and/or children of a deceased employee. Any provision of the "Classified Employees Retirement Fund" inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

THE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES
OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD

By: Charles E. Moore,
Their Attorney

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Mrs. Bromley: "It is very unwise to adopt anything such as this until we have heard the recommendations of the Committees."

Mrs. Bromley MOVED this be referred to the Legislative and Rules and Personnel Committee for study and recommendation. SECONDED by Mr. Kaminski and CARRIED unanimously.

Appointments Committee:

Mr. Kaminski read a letter dated July 1, 1955, from Mayor Thomas F. J. Quigley, submitting the name of Richard Penfield, Sr. to the Planning Board as a replacement for Mr. A. J. Donahue, term to expire December 1, 1955.

Mrs. Bromley MOVED this be referred to the Appointments Committee for study and recommendation. SECONDED by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED.

Mr. Kaminski read a letter dated July 7, 1955 from Mayor Thomas F. J. Quigley, asking that Dr. James J. Costanzo, at present Acting Director of Health, be appointed Health Commissioner for a term of five years.

Mr. Kaminski MOVED for SUSPENSION OF RULES in order to consider this recommendation. He stated that inasmuch as Dr. Costanzo has proven his ability as Acting Director of Health and has qualified under Section 421 of the Charter, as amended, and also has the recommendation of the Stamford Medical Society, that he would like to waive the provision of a personal interview in order that this be acted upon.

Mrs. Bromley spoke against the suspension of rules to consider this matter, saying she thought the Board was entitled to know all the facts and this should be referred to the Appointments Committee for study before a vote is taken.

Mr. Russell stated that he fully agreed with Mrs. Bromley on this and mentioned the condition of septic tanks overflowing in several neighborhoods near his home, saying he thought the policing of these public health menaces were a reflection on the Health Department. He said he wanted to know Dr. Costanzo's position on the septic tank question before voting on his appointment.

Mr. LiVolsi said this is the very reason why the appointment of Dr. Costanzo should be acted upon forthwith and that no one could be better qualified than he to know the problems of the community, having been a resident of the City for many years.

Mr. Lewis MOVED this matter be deferred until further study by the Committee. SECONDED by Mr. Topping.

Mr. Mulreed said he would like to see Dr. Costanzo appointed as a permanent Health Commissioner, but thought it would be wise to be certain as to his eligibility, inasmuch as recent legislation had been introduced in the State Legislature governing this position which might have some effect. He said he was under the impression that Dr. Costanzo was not a graduate of a medical college with a degree in Public Health. He stated there had been amendment to the law governing this position which stated that the incumbent Health Commissioner shall not be excluded from filling the position. He said there might be a question raised that Dr. Costanzo was not the incumbent, but was the Acting Health Commissioner.

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Mr. Kaminski said if there was some technicality that had to be straightened out first, then the decision should wait. However, he thought the idea of questioning a prospective appointee as to what he would do with a certain situation was something that had never been done.

There followed some discussion.

Mr. Snyder MOVED that this be referred to Committee; SECONDED by Mr. Mulreed and CARRIED by a vote of 17 in favor and 13 opposed.

Public Works Committee:

No report.

Health & Protection Committee:

Mr. Collyer MOVED that the Health & Protection Committee and the Legislative & Rules Committee find out what steps need to be taken to straighten out the conditions in regard to septic tank installations. SECONDED by Mr. Russell.

Mr. LiVolsi said he though this was a good motion.

Mr. Mulreed said he would like to point out that in the vicinity of the Roxbury School a pipeline empties from a septic tank installation into the Rippowam River and he sees what appears to be many violations of the sanitary law, but wonders whether or not it is possible for this Board to do anything about situations of this kind, stating that the Board can only function with the people who control the State laws that govern this sort of thing. He stated that he was sympathetic with Mr. Collyer's motion, but wondered what the Board could do to prevent violations.

Mrs. Zuckert: "Could this be referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee?"

Mr. Connors: "These are only built to meet the minimum requirements and the Health Department can't do anything but approve installations that meet the requirements of the law."

Mr. Killeen: "As a member of the Health & Protection Committee, we can't do anything about this, as the contractor is within his rights in installing septic tanks that meet the minimum requirements of the law."

Mr. Mulreed MOVED to amend Mr. Collyer's motion to add that this be referred to the Public Works Department instead of to Legislative and Rules Committee.

Mr. Collyer said he objected to the Legislative and Rules Committee being left out.

Mr. Picciallo MOVED the debate be closed.

Mr. Collyer said he was shocked about the conditions in our City and said "Maybe we need to change the regulations."

Mr. Rhoades stated that he recently had occasion to call upon the Health

Department for inspection of a drainage system he had installed by a company who came in and dug up half of his front lawn, which was very expensive and that the best solution to the problem would be the extension of the sanitary sewer system.'

Mr. Russell: "I think we are a little out of line as to what the Committee can do about this matter." He spoke of virgin land at the Newfield corner area and said: "The Health Department did a bum job on the o.k'ing of the installation on this job."

Mr. Mulreed said he would go along with the motion to refer this to Committee and a VOTE was taken on Mr. Collyer's Motion. CARRIED unanimously.

Planning and Zoning Committee:

No report.

Public Welfare and Recreation Committee:

No report.

Housing Investigating Committee:

Mr. LiVolsi asked the Secretary why the Minutes of the Housing Committee were not ready in time for the Board meeting. The Secretary replied that it was because of pressure of work in the Mimeographing Department.

In the absence of the mimeographed report, Mr. LiVolsi gave his report to the Board verbally, covering the action taken at the meeting of his Committee on June 30th with representatives of other interested parties in the City government in order to hear representatives from the Equitable Financial Corporation and FHA on the feasibility of erecting low-cost housing under Title 7 of the National Housing Act. He stated that his Committee had authorized the Equitable Financial Corporation to make a survey of the situation, with no obligation being assumed on our part.

Mr. Mulreed: "Mr. LiVolsi has indicated that any assistance that we receive from State agencies must be secured from the offices of the City Housing Authority. This Committee was appointed with one purpose, and that was, to investigate the City Housing Authority."

Mr. LiVolsi read from page 834 of the Minutes of April 4, 1955, and said "Mr. Mulreed's remarks were made at the time the Committee was formed."

Mr. Mulreed: "Mr. LiVolsi asked at that time that the Housing Investigating Committee be re-formed."

Mr. LiVolsi: "I still say that these are your quotations. I would like a confirmation now - does the Board want the Housing Committee to correct this problem?"

Mr. Mulreed: "The purpose for which this Committee was formed was to investigate the City Housing Authority. I might as well resign from the Committee if the Board doesn't think I am doing the job I am supposed to do."

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Mr. Kaminski: "Regardless of what Mr. Mulreed said, we have passed a Resolution."

Mr. LiVolsi said he wants to have an expression from the Board as to whether his Committee is to continue or not.

Mr. Mulreed: "Do you believe the City Housing Authority has been derelict in their duty? If we are to secure any relief, we must do it with the assistance of the City Housing Authority. My reason for an investigation is along the lines with which this Committee was originally created. We would meet with the City Housing Authority and see if we can't get them to do something - we, ourselves, can do nothing. Three years ago we made recommendations that had no effect. Let's now proceed under our Charter."

Mr. Snyder: "As a member of Mr. LiVolsi's Committee, I would like to MOVE that this Board express appreciation to Mr. LiVolsi for what he has done and is due commendation for his efforts and I MOVE that Mr. LiVolsi be thanked by this Board for his efforts to date." SECONDED by Mr. Mulreed and Mrs. Bromley and CARRIED unanimously.

Accident Committee:

Mr. Kelleen, The Chairman, reported a meeting of his Committee has not been held as yet. He spoke of a condition that exists on Sound View Ave. near the lake area and said if the condition is not alleviated, it will result in serious accidents in the near future. He stated that this area is heavily picnicked on Saturdays and Sundays and he thinks picnicking should not be allowed with the consequent littering and parking and that there should be better controls enforced in this area.

Mr. Kelly said he had asked the Chief of Police to confine the people to the picnic area only and said he would follow this through.

Mr. Mulreed said he was glad to hear the report of Mr. Killeen, but thought this condition did not involve accidents to any great extent; said he had talked with the Chief of Police in regard to the height of hedges which obstruct corners and thought this should be enforced in order to prevent accidents happening because of blind corners.

Steering Committee:

Mr. Connors read the Committee report.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mr. Connors read the following letter from Mayor Quigley:

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Board of Representatives
Stamford, Conn.

Attention: Mr. George V. Connors

Dear Mr. Connors:

According to the contents of House Bill #54, enacted at

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the Special Session of the General Assembly, I submit to your Honorable Board the following persons to serve as members of the Park Commission:

	<u>Term Expiring</u>
Rabbi David W. Pearlman 3 Nash Court	Dec. 1, 1957
Rev. Donald F. Campbell 2043 Bedford Street	Dec. 1, 1958
Mons. John J. Hayes 566 Elm Street	Dec. 1, 1959
Mr. Edward Carey Brodwood Drive	Dec. 1, 1960

The nomination of the fifth member, to serve until December 1, 1956, will be presented to you in the immediate future.

Very truly yours,

Thomas F. J. Quigley,
Mayor

Mr. Mulreed MOVED this be referred to the Appointments Committee. SECONDED by several voices and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Connors read the following letter from Mayor Quigley:

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To the
Board of Finance
Board of Representatives
Planning Commission

Re: HIGH RIDGE DEVELOPMENT

Ladies, and Gentlemen:

As you are no doubt aware, the HIGH RIDGE VETERANS' TEMPORARY HOUSING PROJECT, erected under the provisions of Public Act #3 of the 1946 Special Session, must be demolished or removed by the City before January 1, 1956.

There are a number of problems involved in the determination of the manner in which these units shall be handled.

The real estate upon which these units are located is owned by the City of Stamford. The buildings themselves are owned by the City of Stamford, subject to an obligation to reimburse the State of Connecticut for 50% of the amount realized on their disposal.

In addition to these mechanical problems of financing, there are the practical and social problems involved in the question

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of planning and zoning the general area in the event that the property was sub-divided and the units sold as separate parcels.

I am, therefore, asking that you refer this matter to the proper committee of your Board for study in order that we may have the benefit of your advice on this matter.

Very truly yours,

Thomas F. J. Quigley,
Mayor

Mr. Picciallo MOVED that this be referred to the Legislative and Rules and Fiscal Committees. SECONDED by several voices and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Connors read the following letter from Mayor Quigley:

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To the
Planning Board
Board of Finance
Board of Representatives

Ladies and Gentleman:

A number of months ago, representatives of the Corps of Engineers of the U. S. Army contacted me with respect to locating an ARMY RESERVE TRAINING CENTER in the City of Stamford. As you can appreciate, they were very anxious to limit discussion of possible sites until such time as they were able to determine on a location and a price.

A large number of sites were inspected by the Engineers. During the past several months, during this preliminary period, the question of what use the City might have for that portion of the so-called Museum-Park on Courtland Avenue, which would remain after the THRU-WAY came under discussion.

As you will recall, numerous civic groups, particularly the Rehabilitation Center, were interested in obtaining the use of the Museum Building and approximately one acre of land surrounding it, for their purposes. It was when this program was under discussion that the Army Engineers indicated they felt that the land remaining between the Museum Building and the THRU-WAY seemed desirable to them as a site. Subsequently, the Rehabilitation Center acquired a location elsewhere.

To date, no action of any kind, other than preliminary discussion, looking toward the location of the Army Reserve Training Center in the City of Stamford has taken place. There have been, of course, no commitments, by any City official with respect to location.

The Army itself has determined that the Courtland Avenue site is the best possible one in Stamford for their purposes.

Accordingly, I am submitting herewith their proposal to the Planning Board, the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives for advice.

It is my own feeling that the Army Reserve Training Center would be a desirable addition to Stamford, but I am not necessarily convinced that it should be located on four acres of the Museum property.

Possibly some arrangement might be worked out whereby less than four acres of the Museum property could be acquired by the Army, but it seems to me that with the advice of your Boards, some other location might be forthcoming.

Very truly yours,

Thomas F. J. Quigley,
Mayor

PETITIONS

Mr. Fortunato presented a petition, signed by over 600 persons, voicing the disapproval of the use of the Courtland Park area as a site for use as an Army Training Center and MOVED that the Board send a letter to the Mayor, voicing the approval of the Board of maintaining Courtland Park as a park area. SECONDED by Mr. Lopping.

Mr. Mulreed: "This matter is not properly before us."

Mrs. Bromley: "I know that in other cases this Board has expressed an opinion."

Mr. Mulreed: "I will go along with a letter to the Planning Board."

VOTE taken on Mr. Fortunato's MOTION and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Plotkin: "I would suggest that the Welfare & Recreation Committee take this under advisement to see if there is some other area."

Petition No. 198:

- (a) Hubbard Heights Garden Club requests permission to use dead end of West North Street for their Annual Street Fair, to be held on Saturday, September 17, 1955.

Mr. Kelly MOVED for approval of this request. SECONDED by Mrs. Bromley and CARRIED unanimously.

Petition No. 199:

- (b) North Stamford Congregational Church requests permission to have block dance in front of Saunder's Store in celebration of "Old Settler's Day" on September 10, 1955.

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Mr. Kelly MOVED for approval of this request. SECONDED by Mrs. Peatt and CARRIED unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Caputo MOVED for ADJOURNMENT at 11:55 p. m. SECONDED by several voices and CARRIED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

George V. Connors,
President