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A regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Conn. was held on Monday, February 4, 1957 in the Cafeteria of the Walter Dolan Jr. High School, Toms Road, Glenbrook. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. George V. Connors, at 8:25 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Rev. Donald Campbell, Pastor, Presbyterian Church.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 32 present and 8 absent. Mr. Plotkin arrived a little later, changing the roll call to 33 present and 7 absent. The absent members were: William Brett, Salvatore Giuliani, Robert Lewis, William Murphy, Edward Czupka, William Hearing, and John Lilliendahl. *Mr Czupka arrived late in meeting, changing roll call to 33 present.*

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of January 7, 1957

MR. BAKER MOVED for acceptance of the Minutes. Seconded by Mrs. Bankowski and CARRIED unanimously.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of January 14, 1957

MR. BAKER MOVED for acceptance of the Minutes. Seconded by Mrs. Bankowski and CARRIED unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Steering Committee:

Mr. Connors, Chairman, presented the following committee report:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT Meeting held January 28, 1957

The Steering Committee of the Board of Representatives met in the Mayor's office, City Hall, at 8:15 P.M. on Monday, January 28, 1957. The following members were present: George V. Connors, Chairman; Rutherford Huizinga, Norton Rhoades, Joseph Milano, George Georgoulis, Robert Lewis, Clement Raiteri, Jr., Helen Peatt, John Macrides, William Kaminski and Thomas Topping, as replacement for Mr. Vitti, who is ill. The absent members were: Alanson Fredericks, Stephen Kelly, Joseph Iacovo and Vincent Vitti.

The following communications were acted upon:

- (1) Letter dated Jan. 22, 1957 from Mr. E. A. Connell, Supt., Parks and Trees, concerning fees established by Park Commission for 1957 in previous letter dated Dec. 29, 1956, and asking that this previous letter be disregarded because changes may be made in fees.

Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee.

- (2) Letter dated Jan. 28, 1957 from John Allison, Chairman of the Urban Redevelopment Commission, enclosing a proposed resolution to terminate the West Main Street Urban Renewal Project.

Referred to the Special Urban Redevelopment Investigating Committee, and ordered placed on Agenda under communications.

- (3) Carbon copy of letter dated Jan. 28, 1957 to the Planning & Zoning Committee from the City Engineer in regard to regulations governing

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subdivision of land as presently in force and specifications for road construction, superseding those now in effect.

Ordered filed.

- (4) Letter dated Jan. 16, 1957 from Planning & Zoning Director re street signs on new roads.

Referred to Planning & Zoning Committee to be read at next Board meeting on Feb. 4th.

- (5) Carbon copy of letter dated Jan. 16, 1957 from Planning & Zoning Director to Mayor Quigley re Health Building, recommending the approval of amendment to 1956-57 Capital Projects Budget.

Referred to Fiscal Committee and ordered filed.

- (6) Carbon copy of letter dated Jan. 14, 1957 from Joint Committee on Parks & Recreation to Mayor Quigley, endorsing certain recommendations made by Brown & Blauvelt.

Ordered filed.

- (7) Letter dated Dec. 28, 1956 from Planning & Zoning Director, forwarding appeal from decision of Zoning Board, re Harold Cooper, et als.

Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee.

It was **MOVED** by Mr. Raiteri, seconded and carried unanimously that a letter be sent to Mrs. Hilda Clarke, State Representative, asking that all Bills pertaining to Stamford be sent to members of the Board. This motion was amended by Mrs. Peatt that an invitation be extended to both Mrs. Clark and Mr. Webster Givens to attend the next Steering Committee meeting to explain Bills before the Legislature. Mr. Raiteri accepted this amendment and it was **CARRIED** unanimously.

All fiscal matters requiring the approval of other committees in addition to the Fiscal Committee were referred to the various committees concerned.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

George V. Connors,
Chairman
Steering Committee

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Fiscal Committee:

Mr. Kaminski, Chairman, presented the following committee report:

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT
Meeting held Jan. 21, 1957

The Fiscal Committee met on January 21st, 1957 at 8:00 P.M. in the Mayor's office. Mrs. Doris Zuckert and Messrs. Rutherford Huizinga,

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Charles Bradbury, Jr. and William C. Kaminski, Chairman, being present.

Item #1 (See Mayor's letter of Dec. 26, 1956)

POLICE DEPARTMENT - \$14,772.56 - The Fiscal Committee recommends approval of \$14,772.56 which represents the amount as passed by the Board of Finance and which covers the following:

Code 430.1	Salaries, Specials and School Guards-----	\$10,372.56
Code 430.6A	Bureau of Identification-----	1,400.00
Code 430.15B	Light, Heat & Water-----	3,000.00
	Total-----	\$14,772.56

Item #2 (See Mayor's letter of Jan. 2, 1957)

TAX COLLECTOR - \$500.00 - The Fiscal Committee recommends approval of the following appropriation:

Code 575.8	- Transportation-----	\$ 500.00
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Item #3 (See Mayor's letter Dec. 26, 1956)

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WELFARE - \$1,200.00, (REDUCED from \$2,500.00)

The Fiscal Committee recommends that the amount of \$2,500.00, Code 460-65, Housekeeping Services, Welfare Department be REDUCED to \$1,200.00, which amount was based on average monthly spending.

Item #4 (See Mayor's letter Jan. 3, 1957)

CIVIL DEFENSE CORPS. - \$2,000.00

The Fiscal Committee recommends the appropriation of \$2,000.00, Code 444E, Civilian Defense Exercises.

Item #5 (See Mayor's letter Dec. 4, 1956)

This item, known as the addition to the Henry Street Sewer was reported as denied in the Board of Finance Minutes of their December 7th meeting.

In a letter dated January 14th, from Mr. Isadore Mackler to Mr. Pat Scarella, he advised Mr. Scarella the reporting of this item as being denied was in error. The item was passed by a vote of three in favor and two opposed.

The Fiscal Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the 1956-57 Capital Projects Budget be hereby amended by adding thereto an item to be known as "addition to Henry Street Sanitary Sewer" in the amount of \$54,617.65, and the transfer of that amount from the following projects:

1954/1955 Urban & Sixth Streets-----	\$20,000.00
1954/1955 West Main Street-----	10,000.00
1954/1955 Bedford-Hoyt Streets-----	14,118.59

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1952/1953 Culloden Road Trunk Line-----\$10,499.06
 Total-----\$54,617.65

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. KAMINSKI, Chairman
 Fiscal Committee

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MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the following item. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Mr. Milano said the Health & Protection Committee concurs in the recommendation for approval. CARRIED by unanimous vote.

(1) Police Department - \$14,772.56 (Mayor's letter 12/26/56)

Code 430.1 Salaries, Specials & School Guards-----\$10,372.56
 Code 430.6A Bureau of Identification----- 1,400.00
 Code 430.15B Light, Heat & Water----- 3,000.00
 Total-----\$14,772.56

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the following request. Seconded by Mr. Waterbury and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

(2) Tax Collector - \$500.00 (Mayor's letter 1/2/57)

Code 575.8 Transportation-----\$ 500.00

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the following request. He explained that the Fiscal Committee had approved a reduction of this item from the \$2,500.00 originally requested, and which was approved by the Board of Finance, for the reason that the letter in which this request was presented contained no explanation for the sudden increase and they had to base their approval on what was before the committee, as they did not interview departments heads as did the Board of Finance. Mr. Fredericks seconded the motion.

(3) Department Public Welfare (Mayor's letter 12/26/56) - \$1,200.00 REDUCED from \$2,500.00 requested in Mayor's letter.

Code 460.65 Housekeeping Services-----\$1,200.00

MR. MACRIDES, Chairman of the Education, Welfare & Government Committee spoke against Mr. Kaminski's motion to reduce the amount requested from \$2,500.00 to \$1,200.00. He said he had been in touch with Mr. Laturney, the department head, regarding the reasons for the sudden increase in expenses for this item. He said the explanation had been that the Welfare Department believes in having a housekeeper go to the home in order that there be no disruption of family life for children involved, rather than placing the children in a home, thus helping to prevent too much disorganization of a family and to keep it as near intact as may be possible. This, of course, results in more expense for Housekeeping Services for the Welfare Department.

MR. BRADBURY said he protested against the slipshod methods used in asking for the appropriation and if the department needs the additional appropriation, it should follow the procedure of documenting the reasons for requesting the additional appropriation.

MR. KAMINSKI explained that under the circumstances, the Committee had to judge the request by what was before them.

MRS. ZUCKERT reiterated what Mr. Kaminski had said. She said no information was presented to the Fiscal Committee as to the reasons for wanting this additional appropriation.

MR. RHOADES asked Mr. Kaminski if the vote of the Fiscal Committee had been unanimous in reducing the request. Mr. Kaminski replied that it was unanimous.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED the question.

VOTE taken on item (3) above in the amount of \$1200. and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the following request. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert. Mr. Milano, Chairman, Health & Protection Committee, said his Committee concurred in the approval. CARRIED by unanimous vote.

(4) Civil Defense Corps. - \$2,000.00 (Mayor's letter 1/3/57)

Code 444E Civil Defense Exercises-----\$2,000.00

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Kolich. Mr. Topping said the Public Works Committee concurred in the approval. CARRIED by unanimous vote:

(5) Department Public Works - \$54,617.65 - Addition to Henry Street Sanitary Sewer (Mayor's letter 12/4/56)

RESOLUTION NO. 250

ADDITION TO HENRY STREET SANITARY SEWER

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the 1956-57 Capital Projects Budget be hereby amended by adding thereto an item to be known as "addition to Henry Street Sanitary Sewer" in the amount of \$54,617.65, and the transfer of that amount from the following projects:

1954/1955 Urban & Sixth Streets-----	\$20,000.00
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1954/1955 Bedford-Hoyt Streets-----	14,118.59
1952/1953 Culloden Road Trunk Line-----	10,499.06
Total-----	\$54,617.65

Legislative & Rules Committee:

(1) Appeal from decision of Zoning Board meeting held Dec. 5, 1956 regarding Harold Cooper, et als, amending zoning regulations on location of package liquor stores in shopping centers.

Mr. Raiteri, Chairman presented the following report of Joint Meeting:

REPORT OF JOINT MEETING

A joint meeting of the Legislative & Rules and Planning and Zoning Committees was held Thursday evening January 17, 1957 at Avignone's Restaurant.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M. with Mr. Raiteri presiding and

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Mr. Baker acting as clerk.

Those present were:

L & R Committee: Messrs. Raiteri, Baker, Nolan, Plotkin
& Russell

P & Z Committee: Mr. Murphy

The subject of the meeting was the appeal by over 300 property owners in the city from the decision of the Zoning Board exempting shopping centers, as defined, from the application of the 1500 foot liquor rule.

Reviewed at length were the following which are attached hereto:

- a. Transcript of the public hearing on the proposed amendment.
- b. The decision of the Zoning Board adopting the proposed amendment.
- c. The petition appealing that decision.

After careful discussion and consideration the motion was made by Mr. Plotkin and seconded by Mr. Murphy that the committees jointly recommend to the Board of Representatives that the proposed amendment be rejected. Vote on the motion was 4 - 2 in favor.

Supporting reasons agreed upon were:

- a. The proposed amendment would not be to the benefit of the community from the standpoints of public health, safety, welfare or property values. These are the prime considerations in reaching decisions on zoning matters.
- b. The proposed amendment would act to create spot zoning.
- c. The proposed amendment is not in accordance with a comprehensive plan as stipulated in the Charter.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 P.M.

Att.

Respectfully submitted

Approved
C. L. RAITERI JR.
Chairman, L & R

ELLIS B. BAKER
Clerk

Wm. MURPHY
Chairman P & Z 2/4/57

Mr. Raiteri also presented the following Minority Report on the same subject, which was read by Mr. Nolan

MINORITY REPORT

Application of Alan Bruce Cooper, et al.
To amend Art. II Sec. III and Sec. 14 of Art. IV
of the special regulations

We must take a realistic approach to the problem before us. Shopping Centers

are a reality, and we must cope with the problems presented by them.

We should allow for changes in our zoning regulations when the need has been clearly shown. This application points out just such a need.

The City of Stamford has seen fit to allow shopping centers such as Ridgeway and Town and Country to become an integral part of our economy. We permitted them with three thoughts in mind;

1. The taxable income derived would help us defray the expenses of what we like to think of as a progressive community.
2. The conveniences they would provide for our citizens.
3. They would invite people from other communities to shop in Stamford.

These shopping centers have been established in good faith. They now find themselves faced with a problem. Can we rightfully fail to acknowledge the problem and not render assistance? We are of the opinion that we are under an obligation to both the shopping public at large, and the people who have seen fit to invest in, and establish in these shopping centers.

The Zoning Board has recognized the problem and has seen fit to change the present regulations. If they are prepared to take this step, then we the Board of Representatives are faced with no other alternative but to concur.

We can not foresee, nor have we been presented with, any detrimental effects which would be incurred by the passage of these changes in the present regulations.

Respectfully Submitted

Clement L. Raiteri

John R. Nolan

MR. MACRIDES and MR. LONGO rose to a point of personal privilege and requested that they be excused from voting, citing their reasons. Mr. Macrides gave as his reason the fact that the law firm he is associated with acts as counsel for an organization of package liquor dealers. Mr. Longo stated as his reason that he operates a liquor store. They were both excused from voting.

MR. RAITERI MOVED to reject the proposed amendment to the Zoning regulations.

MR. RHOADES said he believed the 1500 foot rule was in the best interests of the citizens of Stamford. He said: "I think that this rule was passed for the purpose of benefiting all of the citizens of Stamford."

MR. FREDERICKS: "I am of a divided mind in regard to this. The control is centered in Hartford. Here, we have a somewhat ambiguous situation, in my opinion. I am in favor of package stores in shopping centers, but subject to the control by the State Liquor Commission in Hartford."

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED to table the question.

There followed some discussion as to procedure. Mr. Fredericks explained that an affirmative vote would, in substance, kill the appeal and a negative vote would be, in effect, a declaration in support of the appeal. He said: "We have discussed this

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at great length in the Republican caucus and we know it also has been discussed in the Democratic caucus." His motion was seconded by Mr. Kaminski and Mr. Georgoulis.

MR. NOLAN explained that a vote to table would mean that it could be brought up again at a later meeting.

MR. RAITERI read from Sec. 553.2 of the Stamford Charter in support of this statement. However, he said a vote to table would not give the vote called for by the Charter.

MR. PLOTKIN said he thought it a dilatory motion and asked the President to rule the motion out of order.

MR. FREDERICKS reminded everyone that a motion to table is not debatable and said he MOVED the question on the original motion. Seconded by Mr. Rhoades and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. RAITERI re-stated his motion and said: "I MOVE that we reject the proposed amendment to the Zoning regulations." Seconded by Mr. Rhoades.

There being a little misunderstanding as to the vote taken on this motion, which appeared to be a tie vote, MR. RHOADES requested that another vote be taken to clarify the vote.

VOTE taken again, resulting in a vote of 18 in FAVOR of Mr. Raiteri's motion and 13 OPPOSED, with two abstentions, as previously stated.

The Chair declared the motion was NOT CARRIED, in accordance with Sec. 556.1 of the Stamford Charter.

MR. RAITERI presented the following report of the Legislative & Rules Committee meeting held January 24, 1957:

REPORT OF MEETING
LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE
January 24, 1957

A meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee was held Thursday evening, January 24, 1957 at Avignone's Restaurant. The meeting convened at 8:30 P.M. with Mr. Raiteri presiding and Mr. Baker acting as clerk. Others present were Messrs. Nolan and Russell. Those absent were Messrs. Plotkin and McLaughlin.

The following items were discussed and action taken as noted:

1. Extension of Rent Control Provisions set forth in Chapter 24A of the Code of General Ordinances.

After full discussion the Committee voted to recommend extension of the termination date of March 31, 1957 contained in Sec. 13 of Chapter 24A to read March 31, 1958.

The Committee therefore moves for the publication of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 24A, Sec. 13 to substitute the year 1958 for the present wording 1957.

2. Requirement for Filing Fee on Planning and Zoning Appeals

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3. Transcript of Planning & Zoning Hearings

The Committee requests recomittal of these two related subjects for further study.

4. Proposed Pension Revision

Since this matter involves the analysis of actuarial problems, the Committee moves that it be referred to the Fiscal Committee.

5. Circuses and Carnivals

The Committee unanimously recommends passage for publication of two ordinances.

- a. To Repeal Chapter 30, Articles II and III of the Code of General Ordinances; and
- b. To Prohibit Circuses and Carnivals in the City of Stamford.

The proposed wording of the Ordinances and the facts supporting the Committee's recommendation are set forth in Appendix 1A and 1B to this report.

6. Letter dated 1/22/57 from Park Commission re: facility fees (attached as Appendix #2)

The Committee suggests a letter be sent to the Park Commission as per the attached draft. No further action is required on this item.

7. Letter dated 1/22/57 from Park Commission re: Ordinance Changes (attached as Appendix #3)

The Committee unanimously recommends passage for publication of an Ordinance.

- a. To Repeal Secs. 1-7 incl of Chapter 22 Article I of the Code of General Ordinances.
- b. To Amend Sec. 8 of Chapter 22 Article I of said Code as set forth in subject letter.
- c. To Repeal all Sections of Chapter 22 Article II of said Code.

8. Letter (undated) from Mr. Irving G. Snyder 1st District Representative to Mr. Raiteri re: Change of Name Nelson Street to Lynn Drive (Letter attached as Appendix #4)

The Committee recommends disapproval of the request there being no apparent reasons to support the expense of the changes involved in land and postal records.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:20 P.M.

Att.

Respectfully submitted

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ELLIS B. BAKER
Clerk

Approved
C. L. RAITERI JR.
Chairman

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(2) Extension of Rent Controls for another year - proposed ordinance

MR. RAITERI MOVED to approve for publication, the extension of rent controls by one year, by amending Chapter 24A, Sec. 13 of the Code of General Ordinances to substitute the year 1958 for the present wording of 1957. Seconded by Mr. Nolan and CARRIED by a rising vote of 26 in FAVOR and 7 OPPOSED.

(3) Requirement of filing fees with appeals from Planning & Zoning Board.

MR. RAITERI MOVED that this be re-committed to Committee for further study. Seconded by Mr. Russell and CARRIED unanimously. (See page 1463 of Minutes 1/7/57)

(4) Transcript of Planning & Zoning Hearings

MR. RAITERI MOVED that this also be re-committed to Committee for further study. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

(5) Park Commission Facility Fees.

MR. RAITERI MOVED that a letter be sent to Mr. Edward Connell, in answer to his letter dated Jan. 22, 1957 stating that the Park Commission is re-studying this matter and requesting the Board to disregard a previous letter. Mr. Raiteri read a proposed answer to Mr. Connell. Seconded by Mr. Topping.

MR. GEORGOULIS MOVED to amend the above motion by adding that this also be referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED unanimously.

(6) Proposed ordinance (for publication) for Park Commission and Board of Recreation, setting forth powers of same.

MR. RAITERI read a letter dated February 1, 1957 addressed to his committee from Mr. Hunt, Supt. of Recreation, requesting that action be postponed until they have had an opportunity to study the proposed ordinance and also for the reason that the Board of Recreation is without full membership and a Chairman at the present time.

MR. RAITERI MOVED that this matter be re-committed to Committee and also referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

(7) Proposed Classified Employees Pension Plan revision.

MR. RAITERI explained that no action could be recommended at this time by his committee, as they believed it involved an actuarial study and inasmuch as it had also been referred to the Fiscal and Personnel Committees, any future recommendations would have to come from the Fiscal Committee, after further study of the fiscal problems involved.

(8) Request to change name of Nelson Street (a private street) to Lynn Drive.

MR. RAITERI stated that the Committee did not recommend approval of this request, as there was no apparent reason to support the expense involved. However, he said it was his understanding that the Steering Committee was referring this request to Mr. Wachter, Planning & Zoning Director.

(9) Proposed ordinance (for publication) re carnivals, circuses and wild west shows in Stamford.

Mr. Raiteri yielded the floor to MR. NOLAN, who presented the following proposed ordinance for adoption for publication: (See page 1468 of 1/7/57 Minutes)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, that Articles II and III of Chapter 30 in the Code of General Ordinances and which deals with Carnivals, Circuses and Wild West Shows are hereby repealed, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, that no Carnivals, Circuses or Wild West Shows shall be conducted, operated or performed within the City of Stamford.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment.

MR. FREDERICKS said he thought the ordinance required more clarity and said he was referring to a question of statutory interpretation. He said: "I am not of a mind to agree to the publication of an ordinance until the actual ordinance itself goes to the members of this Board. I think we should be very careful to try to preserve the language of Sec. 12 and I am in favor of preserving the language used before."

MR. NOLAN: "I would be glad to accept Sec. 12 as an amendment if it is felt to be necessary."

MR. CONNORS read Sec. 12 from the Code of General Ordinances (see page 146 of the 1956 edition) as follows:

"Sec. 12. Certain carnivals allowed to show in city.

This article is not intended to apply to any carnival, fair or amusement or entertainment similar thereto, not employing as part of its entertainment a part of a traveling carnival, conducted by a local bona fide fraternal, charitable or religious organization."

MR. NOLAN: "I will accept the amendment."

VOTE taken on the MOTION as AMENDED, for publication and CARRIED unanimously.

Appointments Committee:

- (1) SEWER COMMISSION - WILLIAM T. TROY, 16 Revere Drive. Member of Democratic party. Term expiring Dec. 1, 1961. (To be re-appointed)

MR. GEORGOULIS read the qualifications of Mr. Troy and said the Committee recommended the appointment for approval. Seconded by Mr. DeForest and vote taken by ballot and

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CARRIED by a vote of 30 in favor and 3 opposed.

- (2) BOARD OF RECREATION- MRS. MARY S. FITZPATRICK, 357 Glenbrook Road. Member of Democratic party. Term expiring Dec. 1, 1960

MR. GEORGOU LIS read the qualifications of Mrs. Fitzpatrick and said the Committee recommended the appointment for approval. Seconded by Mr. Findlay and vote taken by ballot and CARRIED by a vote of 28 in favor and 5 opposed.

Public Works Committee:

MR. TOPPING, Chairman, presented the following committee report:

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Because of only one item on the Committee's agenda, all members were contacted by telephone and are in agreement that the committee approve the transfer of funds for the Henry Street Sewer.

Progress has been made on the survey of the Noroton River.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Topping, Chairman

Planning & Zoning Committee:

MR. RUSSELL, Alternate Chairman, presented the following committee report:

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

- (1) Request for information concerning Performance Bond on roads by R. G. Huizinga.

This matter was discussed with Mr. Walter Wachter, Director of Planning & Zoning. The present regulations governing the Performance Bond allows a developer, if he so wishes, to rough his roads, and even complete same, without putting up a Performance Bond. However, he does so at his own risk, since the final road and land grading must be done according to specifications of the City Engineering Department, and if his completed project does not meet these specifications, he must re-do the work, which is a serious cost risk to him. The protection clause the City maintains is, that no building permit is given for any home to be built unless it is on a road covered by a Performance Bond, or is a City accepted street.

- (2) Street Signs on New Roads.

The Planning Board has accepted the request of the Planning & Zoning Committee that all new roads be identified with City approved street signs, installed by the developer, and they have so amended their rules under Section VI to so require.

However, they did not accept the Committee's recommendation of

permanent luminous type signs; their feeling being that such signs should be a standard type used by the City today. The Committee does not concur with the Planning Board on this decision, since they have allowed many developments to install street signs and posts not standard with the present City signs. An example is Parkway Village, off Cedar Heights Road. The Committee feels, however, that this fine and attractive type of sign should be encouraged. Also, the Committee feels that the present City signs are not of a permanent nature, since many throughout the City are barely legible, twisted so as to confuse street intersection identification, and even broken off.

The Committee will again recommend to the Planning Board that permanent LUMINOUS signs for more easy recognition at night be adopted as they will also eliminate considerable and costly future maintenance.

(3) Road Construction Specifications.

The Committee has obtained copies of desired road construction specifications which will, in the future, insure building of permanent type roads. These specifications were arrived at after several meetings with Mr. Charles White, City Engineer. There is still more information and procedures to be set up. The Committee hopes to complete this project before the Spring acceptance of roads by the Board begins.

George E. Russell, Alternate Chairman
William Murphy, Chairman
Helen J. Peatt
Gerald J. Rybnick

MR. RUSSELL MOVED that a letter be sent to the Planning Board regarding their approval of luminous type signs for streets, so they may be more easily read at night. Seconded by Mr. Rhoades and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for acceptance of the report of the Planning & Zoning Committee. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

The following communication was introduced regarding the Urban Redevelopment Commission West Main Street Urban Renewal Project:

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT
Urban Redevelopment Commission
159 Main Street

January 28, 1957

Mr. George Connors, President
Board of Representatives
City Hall
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Connors:

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Enclosed herewith please find a proposed resolution which would terminate the West Main Street Urban Renewal Project. This Commission requests that the Board adopt the attached resolution.

This resolution has been cleared with the Field Representative of the Federal Urban Renewal Administration, who has indicated that it would be acceptable for the purpose.

Yours very truly,

John Allison, Chairman,
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MR. MILANO MOVED for adoption of the resolution enclosed in the letter from the Urban Redevelopment Commission. Seconded by Mr. Georgoulis.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED to AMEND the resolution by changing the work "the" to "such" in the third line of the last paragraph and to add, after the words "West Main Street Urban Renewal Project" the following: "...to which reference is made previously...". Seconded by Mr. Kaminski.

Mr. Milano accepted the amendment.

VOTE taken on the resolution, as amended and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 251

TERMINATION OF WEST MAIN STREET URBAN
RENEWAL PROJECT OF URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 205 adopted by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford on November 14, 1955, said Board of Representatives did approve the filing of an application dated November 14, 1955 by the City of Stamford, Connecticut Urban Redevelopment Commission for an advance of funds from the United States of America to prepare surveys and plans for an urban renewal project in the area described in said Resolution No. 205 and known as the West Main Street area; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Redevelopment Commission did on April 12, 1956 enter into a contract known as Contract No. Conn. R-10 (A) with the United States of America for an advance of funds in the amount of One Hundred Forty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Nine (\$143,859) Dollars, to prepare surveys and plans for an urban renewal project known as Project No. Conn. R-10 in the West Main Street Area; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Redevelopment Commission did requisition and receive from the Housing and Home Finance Agency of the United States of America the sum of Twenty Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Five (\$23,125) Dollars, less audit and inspection fees, in the amount of Two Thousand Three Hundred Four (\$2,304) Dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford has since studied and reviewed the problems involved in undertaking an urban renewal project in the West Main Street Area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives has determined that the carrying out of an urban renewal project in the West Main Street Area at this time would not be in the best interest of the City of Stamford.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford:

That the City of Stamford, Connecticut Urban Redevelopment Commission is hereby authorized and directed to terminate the preparation of surveys and plans for such West Main Street Urban Renewal Project, to which reference is made previously, and to take all steps necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution, including notification of the adoption of this resolution to the Housing and Home Finance Agency of the United States of America; the refunding of all unused and unencumbered funds requisitioned and received under the contract for planning advance; and a request to the Government to terminate its obligations under the provisions of Section 104 of the contract for planning advance for surveys and plans for the West Main Street Area, which contract is known as Contract No. Conn. R-10 (A).

NEW BUSINESS

(1) Redevelopment plans in southeast quadrant of Stamford, in Elm Street, Main Street, Atlantic Street area.

MR. LONGO, as Chairman of the Housing Committee brought up the subject of registration of people affected in the area. He MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to discuss this matter. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Longo stated that he thought it advisable to set up some sort of registration in the Elm Street School, or some suitable spot, for three or four nights probably between the hours of 4 to 8 P.M. in order to get some idea of the number of people in the affected area.

MR. RAITERI reminded the Board that this could be done more easily by the Urban Redevelopment Commission, who are set up to do this type of survey and do it all the time. Mr. Raiteri suggested that it might be a good idea for the Housing Committee to work along with the Commission in order to arrive at an idea of the number of families involved.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED that the Housing Committee be authorized by this Board to see what arrangements can be made to accomplish a registration of the people affected. Seconded by Mr. Georgoulis.

MR. KAMINSKI said he wished to FURTHER AMEND by requesting the Urban Redevelopment Commission to furnish the Board with the exact area and extent of demolition. A question was directed to Mr. Harris, the Director of Urban Redevelopment as to what this area would encompass. Mr. Harris stated that they do not have this information as yet.

MR. KAMINSKI said: "How on earth can we ask people to register when we don't even know what areas are affected?"

MR. GEORGOULIS MOVED the question and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

(2) Re Proposed Bill combining Parks and Recreation

MR. BAKER rose to a point of personal privilege and asked to have recorded in the Minutes his reaction to a letter sent to the newspaper in regard to a Bill that he sent to the Legislature. He stated that he had requested introduction of a Bill in the Legislature which would combine the Park Commission and Recreation Board.

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and that he had done this as a private citizen and not as a member of the Board of Representatives. Mr. Baker stated that he, among several others, had received copies of the letter and it had been sent out on Board of Recreation stationery and using postage furnished by the City of Stamford. He stated that he wanted his objections to the use of City postage being used for purposes other than City business recorded in the Minutes, as he objected strenuously to the method used in mailing the copies of the letter.

(3) Fire Drills

MR. VITTI said he wanted to bring the attention of the Board to a very serious fire that occurred in New Haven recently. He said the terrible effects of fire had been brought home to him forcefully, because he had been a patient at Grace-New Haven Hospital and had personally seen the victims brought in and it was a shocking sight to witness and had brought home to him the fact that such a thing could just as easily happen in Stamford and urged the Board to support Gov. Ribicoff's proposal for fire drills in the State to help prevent future injuries and loss of life because of panic and lack of knowledge in regard to what to do when fire breaks out in a public building or factory.

Mr. Vitti's suggestion was referred to the Health & Protection Committee to look into procedures to be recommended.

(4) Stamford Day in Legislature

MR. FREDERICKS: "Just to remind everyone. It is my understanding that Stamford Day has been moved up. I think we should give some consideration to holding a Special Meeting of this Board, either in February or the early part of March, to devote to the consideration of Bills affecting Stamford."

There being no further business to come before the Board, MR. FREDERICKS MOVED for adjournment at 10:30 P.M. Seconded by several and CARRIED unanimously,

Respectfully submitted,

George V. Connors

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