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A special meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Thursday, May 9, 1957 in the Cafeteria of the Walter R. Dolan Jr. High School, Toms Road, Glenbrook, pursuant to a Call issued by the President, Mr. George V. Connors. The meeting was called to order at 8:20 P.M. by the President.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 30 present and 10 absent. The absent members were: William Brett, Irving Snyder, Salvatore Giuliani, Robert Lewis, Doris Zuckert (on vacation); Eugene Barry, Edward Wynn, John DeForest, John Lilliendahl and Jack McLaughlin.

It was MOVED, seconded and CARRIED unanimously to dispense with the reading of the Call.

The "Call" reads as follows:

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Stamford, Conn.

May 3, 1957

I, GEORGE V. CONNORS, President of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, pursuant to Section 202 of the Charter, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of the members of the Board of Representatives for the following purpose:

To consider and act upon the  
OPERATING and CAPITAL BUDGETS  
for the City of Stamford's  
fiscal year 1957-1958

to be held on

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH, 1957

at 8:00 P.M.

In the Cafeteria of the Walter  
Dolan Jr. High School, Toms Road,  
Glenbrook.

I hereby order a copy of this Call to be sent to each member by mail at least seventy-two hours before the time fixed for said meeting.

*George V. Connors*

George V. Connors,  
President,  
Board of Representatives

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above "Call" of a Special Meeting was sent by mail to all members of the Board of Representatives on Friday, May 3, 1957.

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President,  
Board of Representatives

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MR. GEORGOULIS: "Tonight we are called to this meeting to vote upon certain matters concerning our City Budget. I MOVE that the Fiscal Committee submit a total sum and only in specific cases where they are proposing a cut will they mention any specific item in the departmental budget and that the vote be taken by a show of hands instead of by a rising vote on each item." Seconded by Mr. Fredericks with the understanding that a breakdown be given where there are any suggested cuts.

MR. RAITERI: "I object to the motion. I think it is important enough that we take the time to consider each item separately and I, for one, would like an opportunity to vote on each specific item."

MR. GEORGOULIS: "What I meant was that when there has been no suggested change or cut, that instead of a rising vote, that we just have a show of hands."

MR. FREDERICKS: "It is my understanding that rather than cover it item by item, if the Fiscal Committee make no recommendation as to changes, just to vote on the total for each particular department, rather than to consume time by voting on each item which composes the total. However, if any representative wants to make reference to any particular item, he is free to do so. The only reason behind taking the totals was only in the event there were no objections to the recommendations of the Fiscal Committee."

MR. RAITERI said he agreed with this reasoning.

MR. KAMINSKI said he believed there was still some misunderstanding and stated that he would move the total appropriation for each particular department, unless anyone wished to consider a particular item under the department and when there was any cut recommended by the Committee, that item would be voted on separately.

VOTE taken on Motion as clarified and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. KAMINSKI, Fiscal Committee Chairman, explained that if there were no objection, the letter of transmittal of the Budget from the Board of Finance, dated April 15, 1957 would not be read, for the reason that copies had been furnished to each member of the Board. Mr. Kaminski then read the following report of the Fiscal Committee:

STAMFORD BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON 1957-58 BUDGET

Your Fiscal Committee has spent many hours of deliberation and careful study in an attempt to provide all the necessary services and capital needs to which the citizens of Stamford are entitled, and at the same time keep the costs within its ability to pay.

It has been said that if the Board of Finance adequately performs the task required in the study of the Budgets, no additional work need be done by the Board of Representatives. We, as a Committee, do not subscribe to this philosophy, because the Charter not only gives this Board the right to approve, reject, or reduce any item approved by the Board of Finance, but specifically entrusts the Board of Representatives with the responsibility of final action on all items in the Budgets.

Last year, for the first time, it was the recommendation of this Committee that this Board approve the Budgets as submitted by the Board of Finance, and when this Board voted no further reductions, we were criticized for "rubber stamp" action.

If the Budgets which were presented this year to the Board of Finance had been approved by the Board of Finance as presented, they would have resulted in an average tax increase of approximately 3.1 mills. However, the Board of Finance, after careful study, decided to reduce these budgets, with the result that, if we adopted the Budget, as presented by the Board of Finance, without further reduction, it is estimated that they would result in an average tax increase of 1.1.

It is the feeling of this Committee that it is about time that this Board seriously assumed responsibilities delegated to it by the Charter, and that we vote the necessary reductions to keep taxes down. Most people do not realize that the operating expenditures of this City have increased approximately 100% since 1950.

We, therefore, have confined our studies primarily to the task of finding those items which could be safely postponed until next year, without seriously affecting the over-all planning of a specific project. One of the factors which influenced our judgment in this respect, was the fact that we found several hundreds of thousands of dollars which were appropriated in previous years, and which still have not been expended and will not be expended until after July 1, 1957.

Last year, we went on record, stating that we would not approve additional emergency appropriations throughout the year, unless they were the result of emergencies, or unforeseen expenditures which could not be anticipated. With a few exceptions, this policy has been followed this past year.

A few of the reductions we are recommending in this year's Budget are being made with the full knowledge that we will, during the current year, receive requests for additional appropriations to offset these reductions. However, in these few instances, we have made the reductions for the purpose of control. For when the additional appropriations are requested, we will then be in a position to analyze the need in greater detail than can possibly be done at this time.

After careful study, we are now in a position to present to you the final Budgets, which, if you adopt and vote our recommendations, will require no increase in the average tax rate for the citizens of Stamford in the year 1957-1958. We sincerely believe this to be our responsibility to the people of Stamford, and we respectfully request that you approve the following Budgets, which Budgets have been reduced below the requested amounts as follows:

	<u>Operating Budget</u>	<u>Educational Budget</u>	<u>Capital Budget</u>	<u>Total</u>
As requested:	8,240,088.46	6,381,661.00	2,344,160.00	16,965,909.46
Bd. Finance reduction:	<u>270,344.95</u>	<u>468,601.00</u>	<u>552,500.00</u>	<u>1,291,445.95</u>
Approved by Board of Finance:-----	7,969,743.51	5,913,060.00	1,791,660.00	15,674,463.51
Fiscal Committee Reduction:	<u>62,046.00</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>315,500.00</u>	<u>377,546.00</u>
Appr'd. by Fiscal Committee:	7,907,697.51	5,913,060.00	1,476,160.00	15,296,917.51

Section 614 of the Charter states, "If any item in the Capital Projects Budget should be reduced, the Board (of Representatives) shall indicate what reduction,

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if any, shall be made in the amount to be raised by current taxation." Therefore, in compliance with the above specific Charter instructions, we hereby respectfully request of the Board of Finance that the total reduction in the Capital Projects Budget, namely, \$315,500.00, be so applied to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation .

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Kaminski, Chairman  
 C. W. Bradbury, Jr.  
 R. G. Huizinga  
 E. P. Wynn, Jr.  
 W. J. Brett  
 D. M. Zuckert

RE: THE CAPITAL BUDGET - Fiscal Year 1957-1958

Page 3 - Public Works Dept., Sanitary Sewers, item 2. Northeast Section, West of Hope Street: \$100,000.00

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that this item be eliminated. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury.

MR. FREDERICKS asked the reason for this cut and Mr. Kaminski explained that this work could not be finished in the coming fiscal year until after the project has been completed.

MR. PLOTKIN asked if this were eliminated from the budget, would it hold up the sanitary sewer construction in this area. Mr. Kaminski replied that it would not. Mr. Bradbury said it was merely a question of the timing of that project.

VOTE taken on the elimination of \$100,000.00 for this item and CARRIED by a vote of 30 in FAVOR.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for the approval of the total of \$100,000.00 for Sanitary Sewers. Seconded by Mr. Hearing and CARRIED by a unanimous vote of 30 in FAVOR.

Page 5 - Public Works Dept., Storm Drains,

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that item 3. Silver Hill Lane be REDUCED from \$10,000.00 to \$8,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury.

Mr. Huizinga explained the reason for this cut, saying it was because in their investigation they found the pattern of awarding contracts showed the bids to be less than the amount of the appropriation in some cases, so the appropriation was being cut to be in line with the bids.

MR. KAMINSKI: "In many cases where there are small projects, they are lumped together as a group."

MR. VITTI disagreed with the reasoning of the Committee, saying: "No one knows what conditions they are going to run into and it could run into more money easily."

MR. HUIZINGA: "The same thing holds true on the original appropriation requested. It is impossible to know in advance how much rock they will run into. If they run into unanticipated costs, it can happen anyway."

VOTE taken on Mr. Kaminski's motion on reducing item 3 to \$8,000.00 and CARRIED BY unanimous vote of 30 in FAVOR.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that item 4, Simsbury Road be REDUCED from \$6,000.00 to \$5,000.00 being a reduction of \$1,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury and CARRIED by unanimous vote of 30 in FAVOR.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that item 5, Blueberry Hill Drive, be REDUCED from \$15,000.00 to \$12,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury and CARRIED by unanimous vote of 30 in FAVOR.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that item 9, Clay Hill Road be REDUCED from \$5,000.00 to \$4,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury and CARRIED by unanimous vote of 30 in FAVOR.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that the total appropriation for page 5 be approved at the REDUCED figure of \$205,500.00. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury and CARRIED unanimously.

Page 7 - Public Works Department, Highways

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that item 1, Broad Street Extension be REDUCED from \$150,000.00 to \$75,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury. When questioned as to the reason for this drastic reduction, he said there still remains some \$53,000 of the original appropriation for this project and also that legal investigations have held it up, but when the time comes for this to go ahead if it is found additional funds are needed they can be voted at that time. CARRIED by unanimous vote of 30 in FAVOR.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that item 6, Sidewalk, West Avenue be REDUCED from \$10,000.00 to \$6,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga. Mr. Huizinga explained that investigation disclosed that the \$6,000.00 would be sufficient to do the entire job.

MR. VITTI said he would like to know who has done the investigating and said he did not think it was possible to do it for that amount of money and they would find a great many complications because there was a lot of stone, etc. that will have to be removed.

VOTE taken on Mr. Kaminski's motion and CARRIED by a vote of 26 in FAVOR and 4 OPPOSED.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that the total appropriation for page 7 for Highways, be approved at the REDUCED figure of \$126,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

Page 9 - Public Works Department, Incinerator

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of \$300,000.00 for this item. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

Page 11 - Public Works Department, Bridges

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that item 1 for Woodside Avenue (Woodside Street) in the amount of \$15,000.00 be ELIMINATED for the reason that the trade school is being built there and will have to wait until after the construction has been completed. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and CARRIED by a vote of 29 in FAVOR and 1 OPPOSED. (Mr. Vitti voted in opposition)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that item 2 for Riverbank Road be REDUCED from \$20,000.00 to \$18,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and CARRIED by unanimous vote of 30 in FAVOR.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that item 3 for Farms Road be REDUCED from \$35,000.00 to \$32,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and CARRIED by unanimous vote of 30 in FAVOR.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that the total appropriation of \$50,000.00 as REDUCED be approved.



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Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and CARRIED by unanimous vote of 30 in FAVOR.

Page 13 - Public Works Department, Flood Control Commission

There being no reductions in the amounts as approved by the Board of Finance, MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that the total figure of \$75,000.00 be APPROVED. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury and CARRIED by unanimous vote of 30 in FAVOR.

Page 17 - Park Commission

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that item 1, George T. Barrett Park, Septic Installations be eliminated. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury.

MR. TOPPING: "I believe this has been put out for bid."

MR. RHOADES: "\$7,000 was appropriated last year and is still unspent and \$4,900 is before the Board of Finance and has not as yet been acted upon. A statement was made at a dinner that the Park Commission intended to build a club house and this aroused one of the prime movements of the century in opposition to it. I do not know exactly what is contemplated, but I am afraid I will have to go along with the cut in the budget until this has been clarified, as the people who live around there are very much upset over the rumors as to what will be built."

MR. BAKER and MR. FINDLAY both stated that they had received many 'phone calls opposing the construction.

MR. RAITERI: "The bid went out on that and one contractor that I know bid around \$10,000. The contract has not yet been awarded because the appropriation is not enough."

VOTE taken on the elimination of this from the budget and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that item 4, Cummings Park Pavilion, be ELIMINATED, explaining his reasons. He said a good deal of the work could be done by the Public Works Department and there were other monies available from transfers. He also stated no building program would be likely to start during the summer and in the event more money was needed there would be plenty of time to study the need for more money at a later date.

MR. RUSSELL spoke in favor of the Pavilion and said he would like to hear from Mr. Connell before the Board acted on this. Seconded by Mr. Nolan.

MR. HUIZINGA: "We spent a lot of time on this and went into it very carefully. One mistake is thinking that we are not going to build this building. I asked Mr. Russell if he had seen the plans for the new building. In our opinion we believe a great deal can be done with the help of the Public Works Department with the amount of money already appropriated."

MR. TOPPING: "It will do us no good to call in department heads. We should accept the recommendations of the Fiscal Committee, who have made their investigations, and if they decide that it is not the right thing to do now, then it should be eliminated."

MR. NOLAN: "If we appropriate a lesser amount, then we might find ourselves hamstrung."

MR. VITTI: "What part of the work will the Public Works Department do on this?"

MR. HUIZINGA: "Just the supplies, which they can obtain much cheaper. We have been led to believe that the Public Works Department can get supplies at a great reduction in cost and a great deal of the labor work will be done by the City employees. The anticipated cost of this project is around \$148,184.00."

MR. FREDERICKS: "Mr. Bradbury checked last year's budget on this. The original appropriation was cut to \$5,000 and will be added to \$63,184.92 what has already been appropriated."

MR. MURPHY: "Then you don't think the construction will be started this year?"

MR. HUIZINGA: "No."

MR. KAMINSKI: "If all the monies which were requested were available, it would come to a total of about \$148,184.00."

MR. HUIZINGA: "They originally requested \$60,000 for razing the building and now they are asking for \$148,184.00."

MR. FREDERICKS: "Evidently the plans are now much more elaborate - why the sudden change into a much more elaborate operation?"

MR. RUSSELL: "If we don't give them the money in this next year's budget, the work will never get done. He requested a vote on his previous motion to hear from Mr. Connell."

VOTE on hearing from Mr. Connell. LOST by a vote of 12 in FAVOR and 18 OPPOSED.

VOTE on denying the \$85,000 requested for Cummings Park Pavilion. DENIED by a vote of 17 to 13.

Mr. Nolan raised the question of not having 21 votes, but was told it was not necessary.

MR. TOPPING asked if he could go back to item 2, Dyke Park, Picnic Area and was told he could. He said he wanted to ask the Fiscal Committee if they have gone over the items appropriated during the last fiscal years; i.e. 1955-56 and 1956-57. He called attention to the previous year's budget and said: "Did the Fiscal Committee investigate this item to see if it is reasonable to allow \$3,000 for this?"

MR. VITTI: "I investigated it and found they can use it."

MR. KAMINSKI: "I think by simply taking a trip down there the question will be very easily answered, as the park is in very poor condition. Because of lack of time we thought it too small an item to question."

Item 5, Cove Island - Roads - Paths, Engineering Plans came up for discussion, a cut being recommended by the Fiscal Committee. After considerable debate, it was decided to leave this in, as approved by the Board of Finance.

MR. CONNORS left the Chair to speak against such severe cutting of the Park Commission budget. He said: "We are building for the future, even if we are not using it at the present moment. We have spent a half million dollars for a park and now our Fiscal Committee is proposing to cut the money to fix it up to practically nothing. What is the sense in spending a half million dollars for a park and then not appropriating any money to fix it up so it can be used? It doesn't make any sense to me to buy land for parks unless we intend to make use of it."

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MR. TOPPING: "\$61,000 was appropriated last year and not one cent has been spent yet."

MR. CONNORS resumed the Chair.

No further cuts were recommended by the Fiscal Committee.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the total of \$42,000.00 for the Park Commission. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury and CARRIED by a unanimous vote of 30.

All other items in the Capital Projects Budget were APPROVED as recommended by the Board of Finance, with no further cuts being made.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the total Capital Projects Budget for 1957-1958 in the amount of \$1,496,160.00. Seconded by Mr. Waterbury and CARRIED by unanimous vote of 30.

RE: OPERATING BUDGET - Fiscal Year 1957-1958

Mr. Czupka asked to be excused at 10:00 P.M.

All items in the Operating Budget were approved, with the following exceptions, which were either denied or reduced:

Page 5 - Mayor's Office - Code 300.1B, Traffic Engineer. \$1,800.00 was reduced by Board of Finance.

MR. RAITERI said he was opposed to the \$1,800 for a Traffic Engineer, saying he did not think this would be necessary for the reason that Mr. Robert Hunt will be returning from Traffic School and will be qualified to handle the traffic problems and MOVED that this be stricken out as being DENIED. (Mr. Kaminski withdrew his original motion in order that a vote be taken on the individual item) Seconded by Mr. Topping. DENIED by a vote of 15 to 14.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for a total appropriation of \$25,463.00 for the Mayor's office. Seconded by Mr. Raiteri and CARRIED unanimously.

Page 5 - Department of Law

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that the item, Code 450.1, Salaries be REDUCED to \$17,498.00 by eliminating the request of \$5,382.00 for New Personnel, Attorney. Seconded by Mr. Baker and CARRIED by a vote of 28 in favor and one opposed, Mr. Plotkin being in opposition to this cut.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the total for this department of \$33,698.00. Seconded by Mr. Baker and CARRIED by a unanimous vote of 29.

Page 7 - Commissioner of Finance

Code 480.9, Special Stenographic Services:

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED this be REDUCED from \$1,500.00 to \$1,200.00. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED by a vote of 24 - 5.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that the total of \$16,878.00 for Commissioner of Finance be APPROVED. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED unanimously.

Page 13 - Veterans Service



MR. BAKER said he thought this should be stricken out of the budget.

MR. RAITERI MOVED that this be referred to the Education, Welfare and Government Committee to see if this cannot be paid for by the Veterans Administration of the Federal Government by next year. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

Page 11 - Ferguson Library

MR. NOLAN brought up the subject of the lack of rest rooms in the Library and MOVED this be referred to the Education, Welfare and Government Committee for consideration. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

Insurance (Page 15)

MR. RAITERI brought up the subject of how the city's insurance is handled and the methods of allocating it to various firms. This was also referred to the Steering Committee for investigation.

Page 15 - Planning Board

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that item 520.1A, Consultant fee, be DENIED for the reason that the money for this was not spent this year. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury and CARRIED unanimously.

Page 17 - Taxation Board - Code 570.2, Rent

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the above item. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury.

MR. RAITERI: "There seems to be no necessity for this rent item, as they only function when there is a meeting. Therefore, I can see no reason for paying rent. Why can't they use the Tax Assessor's office? I am opposed to the rent item."

MR. TOPPING asked why they could not use the Elm Street school building.

VOTE on Mr. Kaminski's motion. DENIED by a vote of 4 in FAVOR and 25 OPPOSED. The reason given was that some of the city buildings could probably be used for their meetings.

MR. RAITERI MOVED that this be referred to the Steering Committee so that a more advantageous location for their meetings could be investigated further. Seconded by Mr. Longo and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the total for the Taxation Board in the amount of \$350.00. Seconded and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

Page 21 - Group Life Insurance

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that the item of \$25,000 for this item be DENIED. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga, who explained that the reason for this is because there is an item of something in the neighborhood of \$30,000 being held on the books for Self Insurance which could be used for this account. He said in discussing this with the Commissioner of Finance they found that this money can be used for this purpose.

VOTE on Mr. Kaminski's motion to DENY this appropriation and CARRIED unanimously.

Page 23 - Probate Court

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MR. NOLAN questioned why the Probate Court is included in the City's budget.

MR. PLOTKIN said the Probate Court was supposed to take care of all their expenses from fees received and the city should not be required to pay one cent towards the upkeep and maintenance.

MR. FREDERICKS: "I hate to strike out any item without knowing more about it. I don't think we should be arbitrary and strike it out on that basis."

MR. RHOADES: "I think we should have a study made of this before any cut is made."

MR. HUIZINGA said he thought it should be referred to the Fiscal Committee for study, and if necessary, taken out of next year's budget.

MR. PLOTKIN MOVED it be taken up at the next Steering Committee meeting. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

Page 25 - Total General Government

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of \$1,430,356.27 for Total General Government. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and CARRIED unanimously.

Page 35 - Welfare Department

Code 460.1, Salaries: MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that this be reduced to \$83,798, thereby deleting the request for new personnel (Sr. Clerk Typist). Seconded by Mr. Huizinga who explained there had been no increase in the number of people benefiting from their services and therefore the Committee saw no reason to increase the personnel. CARRIED by a vote of 27 in FAVOR and 2 OPPOSED.

Code 460.6A, Shoes, Repairs & Clothing: MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that this be reduced to \$2,000. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga.

MR. HUIZINGA: The reason we wish to cut this is because we think better control of these items should be exercised. If additional appropriations should be required during the year, we will be able to discuss it at that time. The State specifically tells the Welfare Department what they should charge. The costs are pegged by the State and Mr. Laturney has no choice in the matter. If he does not take care of these costs the State will step in and make them, and if necessary, pay the bills, and then bill the city, charging interest of 6%. This reduction is primarily a control item and nothing more."

VOTE taken on Mr. Kaminski's motion and CARRIED unanimously.

Code 460.9, Outside Professional Fees: MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that this item be reduced to \$8,000. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

Code 460.14, Service Contract and Repairs: MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that this be reduced to \$2,012. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

Code 460.62, Child Placement: MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that this item be reduced to \$20,000 and gave as his reason the amounts spent in the past and it does not justify such a large appropriation considering the number of people benefiting by it. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and CARRIED unanimously.

Code 460.64, Visiting Nurses: There was no cut in this appropriation, but the question was raised as to the reason for one organization, whose expenses are paid for by charitable contributions, charging for services, which in turn are again paid for

by the citizens. Although this item was not cut, it was referred to the Steering Committee to investigate it further.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the total of \$224,676 for the Welfare Department. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and CARRIED unanimously.

Page 37 - Total Welfare and Institutions

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the total of \$384,279.20 for this item. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury and CARRIED unanimously.

Page 39 - Dog Warden

The question was raised as to the explanation on the opposite page (page 38) under 421.1 for Dog Warden where it states "This may be found under 'Estimated Revenues' in the amount of \$3975." Inasmuch as it did not seem to appear in the back of the budget under this category, MR. IACOVO MOVED this item be deferred for further investigation to find out the reason for this apparent discrepancy.

MR. BAKER MOVED to hear from Mr. Toner, City Clerk, who was present. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. TONER: "I don't know the answer as it appears in the budget, as it does not seem to be listed here. All the expenses for the Dog Warden, I assume, is taken from the funds which we receive. There is a separate fund set up."

MR. BAKER MOVED it be referred to the Fiscal Committee for further clarification. Seconded by Mr. Longo and CARRIED by a vote of 20 in FAVOR and 9 OPPOSED.

Although the Fiscal Committee would investigate the reasons why no explanation appeared in the back of the budget in regard to these funds, it was decided not to hold up the approval of funds for this reason.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the total of \$4,125 for the Dog Warden's budget. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and CARRIED by a vote of 21 in FAVOR and 8 OPPOSED.

Page 43 - Code 430.17, Maintenance of Patrol Cars, Police Dept.

MR. RAITERI spoke in regard to this budgetary item. He stated that other towns and cities have adopted the policy of turning in their cars every year, rather than maintaining them and found it much cheaper. He said he would like to see this referred to the Health & Protection Committee to investigate the policy of turning in the cars every year, instead of keeping the old cars in repair.

Referred to the Steering Committee by unanimous vote, to look into the matter.

Page 49 - Civilian Defense

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED the item of Code 444.3 Stationery & Postage, be reduced to \$400. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. RUSSELL questioned item Code 444.15, Light, Power, Water and Fuel for the use of the Raig Avenue building. He said he did not think this building should be just taken over by the Civil Defense without anything being said about it. He MOVED it be referred to the Steering Committee for study. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for a reduction to \$4,500 for Code 444.A, Operational Equipment.

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Seconded by Mr. Bradbury. Mr. Bradbury said they had compared this with the Fire Department costs and it seemed entirely too high. Vote taken on Mr. Kaminski's motion and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of a reduction to \$4,000 for Code 444.B, Personnel Equipment for the same reason. Mr. Bradbury seconded the motion. CARRIED unanimously.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the total of \$22,396 for Civilian Defense. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. BAKER questioned the item of Code 444.1A, Overtime Allowance. Mr. Topping said it might be intended for the Janitor, but then it was noted that the Janitor's services were for part time. This, also, was referred to the Steering Committee for investigation and clarification.

MR. FREDERICKS and MR. KETCHAM asked to be excused at 11:40 P.M.

Page 53 - Total - Protection to Persons and Property

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the total of \$2,187,269 for the above. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury and CARRIED by unanimous vote of 27.

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MR. RAITERI: "An increase for the Commissioner of Public Works is not a warranted one. It does not necessarily follow that the head of the department, which changes with the change in administration, should make more money than other individuals who are in the same department. I am opposed to this increase."

MR. VITTI: "This man is making a sacrifice by even staying on this job. The Commissioner of Public Works has absolutely no protection whatever in his job if the administration changes."

MR. RAITERI said he was not casting any reflection on any individual, but said he was thinking of the future and thought the salary should be more in keeping with other administrative posts.

MR. NOLAN said he believed an administrative job should pay a good salary, for the very reason of its lack of permanence.

MR. VITTI said it was not a personal issue and that he really thought the Commissioner was entitled to more money.

MR. TOPPING: "I do not believe this job should pay more than others in the same type of job are receiving."

MR. BRADBURY: "There has been a 39% increase in the administration of the Public Works Department over the years, as compared with less than half that much in other departments."

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the salary for the Commissioner at the same rate of pay, with no increase - namely \$7,904. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury and DEFEATED by a vote of 16 to 11.

MR. KAMINSKI then suggested the increase be granted and MOVED for approval of the Salaries item, Code 410.1 in the amount of \$36,638. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury and DEFEATED by a vote of 11 to 16.

MR. MURPHY then suggested that a compromise be made in the increase in salary for the Commissioner by increasing it to \$8400 instead of the suggested \$9000, and MOVE for approval of \$36,038 Code 410.1 and granting an increase ~~of~~ \$8400 ~~for~~ the Commissioner. He explained this would bring the Commissioner in line with other department heads. Seconded by Mr. Vitti and CARRIED by a unanimous vote of 27.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of a total of \$40,328 for Public Works Administration. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and CARRIED unanimously.

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Bureau of Highways and Maintenance: MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that item 412A.6, Supplies and Materials, be reduced to \$31,000. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury. Mr. Kaminski said that up to March 31, 1957 only \$2,033 was spent in this account and said there should be better control of this particular account.

MR. BRADBURY: "We want to put this particular account on a fiscal basis so better control can be exercised." He went on to explain it in more detail.

VOTE on Mr. Kaminski's motion and CARRIED by a vote of 23 in FAVOR and 4 OPPOSED.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the total of \$406,239 for Bureau of Highways and Maintenance. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury and CARRIED unanimously.

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MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the total of \$1,829,686 for Public Works. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and CARRIED by unanimous vote of 27 in favor:

RESOLUTION NO. 254

ADOPTION OF THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FROM JULY 1, 1957 TO JUNE 30, 1958

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance has transmitted to the Board of Representatives its recommended budget for the City of Stamford for the ensuing fiscal year, commencing July 1, 1957 and ending June 30, 1958, for final action thereon by the Board of Representatives:

BE IT RESOLVED BY STAMFORD, that the itemized estimate of receipt and expenditures for the ensuing year 1957-1958 in the budgets as submitted by the Mayor and as acted upon and considered by the Board of Representatives, in the amount of

\$ 1,496,160.00	CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET
13,818,988.51	OPERATING BUDGET

be and it is hereby accepted, adopted and approved and specific appropriations are hereby made for each of the several items in the amounts appearing in the columns of the budgets under the heading of "Board of Representatives" recording the approval, or other action of this Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in compliance with Sec. 614 of the Charter, we hereby respectfully request of the Board of Finance that the total



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reduction of \$295,500.00 in the Capital Projects Budget be so applied to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation.

MR. TOPPING MOVED that the Fiscal Committee be given a rising vote of thanks for having done an excellent job. Seconded by several and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. GEORGOULIS MOVED for adjournment at 12:57 A.M. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*George V. Connors*

George V. Connors,  
President  
Board of Representatives

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