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A regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Conn. was held at 8. P.M. on Monday, January 13, 1958 in the Cafeteria of the Walter Dolan Jr. High School, Toms Road, Glenbrook.

INVOCATION was given by Mr. John DeForest, in the absence of the Rev. William D. Henderson, who was unavoidably detained because of a sudden death in his immediate family.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. All members were present.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of December 9, 1957

Mr. Cummings asked that page 1764 under "Roll Call" be corrected. He stated that he had been present and seated at the calling of the roll.

Attention was called to page 1775, under item #3; to be changed to read "Seconded by Mr. Topping and Mr. Wynn."

On Page 1770, attention was called to the fact that the membership of the Parks & Recreation Committee is listed as 5 members and it has been increased to 7 members.

The President stated that any changes in the Rules and Regulations will be voted on at the next meeting of the Board.

On page 1774, fifth line from top of page. Correction of the word "Majority" to be changed to "Minority".

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED for acceptance of the Minutes as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Hearing and CARRIED unanimously.

Personnel Committee Chairman:

The resignation of Mr. Hearing as Chairman of the above Committee was announced, and the appointment of Mr. Gerald J. Rybnick as Chairman.

The President announced the appointment of the following as Vice-Chairman of the various committees:

STEERING COMMITTEE: Clement L. Raiteri, Jr.; FISCAL COMMITTEE: Jack S. Cummings; APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: John L. DeForest; PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Alan H. Ketcham; HEALTH & PROTECTION: Robert Lewis; PLANNING & ZONING: William D. Murphy; PARKS & RECREATION: Edward P. Wynn, Jr.; PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Mrs. Virginia D. Horner; EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE: William D. Murphy; BOARD OF APPEALS: Ellis B. Baker.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Steering Committee:

Mr. Norton Rhoades, Chairman, presented the following report;

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT
Meeting held Monday, 1/6/58

Mr. Rhoades, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8 P.M. The following members were present:

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Norton Rhoades, Chairman; Alanson Fredericks, Rutherford Huizinga, Thomas Topping, Robert Lewis, Doris Zuckert, Clement Raiteri, Jr., John Nolan, John Macrides, Rocco Colatrella, Vincent Vitti and Bernard Geronimo.

The following Board members were present, although not members of the Steering Committee: William Hearing, George Russell, Stephen Kelly and Joseph Milano.

The following members were absent ; Ellis Baker, William Murphy and George Connors.

An Agenda for the meeting was presented to each member.

1. RULINGS BY PARLIAMENTARIAN (Mr. John Nolan)

(a) Legality of motion to close nominations.

It was ruled that it is necessary to have a two-thirds vote, which, in actuality, is the same as limiting debate.

(b) New business on the Agenda

Ruled that any item not on Agenda can be brought up under New Business and referred to a Committee.

(c) Committee Reports

Ruled that it is not necessary to report all items out of Committee - only items on which action is to be taken should be reported out, thereby alleviating necessity of re-committal.

(d) Method of selecting successor to Committee Chairman

Ruled that the President shall appoint any successor, deriving his authority from his original power to appoint.

2. CHARTERS, NOTEBOOKS, PLAQUES, IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Charters: The question of providing copies of the Charter to all new Board members was discussed and it was explained that the request for an additional appropriation to purchase these is now pending before the Board of Finance and will probably be acted upon at their next meeting.

Notebooks: Notebooks to hold Minutes will be given to all Board members at the next Board meeting.

Plaques: Identification plaques or disks for cars of new Board members have been ordered and will be distributed when they are received.

Identification cards: Inasmuch as it will be too time-consuming to wait until these cards can be sealed in plastic, it was decided to distribute them as they are at the next Board meeting.

3. APPOINTMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mr. Lewis, Chairman of Appointments Committee, asked that the Mayor be requested to furnish the home address, political affiliation, term of office and appointment designation in future appointments in order to facilitate the work of the committee. It was agreed to do this.

4. THREE HUNDRED SPECIAL POLICEMEN

Referred to Health and Protection and Legislative and Rules Committee.

5. RENT CONTROL (extension of)

Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee.

6. IDENTIFICATION OF EACH MEMBER'S PARTY AND DISTRICT IN MINUTES

This was discussed at great length and it was finally agreed that in the future, an alphabetical list of all Board members, giving their political affiliations and districts, be furnished with each set of Minutes sent to public places for examination by the public.

7. NEW CHAIRMAN - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

There was no discussion on this matter. It will be brought before the Board by the Committee concerned.

8. URBAN REDEVELOPMENT

Report of Urban Redevelopment Commission Investigating Committee (Mr. Anthony Kolich, Chairman). Mr. Rhoades re-appointed Mr. Kolich to represent this former committee of the preceding Board, in order that a final report may be presented at the next meeting.

9. WELCOME SIGNS AT ENTRANCES TO CITY

Letter dated January 3, 1958 from Mayor Givens on above subject was introduced, requesting approval of the Board of Representatives to erect welcoming signs at all main arteries leading into the City.

A motion was made and carried by a vote of 8 in favor and 4 opposed that a letter be written to the Mayor suggesting that he pursue this matter further and that it again be presented to the Board for approval when all pertinent information is available as to the size, shape and cost of said signs, as well as the wording to be placed thereon.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

- (a) Letter dated 1/6/58 from Mayor Givens, regarding Fire Department protection provided Lawn Avenue apartments, enclosing reports from Fire Department on prevailing conditions at the site.

This was discussed at great length and it was decided to refer the matter of the Lawn Avenue apartments to the Health & Protection and the Legislative & Rules Committees. The Secretary was directed to send a letter to the Mayor, advising him of the action taken.

- (b) Letter dated 12/31/57, from Municipal Employees Association, requesting a meeting with the Steering Committee to present proposed Pension Plan changes.

The Secretary was instructed to write a letter, requesting that they present the proposed changes in a letter, which can then be presented to the proper Committee (Fiscal).

- (c) Letter dated 1/2/58 from 13th District Representatives, enclosing Petition from residents of area involved, seeking a stop light for intersection of of Manhattan and South Pacific Streets.

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Referred to Health & Protection Committee.

- (d) Letter dated 12/29/57, from Stamford Small Boat Owners Association, protesting blocking by residents of parking areas at east end of Fairview Avenue.

The Secretary was instructed to write a letter to the Department of Public Works, with a carbon to the Chief of Police, advising them of action taken by the Board of Representatives at their meeting of August 6, 1956 (See pages 1303, 1325 and 1326 of Minutes)

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) The question of Representatives seeking recognition in order to obtain the floor was brought up by Mr. Fredericks. It was decided that the Clerk (Mrs. Zuckert) keep a record of the members wishing to speak, to facilitate smoother operation of Board meetings.
- (b) Mr. Lewis brought up the matter of better coordination of balloting and offered to furnish ballots imprinted with the name of the appointee, in order to expedite balloting. It was agreed to accept his offer as it would save considerable time.
- (c) The following matters, still in Committee from the previous Board were re-committed to the new Committees:

Legislative & Rules Committee:

- (1) Rules and regulations of Hubbard Heights Golf Commission, Park Commission and Board of Recreation.
- (2) Copy of letter dated 3/18/57 to Planning & Zoning Director, regarding petitions and appeals from Planning & Zoning decisions.
- (3) Resolution, Planning Board; letter April 4, 1956 from Director of Planning & Zoning to Corporation Counsel re J. M. Wright Technical School, Smith Street and Schuyler Avenue.
- (4) Changing name of Southfield Park to J. Flemming Rutledge Memorial Park.
- (5) Sale of Holcomb Avenue property to Conn. Power Company.
- (6) Letter from Irving Snyder regarding railroad spur on Jefferson St.

Parks & Recreation Committee:

(Same as item #1 under Legislative & Rules Committee)

Planning & Zoning Committee:

- (1) Acceptances of old city streets as public highways
- (2) Change of name of duplicate street names
- (3) Change of road performance bond

Public Works Committee:

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Widening of Glenbrook Road

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Norton Rhoades, Chairman
Steering Committee

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Appointments Committee:

Mr. Lewis Chairman, presented the following nominations by Mayor Webster C. Givens, for the Board's approval. He read the qualifications of each candidate for the various posts. The tellers passed out the ballots for each, in turn, and voting was done by secret ballot.

Mr. Lewis explained that the nomination of Joseph Peltz for appointment on the Park Commission had not been considered by the Committee, for the reason that Mr. Peltz had been out of town at the time the interviews were held and would be brought in at a later date.

(1) Hubbard Heights Golf Commission:

Mrs. Babette Ranshoff (R) - Term 1957-1962 ----- VOTE: 23 opposed
17 in favor

(2) Personnel Commission:

(a) Henry F. Nolan (D) - Term 1957-1958 ----- VOTE: 18 in favor
(Replacing Mr. Rice) 22 opposed

(b) Thomas C. Barker (r) - Term 1957-1960----- VOTE: 19 in favor
(Replacing Mr. Sotire) 21 opposed

(3) Planning Board:

(a) Joseph P. Zone (D) - Term 1957-1958 ----- VOTE 16 in favor
(Replacing Frank Barrett) 24 opposed

(b) Jack Flaherty (R) - Term 1957-1962 ----- VOTE: 18 in favor
22 opposed

(4) Board of Recreation:

Frank Zezima (R) - Term 1957-1962 ----- VOTE: 16 in favor
24 opposed

(5) Board of Taxation:

James Bingham (R) - Term 1957-1962 ----- VOTE: 11 in favor
28 opposed

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(6) Board of Tax Review:

Raymond G. Cushing (R) - Term 1957-1962 ----- VOTE: 19 in favor
21 opposed

(7) Urban Redevelopment Commission:

Rev. W. L. Baxter (R) - Term 1957-1962 ----- VOTE: 8 in favor
31 opposed

(8) Welfare Commission:

Joseph W. Siladi (R) - Term 1957-1960 ----- VOTE: 18 in favor
22 opposed

(9) Zoning Board:

Stearns Woodman (R) - Term 1957-1962 ----- VOTE: 16 in favor
(Re-appointment) 24 opposed

(10) Zoning Board of Appeals:

Cortland Jones (R) - Term 1957-1962 ----- VOTE: 12 in favor
28 opposed

Fiscal Committee:

Mr. Huizinga, Chairman, presented the following report of his committee:

A meeting of the Fiscal Committee of the Board of Representatives was held on December 19, 1957 at 8 P.M. in the Mayor's office, City Hall. All members of the Committee were present, with the exception of Edward P. Wynn, Jr.

After a thorough discussion, operating procedures and policy of this Committee were established.

It was decided that a regular monthly meeting of this Committee would be held on the second Tuesday of each month, at 8 P.M. in the Mayor's office.

Mr. Jack S. Cummings was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, and he will act as Chairman of this Committee at all times in the absence of the regular Chairman.

It was voted to submit the following additional appropriations for approval:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
\$150.00	430.9	Police	Medical Service
250.00	550.22	Zoning Board Appeals	New Equipment
478.35	200.22	Bd. Representatives	New Equipment
47,385.00	-----	Board Education	Various
178.96	414F.1	Public Works	Salaries
192.07	500.1	Park Commission	Salaries
121.14	575.1	Tax Collector	Salaries
3,000.00	100.53	Registrar of Voters	Election Expenses

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. Huizinga, Chairman
Fiscal Committee

- (1) \$150.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - Code 430.9 Medical Services
(See Mayor's letter 11/13/57)

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

- (2) \$250.00 - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - Code 550.22, New Equipment
(See Mayor's letter 11/13/57)

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Fortunato and CARRIED unanimously.

- (3) \$478.35 - BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - Code 200.22, New Equipment
(See Mayor's letter 11/13/57)

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Connors and CARRIED unanimously.

- (4) \$86,985.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Requested in letter of 8/21/57 to Chairman of Board of Finance from Frank LiVolsi and Francis Brant of Board of Education. Original request was REDUCED by Board of Finance to \$104,985.00

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the sum of \$47,385.00 for the above request. (See report of Education, Welfare & Government Committee) Seconded by Mr. Georgoulis.

MR. MACRIDES, Chairman of the Education, Welfare & Government Committee read from his Committee report relative to the above request and urged that the amount, as recommended by the Fiscal Committee, be increased to a larger amount.

MR. MACRIDES MOVED to AMEND Mr. Huizinga's motion, that the entire amount, (as reduced by the Board of Finance) for \$104,985.00 be approved. Seconded by Mr. Topping, who said he opposed cuts in this budget.

MR. HUIZINGA refused to accept the amendment.

After considerable discussion as to the relative merits of both recommendation, a vote was taken on Mr. Macrides' amendment, raising the amount to \$104,985.00. Amendment adopted by a vote of 23 in FAVOR and 16 OPPOSED.

MR. FREDERICKS then MOVED to amend the motion to reduce the sum of \$104,985.00 by the sum of \$18,000.00, thereby bringing the appropriation down to \$86,985.00. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert.

MR. HUIZINGA accepted the amendment.

Vote taken on \$86,985.00 for the Board of Education and CARRIED unanimously.

- (5) \$178.96 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Code 414F.1 - Salaries (Reclassification, Supt. Garbage Collection, from Grade 14 to Grade 16. (Effective Dec. 3, 1957)
(See Mayor's letter 12/11/57)

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MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Vitti and CARRIED by a vote of 38 in FAVOR, with one dissenting vote (Mr. Topping).

- (6) \$192.07 - DEPT. PARKS & TREES - Code 500.1 - Salaries (Reclassification, Asst. Supt. Parks, Grade 11 to General Foreman, Parks & Trees, Grade 14.

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

- (7) \$121.14 - Tax Collector - Code 575.1 - Salaries (Reclassification, Senior Clerk, Grade 4 to Supervisor, Grade 9)
(See Mayor's letter of 12/11/57)

MR. HUIZINGA called attention to the \$208.00 which appears on the Agenda for this salary increase. He explained that this larger figure represents a 12 months increase, but the increase is made effective December 3, 1957, as are all the other increases, which explains the apparent discrepancy in figures.

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Connors and CARRIED unanimously.

- (8) \$3,000.00 REGISTRARS OF VOTERS - Code 100.53, Election Account
(See Mayor's letter of 12/11/57)

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Marciano.

MR. MACRIDES said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurred in the recommendation.

VOTE taken on above request and CARRIED unanimously.

Legislative and Rules Committee:

MR. RAITERI (Chairman): "The meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee was held jointly with the Health & Protection Committee on Thursday, January 12, 1958 at 7:30 P.M. at the Stamford Police Headquarters.

"The following members were present: Mr. Raiteri, Chairman; Mr. Colatrella, Mr. Russell, Mr. Fortunato and Mr. DeForest. Mr. Baker wasn't able to attend, as he was out of town on business.

"The Legislative & Rules Committee report has been made a part of the report of the Health & Protection Committee and will be presented later during this meeting."

Motion to accept a Committee report

MR. RHOADES announced that under Robert's Rules of Order it is not necessary to make a motion to accept a Committee report, unless the report contains something that is contentious, or there is a minority report or there are motions made. Therefore, it is assumed that a report is accepted if it is read and there is no further discussion.

Public Works Committee:

Mr. Topping, Chairman, presented the following Committee report:

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The organizational meeting of the Public Works Committee was held in The Mayor's Office on December 30, 1957 at 8 P.M.

Members present were: Alan Ketcham, John Maffaucci, Bernard Geronimo, Thomas Topping, Vincent Vitti, and Anthony Marciano. Llewellyn Nilan was ill and unable to attend.

Alan Ketcham was appointed Vice Chairman. On the Agenda for the meeting was the request for extension of street lighting, dated October 10, 1957. It was voted to refer this request back to the Public Works Department for further survey and more specific information on the locations of the requested lights.

It was voted to have regular meetings of the Public Works Committee on the first Wednesday following the Steering Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Topping, Chairman

Health & Protection Committee:

MR. MILANO, Chairman, presented the following joint report of his Committee and the Legislative & Rules Committee:

The Health and Protection Committee and the Legislative and Rules Committee met on Thursday, January 9, 1958, at the Police Building with the Commissioners of the Board of Public Safety and Chief Kinsella, in regards to the approval of 300 Special Police above the 200 required by Charter.

In the past, there were 468 badges issued, after applications were screened by the Detective Bureau, to school crossing guards, watchmen in the various plants, payroll guards, and those doing police duty. Presently, there are several hundred applications received for renewal and new ones keep coming in. The members of the Safety Board and Chief Kinsella are in accord with the approval of this request.

Joseph P. Milano
Robert Lewis
Frank Longo
Anthony Marciano
Clement L. Raiteri, Jr.
William G. Hearing

Request for 300 Special Policemen above the 200 provided in the Charter

MR. MILANO MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Hearing and CARRIED unanimously.

Petitions requesting traffic lights at various intersections of City

MR. MILANO: "A petition was received, signed by residents of the 13th District for a traffic light at the intersection of Manhattan Street and South Pacific Street, presented by Representatives Anthony Marciano and Anthony Kolich.

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"Also, a request from Representative Michael DeVito and residents of the Fifth District for traffic lights at West Broad and Hubbard Avenue; Hubbard Avenue and North Street; North Street and Adams Avenue, were taken up with the members of the Safety Board and Chief Kinsella. Plans for a walk light at West Broad Street and George Street are also under way. Lights at the other intersections will be taken under consideration also."

Planning & Zoning Committee

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

A meeting of the Planning & Zoning Committee was held at 7:15 P.M., Thursday, January 9, 1958, at Stamford Police Headquarters Conference Room. The following members were present: B. Geronimo, A. Marciano, G. Russell. The following items were considered:

1. Revision of Performance Bond wording.
2. Requests of residents of Donnamarie Circle to change name of street to Brighton Place.
3. General discussion of items of business remaining in Committee from previous Board.

Item 1 - Purposes and suggested changes of Performance Bond wording was discussed. A meeting was held at the Assistant Corporation Counsel's Office on Friday, January 10th at 2:30 P.M., between Arthur DiSesa and George Russell to discuss these proposed changes. Mr. DiSesa is rewording the draft of the Performance Bond, which will be presented during the month of January to the Planning Board and any other interested parties for comments. If agreeable to all, the revised Performance Bond will be placed in effect during the month of March.

Item 2 - This request was discussed by the Committee and it was agreed to present to the Board of Representatives, for publication, an Ordinance changing the name as requested.

Item 3 - Items of business still remaining in Committee were discussed and a program for completing committee work as soon as possible was agreed upon.

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Russell, Chairman

MR. RUSSELL introduced the following proposed Ordinance, and MOVED for adoption for publication:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO.----SUPPLEMENTAL

CHANGING THE NAME OF DONNAMARIE
CIRCLE TO BRIGHTON PLACE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

The street name of Donnamarie Circle be changed to Brighton Place.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon the date of its enactment.

Mr. Russell's motion was seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and CARRIED unanimously.

Re: Change of name, Sunset Road to Scofield Town Road

MR. HUIZINGA: "I have had several of my constituents call me, very upset, because of the change of name from Sunset Road to Scofield Town Road and removing the signs that are on the road now, which is designated as Sunset Road. When I was called on the 'phone, I assumed that the name had been changed by our Board and I immediately asked for a petition from the people living on this road so that we could do something definite about it. However, Mr. Russell tells me we have never changed the name of this road. If that is the case, I would like to have it referred to a committee to investigate the reason why the signs have been changed, without it coming before this Board."

MR. MURPHY: "I believe that there never was a road called Sunset Road. It was always called Scofield Town Road. This goes way back in the memory of one of the City Engineers, either Mr. White or Mr. Tuttle. Someone up there evidently took it upon themselves to change the name of the road and apparently they are trying to straighten things out now."

MR. HUIZINGA: "Well, the only trouble is that the people who are living on the road have deeds that say Sunset Road."

This matter was referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Parks & Recreation Committee:

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

The Parks & Recreation Committee met in the Law Library of the Town Hall, Tuesday evening, January 7, 1958 at 8 P.M. with Messrs. Colatrella, Hart and Kelly present.

The petition for the "Fair in the Square" to be held on Bedford Street in May, was discussed and the members decided to call the Co-Chairman, the Chief of Police, The Chairman of the Park Commission and the President of the Bedford Street Association, to meet with the Parks & Recreation Committee on Wednesday evening, January 22nd at 8 P.M. to discuss in full all phases of the project before presenting it to the full Board at the February meeting.

The three members of the Committee decided to approve the Chairman's choice of Edward Wynn, Jr. as Assistant Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee of the Board, and I MOVE that the Secretary of the Board please note this action for the records.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Stephen E. Kelly, 12th Dist.
Joseph Hart, 1st Dist.
Rocco Colatrella, 2nd Dist.

Personnel Committee:

MR. RYBNICK, newly appointed Chairman of this Committee, announced that he had chosen Mrs. Virginia D. Horner as Vice Chairman of the Committee.

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Education, Welfare & Government Committee:

MR. MACRIDES, Chairman, presented the following report, portions of which have already been read under items #4 and #8 of the Fiscal Committee:

The Committee on Education, Welfare and Government met at the offices of Macrides, Zezima and Schwartz at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, January 10, 1958. All of the Committee members were present. William Murphy was named as Assistant Chairman.

The Committee discussed the request by the Board of Education as reduced by the Board of Finance, for \$104,985.00. After a thorough scrutiny of each of the items remaining in the list, it was decided by the Committee that the entire request should be approved. While there is some question as to the emergency nature of some of the included items, a rationalization of emergency can be made for all of them. Since this rationalization is available, the Committee decided to treat the entire amount as a restoration to the budget of an amount which the Board of Finance seems to have decided it has been too hasty in paring from the last budget request of the Board of Education. This admission is evident from the fact that the Board of Finance sat with the Board of Education in a meeting, wherein the Board of Education pointed out the impossibility of stripping the entire \$468,601 which had been eliminated from their budget. The Board of Finance then approved the present request of the Board of Education to the extent of the said \$104,985 which, in greatest part, is a restoration of items which had been included in the last budget request.

The Committee also approved a request for \$3,000 from the Registrar of Voters.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Macrides, Chairman

Special Committee - Urban Redevelopment Commission Investigating Committee

MR. RHOADES: "At the Steering Committee meeting, as has been indicated earlier, I reappointed the Special Urban Redevelopment Investigating Committee. which Committee had expired with the last Board; in order that a report can be made of what information that Committee found, and Mr. Kolich, its Chairman, will present their report at this time."

MR. KOLICH, Chairman of above Committee, presented the following final report:

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The previous Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford appointed a committee to investigate the Urban Redevelopment Commission.

Under the provisions of the Stamford Charter, this Committee was automatically discharged on the termination date of the previous Board.

The President of this Board has reappointed this Committee at the last meeting of the Steering Committee, for the purpose of advising this Board regarding the work of the previous Committee.

The previous Committee held several meetings. They listened to lengthy testimony involving seven individual cases where complaints and criticism were made against the Commission.

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Note
At a subsequent meeting in the Mayor's office, these individual complaints were discussed with the head of the URC. It was obvious at this meeting there was some difference in opinion as to these complaints. However, before the Committee had an opportunity to further investigate them, the head of the URC resigned his position. Under the circumstances, the Committee did not continue their investigation.

With the exception of a few minor details, the East Meadow Street Project is now a closed issue. The total cost of this project to the City of Stamford is less than \$500,000 and it is estimated that the increased tax revenue will offset this cost in 5 to 7 years.

It is quite obvious that the relocation of some of the dispossessed families could have been handled in a more efficient and a much more diplomatic manner. The head of the Commission agreed that mistakes had been made and that different methods and procedures would be used in the future. The Committee is of the opinion that the experience gained by the URC in the handling of the East Meadow Street Project will enable them to fulfill their responsibilities on future projects without the criticism and complaint which was so evident in the East Meadow Street Project.

It is quite possible the URC will again come before the Board with new proposals and it is the suggestion of this Committee that when future proposals come before the Board, we should require that the necessary operating procedures be established to guarantee proper administration before we make further appropriations.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Kolich, Chairman

*Note:

Audograph recordings were made of this meeting and are on file in the office of the Board of Representatives.

MR. RHOADES announced the discharge of the above named Committee, inasmuch as there was no further discussion, thereby indicating the approval and acceptance of the report.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- (1) Re: Welcoming Signs at entrances to City

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

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Honorable Board of Representatives
City Hall
Stamford, Connecticut

Attention: Mr. Norton Rhoades, President

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Dear Board Members:

I am hereby submitting photographs for location of Welcoming signs at certain entrances to the City of Stamford. On the back of these photographs, we mention where the location will be.

These signs would call for a dimension of 4' x 6' and would be erected at no cost to the City.

The wording would be determined by the Merchants' Council and the Chamber of Commerce, along with the Mayor's Advisory Committee.

Please return the photographs when you have finished with them.

Sincerely,

Enclosures (5)

Webster C. Givens, Mayor

MR. RHOADES: "This letter is a second letter from the Mayor in regard to welcome signs at various entrances to the City. The first letter was answered, requesting further information and this letter is replying to our letter. Again, if there is no objection, I shall refer this letter to the Public Works and Parks & Recreation Committees."

MR. NOLAN: "Mr. President, I think it is proper at this time to refer the whole item as to whether we would want to have the signs, and what type of signs, the wording to be placed thereon, etc. I would suggest that not only the location of these signs, but also the philosophy and the ideas behind it, who is going to pay for them, etc. I would therefore like to refer the whole matter of welcoming signs, which would carry with it the location also."

MR. RHOADES said he would accept this language and therefore was referring the whole matter of welcoming signs to the Public Works and Parks & Recreation Committees.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

- (1) Notice dated 1/8/58 of PUC Public Hearing to be held at Room 565A, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, on Thursday, February 6, 1958 at 10:30 a.m. relative to petition from Long Ridge and High Ridge Bus Lines for authority to increase bus rates.
- (2) Notices dated 12/30/57 and 1/8/58 from U. S. Army Corps of Engineers on hurricane protection for Stamford and public hearing to be held in regard to same in Burdick Jr. High School, Forest Street, on Wednesday, February 12, 1958, at 8 P.M.
- (3) Letter dated 1/8/58 from Stamford Community Council, Inc., requesting that rent controls be extended for another year, and enclosing January 1956 report on the housing situation in Stamford.

Note: Received too late for Steering Committee, but copy sent to Legislative and Rules Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

MR. RHOADES announced that the next meeting of the Board would be held on February 3rd, which would necessitate holding the Steering Committee meeting on January 27th,

which is only one week preceding the February meeting. He explained that this is necessary because otherwise it would require another meeting next Monday night.

Note book covers, new Zoning Regulations, identification discs for automobiles of new members, and hard covers for Zoning Regulations, which will also hold copies of the Charter, were distributed among the Board members.

MR. FREDERICKS: "I have been somewhat apprehensive, as a result of the balloting tonight, as to whether or not the appointive Boards in the City of Stamford will be able to continue to function. I think therefore that it might be of some benefit to this Board to call to their attention Section 504 of the Charter, which provides specifically that the term of each appointive Board member (except members of the Board of Public Safety) shall expire on December 1st of the final year of his term, subject to his continuance in office, until his successor has been nominated by the Mayor and his nomination has been approved by the Board of Representatives. With that assurance that there will be some personnel on our appointive Boards, I feel a little bit better as to the results of tonight's balloting, but I do wish to point out that it might work a little bit better for the government of the City if the appointive Boards were composed of some appointments of the present Administration. I know that we will have further balloting, and that there will be further appointments."

MR. VITTI asked if there was some action the Board could take in order to see that the poll workers were compensated for their work during the time of the re-count. He said some of these people lost a day from their work for which they were not compensated.

There was considerable discussion in regard to this matter and it was suggested that it be referred to the Steering Committee.

MR. HUIZINGA pointed out that any action in regard to this would have to be initiated by the Mayor and could not be properly done by the Steering Committee.

MR. CONNORS said he thought this request would have to come from the Registrars of Voters, who would have to ask the Mayor to initiate an appropriation to take care of the matter.

MR. RAITERI said he was of the opinion this would require some thought, because the election laws were very explicit in regard to how this could be done. He said he was not in favor of the Board going on record as being in favor of initiating any appropriation of this sort, because this might not be the proper way in which to handle it. He said he thought it should be investigated first, in order to find out how the laws are worded governing elections, and that the only thing the Steering Committee could do would be to investigate the possibility of reimbursement for these workers.

MR. VITTI MOVED that compensation for workers at the polls during the recount in the November elections be referred to the Steering Committee and that a letter be written to the Mayor asking him for information. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. BAKER MOVED for adjournment at 11:10 P.M. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Norton Rhoades

President,
Board of Representatives

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ADDENDA TO MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 1958

Insert on page 1784, after " (4) Board of Recreation: Frank Zezima" the following:

MR. RAITERI MOVED that consideration of the rest of the appointments be postponed until the next regular meeting of the Board of Representatives and ~~be~~ become the first order of business on the Agenda. Seconded by Mr. McLaughlin.

The President ruled that this would require a two-thirds vote.

MR. NOLAN challenged the ruling of the Chair, stating that in his opinion only a simple majority vote is required, *and The President* quoted from Robert's Rules of Order, Sec. 31. "To Postpone to a Certain Time or Definitely "(on page 121, last sentence) in order to substantiate his argument.

VOTE taken on Mr. Nolan's challenge of the ruling and LOST by a vote of 17 in FAVOR and 21 OPPOSED, thereby upholding the ruling of the Chair.

The President ruled that Mr. Raiteri's motion applies only to the question before the Board. He stated the question is on postponing the vote on the next nomination (Board of Taxation: James Bingham) until the next Board meeting.

VOTE taken on this and LOST by a vote of 18 in FAVOR and 20 OPPOSED.