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A regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Conn. was held in the Cafeteria of the Dolan Jr. High School, Toms Road, Glenbrook, on Monday, April 6, 1959.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Norton Rhoades, at 8:05 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Rev. Grover Wilson, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 35 present and 5 absent at the calling of the roll. Mr. Topping arrived later, changing the roll call to 36 present and 4 absent.

The absent members were: Peter Robertucci, Bernard Geronimo, Alanson Fredericks and Rutherford Huizinga.

Budget Books for 1959-1960 Operating and Capital Projects Budgets

The members turned in their Budget books to Mr. Rhoades in order that he might have the figures passed by the Board of Finance entered in each book.

MR. RHOADES: "We propose to handle this the same way we did last year.....have the figures transcribed into the books and return them to you."

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of March 2, 1959

There being no corrections, the Minutes of the last meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STEERING COMMITTEE:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT
Meeting held March 23, 1959

A meeting of the Steering Committee of the Board of Representatives was held Monday, March 23, 1959 in the Mayor's Office, City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 8 P.M. by the Chairman, Norton Rhoades.

The following were present: Norton Rhoades, Chairman, John Macrides, Doris Zuckert, Alanson Fredericks, Ellis Baker, Rocco Colatrella, Robert Lewis, Thomas Topping, Patrick Fortunato, John Nolan, Rutherford Huizinga and George Connors. Also present, but not as a member, was Joseph Milano.

Senator Clement Raiteri, Jr. was present to discuss the Bill he is presenting to the Legislature concerning the regulation of boats, vessels and craft in Stamford waters.

Absent were: Messrs. Murphy, Vitti and Geronimo.

The following matters were discussed:

(1) Additional appropriations

For the reason that the Board of Finance has not yet held a meeting, it was agreed that all appropriations approved by them at their next meeting would be placed on the Agenda.

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Re: \$150 requested by Board of Representatives for Code 200.4, Official Notices

Because the meeting of the Board of Finance coincided with various commitments made by Board members who might be assigned to attend this meeting, it was decided to write a letter to them explaining this fact and the reasons why this appropriation is necessary.

- (2) Proposed Ordinance governing licensing of amusement places regarding minors
(Requested in letter of 1/23/59 from Stark-Glenbrook PTA to Chairman of Legislative & Rules Committee)

This matter was brought up by the Legislative & Rules Committee at the March 2nd Board meeting. Because it was thought this was more a matter of enforcement of Ordinances already on the books, it was REFERRED TO THE HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE for discussion with the Police Department.

- (3) Appeal from decision of Zoning Board - EMILIE WALDAN - Referred in letter dated 3/13/59 from Planning & Zoning Director. REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE AND PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE
- (4) Requested abandonment of certain streets located within boundary lines of new Senior High School (Requested in letter of 3/20/59 from Planning & Zoning Director) REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE
- (5) Building Code

MR. BAKER said the changes in the Building Code as outlined in the public hearing held on this matter would be prepared by him in stencil form and requested that they be sent out as soon as possible to all Board members. He also read the proposed Ordinance on the adoption of the Building Code and asked that this also be sent to all Board members in time for the next meeting.

It was agreed that this would go on the Agenda for adoption of the Building Code at the next meeting.

- (6) Use of small pond on Sound View Avenue for skating - Letter dated 3/5/59 from Flood & Erosion Control Board. REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
- (7) Senior High School - Letter dated 3/9/59 from Stamford Council of PTA Associations. Ordered filed.
- (8) Senior High School - request for re-evaluation of plan and materials - From Stamford Chamber of Commerce and dated 3/13/59. Ordered placed on Agenda under Communications.
- (9) Housing for Fire victims - Letter dated 3/9/59 from Stamford Community Council, Inc. asking that immediate steps be taken to provide housing for victims of recent fires. Ordered placed on Agenda under Communications
- (10) Snow and ice removal - Letter dated 3/12/59 from Peter H. Delaney - Ordered placed on Agenda under Communications
- (11) Membership on Charter Revision Commission - Letter from John L. Cameron dated 3/13/59 regarding his membership on Commission. Ordered placed on Agenda under Communications.
- (12) Bill No. 158 - Act Concerning the Regulation of Boats, Vessels and Craft in Stamford Waters

Mr. Raiteri explained that the deadline for this is April 1st. There was some discussion on this matter.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Norton Rhoades, Chairman
Fiscal Committee

Meetings:

MR. RHOADES: "On Monday, April 20, 1959, we propose to hold the Board of Representatives hearing on the suggestions made by the Charter Revision Commission, at Burdick Jr. High School, at 8:15 P.M. Immediately following that hearing, there will be the regular meeting of the Steering Committee at the same place. The regular meeting of the Board at which the Charter Revision proposals will be considered, and anything else which is properly before us at that time, will be held on Monday, May 4th. And, as things now stand, we propose to hold a Special Meeting on the Budget on Tuesday, May 5th, so there will be successive meetings on Monday and Tuesday nights, the first week in May.

"Of course, this presupposes that the Board of Finance acts on the Budget as soon as we anticipate they will, and report to us next week end. The original intent was for the Board of Finance to report to us on April 6th; this was then changed to April 11th and still stands, as far as we now know."

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. CUMMINGS, Vice Chairman, reported for the Fiscal Committee in the absence of Mr. Huizinga. He said the Committee met jointly with the Education, Welfare and Government Committee on April 3, 1959; that the absent members were Messrs. Huizinga, Wynn and Robertucci. He said all items listed on the Agenda were approved with the exception of item No. 8 (\$4,278,390 for the Board of Education, for Sr. High School) which has not as yet been acted upon by the Board of Finance.

- (1) \$500.00 - Mayor's Office - Code 300.1A, Salary, Acting Mayor (See Acting Mayor's letter of March 2, 1959)

MR. CUMMINGS MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously.

- (2) \$150.00 - Board of Representatives - Code 200.4, Official Notices (See Deputy Mayor's letter of March 2, 1959)

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

- (3) \$100.00 - Corporation Counsel - Code 450.3, Stationery & Postage (See Deputy Mayor's letter of March 3, 1959)

MR. CUMMINGS MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously.

- (4) \$500.00 - Zoning Board of Appeals - Code 551.4, Advertising & Printing
(See Mayor's letter of March 13, 1959)

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MR. CUMMINGS MOVED for approval of above request. Seconded by Mr. Sileo and CARRIED unanimously.

- (5) \$200.00 - City Court - Code 823.10, Small Claims Court (See Mayor's letter of March 13, 1959)

MR. CUMMINGS MOVED for approval of above request. Seconded by Mr. Kolich and CARRIED unanimously.

- (6) \$2,510.64 - J. M. Wright Technical School - Code 511.1, Janitors' Salaries
(See Deputy Mayor's letter of March 6, 1959)

(Also referred to Education, Welfare & Government Committee)

MR. CUMMINGS MOVED for approval of the above request. Mr. Macrides said the Committee on Education, Welfare & Government concurs in the approval and seconded the motion. CARRIED unanimously.

- (7) \$40,541.00 - Urban Redevelopment Commission - (As requested in Mayor's letter of March 13, 1959 and attached schedule). See below:

(Also referred to Education, Welfare & Government Committee)

MR. CUMMINGS: "I MOVE for the adoption of this item, subject to a personal motion for an amendment, which shall have to wait until after we get a second."

MR. MACRIDES said his Committee concurs and therefore seconds the motion.

MR. CUMMINGS: "The amount included in this appropriation includes the salary for the Executive Director for a period of three months, and also the operational costs for a three months budget. It is a small item, the total of the two being slightly in excess of \$5,000. In view of the fact that it is claimed by Mr. Terhun that the Executive Director cannot possibly be hired before about the 15th of April, we would assume that some portion of these costs will not have a half month to go. I therefore MOVE to amend my original motion that the total appropriation of \$40,541 be REDUCED to an even \$40,000.00"

MR. NOLAN (Parliamentarian) ruled that Mr. Cummings can amend his own motion, as an individual, even though it is not agreed to by the Committee.

Mr. Macrides was asked if he would accept the amendment. He said he would personally, but could not speak for his Committee.

After some discussion, Mr. Lewis seconded Mr. Cummings' amendment. A vote was taken on the AMENDMENT to the original motion that the total amount for item #7 be REDUCED to \$40,000. LOST by a vote of 16 in favor and 17 opposed.

VOTE taken on the original motion to APPROVE the following and CARRIED unanimously:

\$40,541.00 for Urban Redevelopment Commission as outlined below:

Administrative:

Executive Director, 3 months at \$10,000 per annum -----	\$2,500.00
Social Security -----	62.50

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Operational Costs, 3 month Budget:

Rent, \$130 per month -----	\$ 390.00
Acting Director, \$550 per month -----	1,650.00
Part-time Secty., \$150 per month -----	450.00
Social Security, both salaries -----	52.50
Office Expenses, postage, printing -----	90.00
Travel Allowance -----	50.00
Telephone -----	96.00
Total -----	<u>\$2,778.50</u>

Planning Consultant - Re: Preliminary Planning
of Southeast Quadrant, including preparation
of a workable program (Housing & Home Finance
Agency Requirement) ----- 5,000.00

Existing payables to construction company for
work completed ----- 28,000.00

Engineering study of soil conditions at East Meadow,
recommended by Real Estate Board ----- 2,000.00

Engineering Plans for completion of East Meadow ----- 200.00

Grand Total ----- \$40,541.00

(8) \$7,211.00 - Police Department - (See Mayor's letter of March 24, 1959)

(Also referred to Health & Protection Committee)

Code 430.5 Telephone, Teletype & Telegraph -----	\$1,491.00
Code 430.17 Maintenance, Patrol Cars -----	2,979.00
Code 430.25 Uniforms & Equipment -----	2,441.00
Code 430.74 Prisoners' Meals -----	300.00
Total -----	<u>\$7,211.00</u>

MR. CUMMINGS MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Connors.

MR. MILANO said the Health & Protection Committee concurs in the recommendation.

VOTE taken on above request and CARRIED unanimously.

(9) \$2,500.00 - Public Welfare Dept. - Code 20 WH-462.18 Sunset Home Maintenance
(See Mayor's letter of March 19, 1959)

(Also referred to Education, Welfare & Government Committee)

MR. CUMMINGS MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert.

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

CARRIED unanimously.

(10) \$69,000.00 - Public Welfare Dept. (See Mayor's letter of March 24, 1959)

(Also referred to Education, Welfare & Government Committee)

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Code 460-3	Office Supplies -----	\$ 1,000.00
Code 460-6A	Clothing, Shoes & Shoe Repairs -----	2,000.00
Code 460-9	Outside Professional Services -----	13,000.00
Code 460-18	Maintenance of Building -----	1,000.00
Code 460-61	Cash Relief -----	52,000.00 *See note
	Total -----	\$69,000.00

*Note: REDUCED by Board of Finance

MR. CUMMINGS MOVED for approval of the above request. Mr. Macrides said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs in the recommendation and seconded the motion. CARRIED unanimously.

MR. CUMMINGS MOVED for suspension of the rules to take up the following matter:

(11) Amendment to Capital Projects Budget, fiscal year 1958-1959 (Resolution Rescinding previous Resolution No. 280, adopted September 8, 1958):

MR. CUMMINGS: "Also discussed at the Committee meeting was the amended resolution of the Board of Finance, as acted upon at its meeting of March 25, 1959, relating to the inclusion in the Capital Projects Budget for the year 1958-1959 an item in the amount of \$125,000 entitled 'Senior High School, Plans and Site Improvements'. It was unanimously decided to recommend to this Board, under suspension of the rules, the adoption of a substitute resolution to take the place of the one adopted on September 8, 1958."

Mr. Cummings' motion was seconded by Mr. Macrides, Chairman of the Education, Welfare & Government Committee.

MR. RHOADES: "This is to consider an item of \$125,000, the matter being to determine whether this item is to be raised by bond or by direct taxation. The motion is on suspending the rules."

VOTE taken on suspension of the rules. CARRIED unanimously.

MR. CUMMINGS MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Macrides and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 294

AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR 1958-1959
BY ADDITION OF ITEM IN AMOUNT OF \$125,000 TO BE
KNOWN AS "SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, PLANS & SITE IMPROVEMENTS"

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, pursuant to Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, to approve an amendment to the Capital Projects Budget for the year 1958-1959 by including therein an item in the amount of \$125,000.00 to be known as "Senior High School, Plans and Site Improvements", this resolution to supersede and rescind Resolution No. 280 as adopted by said Board on September 8, 1958, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to approve the appropriation of \$125,000.00 for said "Senior High School, Plans and Site Improvements", which said sum is to be financed by bonds.

Mr. Cummings explained the reason why the previous resolution had to be rescinded and a new one adopted.

MR. CUMMINGS: "When the Board of Finance passed their original resolution inadvertently omitted the supplemental portion of the resolution which specified how the funds were to be raised. With the zeal of youth, I attended to our resolution in regard to the method of financing the appropriation. It proved to be in error and I now am attempting to correct that error."

VOTE taken on above resolution. CARRIED unanimously.

Re: Urban Redevelopment Committee - Southeast Quadrant

MR. RHOADES: "The President would like to take up the item of Urban Redevelopment at this time. This is the problem: At one time we had a Special Committee on Urban Redevelopment which we have no longer. As soon as the publicity in regard to the Southeast Quadrant broke over the weekend, this Board began to receive all sorts of communications, both orally and in writing, in regard to this.

"This is a matter of tremendous importance and we will constantly be receiving a great many details in regard to this. It is our understanding that hundreds of pages are already in preparation on this matter. Either one of the regular committees of this Board, or a special committee will have to be authorized to receive this material. Mr. Macrides, Chairman of the Education, Welfare and Government Committee, was given it this time because, frankly, we did not know where to send it. However, this does not seem to be an efficient way of handling an item of a hundred million dollars."

MR. MACRIDES MOVED that a special committee of eight members be set up by the President, to deal specifically and only with the redevelopment of the Southeast Quadrant Project. Seconded by Mr. Wilensky and CARRIED unanimously.

The President appointed the following Special Committee on Urban Redevelopment for the Southeast Quadrant Project.

<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
John R. Nolan, Chairman	Thomas J. Topping
George V. Connors	Rutherford G. Huizinga
Frank W. Longo	George E. Russell
William D. Murphy	Jack McLaughlin

MR. RHOADES: "The term of this Committee will be the remaining life term of this Board" (until November 30, 1959).

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. BAKER: "Meetings of the Legislative & Rules Committee were held on March 7th, 14th, 20th, 26th and April 2nd.

"The meetings of March 7th, 14th and 20th were devoted to completing the preparation of the Building Code, the Electrical Code, the Plumbing Code and the Heating and Air Conditioning Code. The changes suggested at the public hearing and those presented subsequent thereto were reviewed and acted upon. Revisions to the Codes since the public hearing have been furnished to all Board members. The resulting texts are, in the opinion of the Committee, a modern, practicable and effective Building Code for the community and represent many hours of work by many individuals. The contributions of those who are not members of the Board of Representatives are gratefully acknowledged. I should like to recognize each one individually, but the

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number involved precludes this procedure.

"There is one change in the text of the Code which has been distributed to the members. This came about as a direct result of discussions with the Building Department and I will suggest it to you. If you will consult your copies of the amendments to the Code, it appears on the sheet headed 'Changes in Public Hearing Version of Building Code' under the sub item, paragraph 2 and paragraph 2a.

"Paragraph 2 presently reads:

'No existing or new building of unprotected metal construction except buildings to be used for industrial purposes only shall be altered or erected within or moved from outside to within the fire limits except as provided in this Section.'

"We would like to change that to read:

'No existing or new building of unprotected metal construction except buildings to be used exclusively for industrial purposes or in connection therewith, shall be altered or erected within or moved from outside to within the fire limits except as provided in this Section.'

"This is a very minor change, but it permits accessory buildings for industrial use to also be constructed in this manner.

"Paragraph 2a the following words are added at the end of the paragraph, after the words 'Fire Marshal':

'...provided, however, that buildings open on their long side are exempted from this requirement.'

MR. BAKER MOVED for the adoption of the following Ordinance; seconded by Mr. Colatrella and CARRIED unanimously:

ORDINANCE NO. 80 SUPPLEMENTAL

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE BUILDING CODE,
APPENDICES AND AMENDMENTS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Section 1. The Building Code of the City of Stamford, as completely revised, is hereby adopted as the Building Code of the City of Stamford.

Section 2. The Building Code of the City of Stamford as hereby adopted consists of the following parts:

- (a) Building Code
- (b) Electrical Code
- (c) Heating and Air Conditioning Code
 - (1) Code for the installation of gas piping and gas appliances in buildings
- (d) Plumbing Code

2998 together with related standards.

Section 3. All of the provisions of the Building Code of the City of Stamford as set forth in Section 1 above shall be in full force and effect on and after the first day of July 1959 and all Building Code regulations of the City of Stamford in force on April 6, 1959 are hereby repealed from and after the 30th day of June 1959, except as hereinafter provided.

Section 4. The repeal provided for in Section 3 above shall not affect any provisions of the Building Code of the City of Stamford in force on April 6, 1959 having to do with private or public sewer systems, which provisions shall remain in force and effect pending the adoption of a Sewer Code which will be a part of the Building Code hereby adopted.

Section 5. The repeal provided for in Section 3 above, further shall not affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty incurred before the first day of July 1959, nor shall it affect any prosecution, suit or other proceeding pending, or any judgment rendered prior to the first day of July 1959.

This Ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 1959.

(2) Appeal from Zoning Board's approval of application of EMILIE WOLDAN re change to C-L District of land formerly in R-5 District

MR. BAKER MOVED that the above matter be recommitted. Seconded by Mr. Nolan and CARRIED unanimously.

(3) Performance Bond and Indemnity Bond for street openings (See Minutes of September 8, 1958 - pages 2003, 2004 - Recommended at 3/2/59 meeting)

MR. BAKER: "The matter of performance bonds for street openings was reviewed based on the texts of two bonds obtained by the City of Milwaukee by Mr. Topping. The Committee felt that the proposed bonds should be reviewed by Counsel. Since this is a highly specialized field of law and since the Board is fortunate in having in its membership the General Counsel of a bonding company, the Committee voted to ask him to analyze them and to make recommendations in this regard. His study has not yet been completed and the Committee therefore requests that this matter be recommitted and I so MOVE."

Mr. Baker's motion was seconded by Mr. Ketcham and CARRIED unanimously.

Re: Printing of Building Code

MR. BAKER: "Coming back to the subject of the Building Code, I omitted one thing - I would like to ask for the authority of the Board to proceed with the matter of printing."

MR. RHOADES: "The money was appropriated in the present budget in the amount of \$5,000 and is available. Of course, it must be used before the first of July. Mr. Baker has requested that his Committee be authorized to proceed with the discussion of the printing of this with Mr. Benevelli."

MR. COLATRELLA MOVED that Mr. Baker's committee be authorized to proceed with negotiations for the printing of the Building Code. Seconded by Mr. Roche and CARRIED unanimously.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

Licensing of amusement places regarding minors (Requested in letter of 1/23/59 from Stark-Glenbrook PTA to Chairman of Legislative & Rules Committee - Referred

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to Health & Protection Committee at Board meeting of March 2, 1959)

At the request of Mr. Milano this matter was recommitted.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

MR. RUSSELL : "We have no report." (applause) "However, we have one item which was presented to me over the weekend, which I would like to discuss."

MR. RHOADES: "This is in regard to a Bill before the Legislature, presented by an individual up in Hartford, which our former colleague, Mr. Mulreed, feels is a 'sleeper'." Permission was given under suspension of the rules to consider the following:

Re: Bill No. 2908 - An Act Concerning Title 8 of the General Statutes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

All charter provisions and ordinances relating to planning and zoning in any town, city or borough in the State of Connecticut not amended to conform to Title 8, Chapters 124, 125, 126 and 127 of the General Statutes, Revision of 1958, shall have no force and effect subsequent to December 1, 1960 and all special acts relating to zoning and planning are hereby repealed as of December 1, 1960.

PURPOSE: To create uniform zoning and planning laws for all towns, cities and boroughs in the state; prevent crowding of court dockets with a multiplicity of suits and to restore the doctrine of stare decisis to zoning decisions.

MR. RUSSELL: "Everyone has a copy of this Bill. Evidently it has just been found out within the last few days what it meant. It is a Bill which would remove all powers of our Planning and Zoning Board in regard to Urban Redevelopment areas. I think it is very important with the situation we have here in Stamford and considering all the time, effort and money that has gone into the development of a Master Plan and our Zoning, that we certainly don't want to give up our control over these matters."

Mr. Russell urged that the Board oppose this Bill and MOVED that a letter be sent to the Representatives and Senator in Hartford so stating. Seconded by Mr. Connors.

Mr. Macrides was questioned as to the meaning of the words "stare decisis".

MR. MACRIDES: "This means that once the Board has decided a specific issue, unless they go about specifically overturning it, it stands as law -- once having been decided, it stands."

MR. RHOADES: "There would still be the usual appeals, though."

MR. MACRIDES: "There could always be appeals. It's just a matter that if the Court makes an interpretation of the specific provision, that interpretation will be used the next time the Court acts on that provision."

Mr. Macrides was asked how he felt about the Bill.

MR. MACRIDES: "This would be a terrible blow to Stamford. I think that we have worked long and hard at developing our Charter provisions with reference to zoning and planning and specifically the appeal that we have to the Board of Representatives. This would knock them all out, completely and irrevocably."

VOTE taken on Mr. Russell's motion to write a letter to the Hartford members of the Legislature, opposing this Bill. CARRIED unanimously.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

MR. RYBNICK: "The regular monthly meeting of the Personnel Commission was held on Tuesday, March 17, 1959 at 8 P.M. in the Office of the Personnel Director, 164 Elm Street. Present were: Messrs. Barker, Chairman, John Hogan, Robert Hawthorne and John McCutcheon. Others present were: William Hearing, Gerald Rybnick and George Connors, members of the Board of Representatives Personnel Committee."

Mr. Rybnick presented the full report of the above meeting. (on file in the office of the Board of Representatives)

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

MR. MACRIDES said his Committee met on March 31, 1959 in joint session with the Health & Protection Committee. Present were Messrs. Truglia, Maffucci, Cullen, Milano, Longo, Hearing and Macrides, Chairman. He said all decisions were unanimous.

Re: Sale of City-owned property - Wright Technical School

MR. MACRIDES: "The Committees decided that the question of the use of Wright School is of such great importance to the community as a whole, that it would be proper for them to make suggestions, even though the matter is not presently before this Board. They have held several conferences with interested parties and would like to pass on the information they received and the conclusions they reached as a result thereof. Some or all of the Committee members consulted with Chief William Densky, Walter Maguire, William Kelemen, Father Rocco Nadile, George Georgoulis, Reginald Neuwien, Eugene Daly, Mark Carlucci and George Laturney.

"They are convinced beyond any doubt that the present quarters for many of the Municipal Departments are crowded, inadequate and inefficient. They feel that the rent being paid for space in 303 Main Street is excessive. They feel that the purchase of the building at 303 Main Street at any price would be unrealistic in view of the tremendous cost of renovation, which would be necessary to make the building conform with safety regulations. They therefore feel that new office space should be found immediately for municipal use. They do not feel that Wright School should be used to furnish this particular space. All of the requests for using Wright School have been put on the basis of a temporary measure. The Committees feel that once Municipal Departments are moved into that building they would stay a far longer time than would have first been planned. They feel that one of the greater problems, which is very nearly insurmountable, is the total lack of parking space which would be available for users of Wright School if it were converted into a municipal building. The closest area is east of the West Main Street bridge and is, therefore impractical.

"The Committees feel that the best solution for the City's departmental problem would be the immediate beginning of planning to build a modern office building in a more less central location. However, failing this, there is an alternative possibility. This would entail the temporary renting of office space at some other central location with the ultimate intention of moving all municipal departments into Rice School. It is interesting to note in this respect, that adequate office space has been offered the city in a central location (which could be used for such a temporary purpose) and the Committees learned that the rental which would be subject

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to negotiation, would be far lower than that being presently charged at 303 Main Street. (It should also be noted that there is presently some space available in the Wall Street school, which is occupied by the Welfare Department. While this space should ultimately be used by the Welfare Department, some of it could be used by others on this kind of a temporary basis.)

"The use of Rice School is tied into the Committees' recommendation that Wright School be sold to the Sacred Heart Parish. We do not propose to report upon the plans of the said Parish with respect to the school site, since all the members of this Board have received like information. However, based on these plans, which include the tearing down of the 'old' part of the building and the substantial renovation of the 'new' part of the building, the Committees recommend that the sale price be based upon the actual value of the land alone, without an additional value for the buildings thereon.

"It is our understanding that once the Sacred Heart Parochial School has begun to operate in the 'new' part and the 'old' is rebuilt, they will receive 100 children and continue to enlarge until they reach 1,000 children after several years. The Board of Education authorities have told us that once the said school has reached an enrollment of 300, which will be drawn primarily from Stevens School, Hart School and Westover School, it would then be necessary to start thinking in terms of relocation of the pupils enrolled in Rice School so as to replace the ones drained out of Stevens and Hart Schools. A rough estimate as to the cost of transportation, which would become necessary, would be \$12,000 to \$16,000 per year. This is a relatively minor cost when contrasted with the savings to the taxpayers which is caused by the education of the children who will be in the Sacred Heart School."

MR. RHOADES: "This information contained in the report of the Education, Welfare & Government Committee, will be available in the Minutes of this Board to any City Board concerned in this matter and will be available here at any time that this matter reaches us, through the Mayor and the Board of Finance."

MR. GEORGOU LIS MOVED for the adoption of the following resolution, based on the above report; seconded by Mr. Milano.

RESOLUTION NO. 295

REGARDING DISPOSITION OF THE J. M. WRIGHT TECHNICAL SCHOOL,
LOCATED ON SCHUYLER AVENUE, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, joins the Planning Board and the Board of Finance in recommending that the premises on Schuyler Avenue, known as the J. M. Wright Technical School, be offered to the Sacred Heart Church, either for sale at the value of the land, or for a 99 year lease, at a nominal sum, providing the same be used for school purposes.

MR. RHOADES: "Mr. Georgoulis, your resolution is completely in order, but did the President hear you correctly when you said 'that we join the Board of Finance'? Does this imply that the Board of Finance has already taken action?"

MR. GEORGOU LIS: "No - in recommending."

MR. RHOADES: "Will you please send a copy of your resolution up here to Mrs. Farrell?"
Mr. Georgoulis said he would do so.

MR. RHOADES: "Mrs. Zuckert asks whether or not it is possible to pass a resolution of recommendation and the answer is yes, of course. This is what a resolution is, in

many cases. I am sure that everyone understands that this has the status of a recommendation - that is, that it has no legal status."

MR. LEWIS pointed out that the sale of city owned property has to go through regular channels.

MR. RHOADES: "Yes, it is very difficult to interpret the Charter and the Ordinances of the City in regard to the sale by transfer of city owned property."

VOTE taken on Resolution No. 295 and CARRIED unanimously.

SPECIAL HOUSING COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL presented a letter from the Stamford Community Council, Inc. regarding proper housing for the victims of recent fires (letter dated March 9, 1959). He also referred to remarks made in the newspapers by the Community Council and the Red Cross, concerning this problem.

Mr. Russell said the Committee met on April 1, 1959 and the following members were present: Messrs. Cullen, Colatrella, Longo, Roche and Russell, Chairman. He stated that at various times during the month spot inspections were made at Southfield Village Project. He introduced a letter replying to the allegations of the Stamford Community Council and MOVED that it be sent. Seconded by Mr. Longo and CARRIED unanimously.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE:

MR. MACRIDES: "Looking at the resolution (Resolution No. 278 adopted June 2, 1958) which activated the Charter Revision Commission, it states, among other things, that the Commission shall serve until June 1, 1959 and shall report to the Board of Representatives not later than tonight's meeting, on any proposed amendments or revisions which may be voted upon at the November 1959 General Election.

"And, earlier, it says that there shall be this Commission whose duty it shall be to make such revisions or amendments in the Charter of the City of Stamford, as shall be referred to it by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of this Board. I would like for this Board to ask of the Corporation Counsel to give an interpretation of this specific provision.

"I would like to ask whether the Charter Revision Commission has the discretion to entirely reject any of the things that have been given to it by the Board of Representatives in the light of this specific portion of the resolution."

MR. RHOADES: "Is this a motion?"

MR. MACRIDES: "Yes."

Mr. Macrides motion was seconded by Mr. Longo, and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. RHOADES: "Mrs. Farrell will therefore write a letter to the Corporation Counsel asking him for an opinion as to whether the Commission can simply reject matters which have been referred to it by this Board."

MR. MACRIDES: "I would also like to have this included in the letter, by way of question again to the Corporation Counsel: Assuming that the Commission does have the discretion to reject, are we then able to resuscitate the matter - bring it back into being - and if we do, does the Commission still have the chance to reject it once again?"

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MR. RHOADES: "This may be accepted as an amendment. If there is no objection, it is accepted unanimously." There was no objection to the amendment. CARRIED.

SPECIAL FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE RE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

MR. CUMMINGS, Chairman, said the committee expected to have one more meeting before offering a final report.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Velma Farrell
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Executive Secretary

APPROVED:

Norton Rhoades
Norton Rhoades
President