

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1996

24TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

The regular meeting of the 24th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, March 4, 1996 at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chamber of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. by President Carmen Domonkos after both parties met in Caucus.

INVOCATION was given by Rev. Vincent Veich, Pastor
St. Benedict's Church
1 St. Benedict Circle
Stamford, CT 06902

"Oh God our creator and sustainer You have brought us to light and purpose and trust us with a task of serving your people well; encourage us and root us in you. Give us, we pray, a greater awareness of your love for all people, and confidence in the action of your presence in the world and spare us of the greater sensitivity to the needs of others, to see beyond the boundary of that which is partisan and self-serving. Do not allow fear or pride to limit the action of your spirit nor allow mere custom to prevent the divine creativity within us from bearing fruit. Help us to grasp the complexity of the situations that we face and the simplicity of knowing and doing that which is right and just. Enable us to be enthusiastic for your assistance, resolute in our purpose to do your will, and eager to be among your people as ones who serve. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: was led by President Carmen Domonkos.

ROLL CALL was taken by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There were 37 members present and three (3) absent. Absent were Bobby Owens (excused), John Ponzini (excused) and Nicholas Pavia (excused).

Rep. Owens joined the meeting shortly after Roll Call. 38 members present and two absent.

The Chair declared a quorum.

MACHINE TEST VOTE was taken by President Carmen Domonkos. The machine was in good working order.

FILL VACANCY ON BOARD OF EDUCATION:

RESIGNATION FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION - PATRICIA L. BROOM (R) EFFECTIVE DATE MARCH 1, 1996. TERM EXPIRES 11/30/96.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS asked for nominations for the Board of Education

REP. LOGLISCI nominated Mark Katz (R) for position to Board of Education.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS: Is there a second?

REP. SUMMERVILLE - Asked that the nominations be moved on the said name. Approved by voice vote.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE:

For the late BETTY SWATLAND requested by the 24th Board of Representatives.

For the late DONALD C. BRENNAN requested by Representatives Ronald Sabia, Annie Summerville and Carmen Domonkos.

For the late ADELE B. HOJNACKI requested by Representative Ronald Sabia.

For the late BARBARA JORDAN requested by Representative Annie Summerville.

For the late ELIZABETH COLUCCI requested by Representative Ronald Sabia.

For the late COSIMO A. ATTANASIO requested by Representative Ronald Sabia.

For the late JOHN W. HARVEY JR. requested by Representatives Annie Summerville, Ronald Sabia and Elaine Mitchell.

For the late ANN MARIE LONGO requested by Representative Ronald Sabia.

For the late SHANNON P. CROSS requested by Representatives Ronald Sabia, Annie Summerville and Bobby Owens.

For the late DANIEL CLAYBORNE JR. requested by Representative Bobby Owens.

For the late LEON RICHARDSON requested by Representative Bobby Owens.

For the late MICHAEL SCATAMACCHIA requested by Representatives Ronald Sabia, John Boccuzzi and Jeffrey Curtis, Sr.

For the late ADRIAN BOISFEUILLET requested by 24th Board of Representatives.

For the late HAROLD BREITBART requested by Representative Carmen Domonkos.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Chairperson Carmen Domonkos

REP. BOCCUZZI Moved to waive the reading of the Steering Committee report. Seconded.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS called for a vote to waive the report. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

The Steering Committee met on Wednesday, February 14, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. in the Democratic Caucus Room of the Government Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

Present at the meeting:

Carmen Domonkos, Chairwoman	Alice Fortunato	Randy Skigen
Ralph Loglisci	Bobby Owens	Gabe DeLuca
John Boccuzzi	Ellen Mellis	Joseph Gergle
Maria Nakian	Lucy Corelli	Don Sherer
Annie Summerville	Jeffrey Curtis Sr.	Paul Esposito
John Leydon	Mary Fedeli	

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Annie M. Summerville, Chairwoman

The Appointments Committee met on Monday, March 4, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. Present were Representatives Summerville, DePina, Alswanger, Boccuzzi, Mellis, Fortunato, Gergle, Curtis, Corelli, Sabia and Pia.

1. PURSUANT TO SECTION C5-20-20 OF THE CHARTER APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR DIRECTOR OF LABOR RELATIONS.

REP. SUMMERVILLE said that correspondence was received from Thomas Cassone, Director of Legal Affairs advising that this item was not before the Board, therefore, the Committee did not take up the item.

REP. LOGLISCI asked whether the correspondence stated why it was unnecessary to waive?

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS stated that a legal opinion was received interpreting the Charter that this appointment did not need to be waived.

ITEM #2 - Director of Labor Relations - Mr. Harry James Haselkamp, 24 Baker Street, Milford, CT term to expire 11/30/97; item is to be placed on Consent Agenda and I so Move.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS stated that in reference to Item #1 there was an opinion rendered by the Corporation Counsel that specifically stated that the item did not need to be on the Agenda; only Cabinet positions have to be waived.

REP. SUMMERVILLE reported what the Committee did. She said that the matter could be voted on if that would help the situation.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS asked Rep. Sherer if he would like the Board to override Corporation Counsel's opinion?

REP. SHERER said that few people saw the opinion and this is not the first time a Corporation Counsel's opinion has been questioned. He was not saying that we should override the opinion only that he never saw the opinion.

REP. NAKIAN said that the opinion basically stated that the appropriate section of the Charter says, that everyone appointed to office; Corporation Counsel's opinion was that appointed to office meant somebody appointed to a Board or Commission not an Administrative position, therefore, it was his opinion that this did not apply to the Labor Relations position.

REP. LOGLISCI said that the reason he questioned it was that from his interpretation the Mayor said, that the position is like a Cabinet position.

REP. LOGLISCI I would like to note that all 10 Republicans voted against it.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS said that this was not a Cabinet position; it is a position that is under the Director of Legal Affairs just like the Personnel Director.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS asked Representative Martin if he could enlighten the Board using his knowledge of the Charter and as Parliamentarian. She said that in speaking with Mr. Cassone, he indicated that the Board is to waive resident requirements for officers not positions; this is considered a position in the City.

REP. LOGLISCI said that he thinks that it is just an interpretation saying that it refers to elected and appointed office and not to a position previously considered a department head. Rep. Loglisci said that this is the first time we are dealing with someone that was previously considered a department head.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS stated that the Director of Labor Relations is no longer a department head and a waiver is not necessary..

REP. BOCCUZZI said that the letter is self explanatory that the position does not have to be waived in order to appoint this person. Rep. Boccuzzi said that the Board accepts the legal opinion or overrides it. He said that he could not see overriding the legal opinion as it is self-explanatory.

REP. LOGLISCI said that I just wonder if we really have to vote at all on the Director of Labor Relations since this is a position rather than a department head or cabinet member I wonder if that did anything in the latitude of the Mayor to decide.

REP. MARTIN said that Mr. Cassone's opinion refers to the referendums that took place in 1977 and 1959 which hinge on presumption. Rep. Martin said that Mr. Cassone may be right or may not be. Rep. Martin suggested that there is no reason why the Board cannot go ahead to waive the residency requirement even if it's not required; he said that if it is required then all the I's are dotted and T's are crossed and can move to to approve Mr. Haselkamp. He said his suggestion may be a way out of uncertainty

REP. SUMMERVILLE Madame Chair, I do not know how people are going to vote, people have a right to choose whether to waive or not waive, yet your assumption that you are going to waive it and as Chairman of the Committee I assume nothing.

REP. MARTIN "That is true"

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS your committee did not consider this item, is that right?

REP. SUMMERVILLE my committee did consider it. My committee considered that they would recommend it to go along with the recommendation of the Legal Affairs Director and acknowledge and accept the opinion that was rendered as all other committies do when they get an opinion from the Legal of Operations we did nothing different. It so happened that it was a unanimous vote by my committee to accept the opinion of the Legal Affairs Director.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS Mr. DeLuca.

REP. DeLUCA I would like to make a motion that we take up Item #1 as presented for waiving the residency requirement. I believe it is a proper motion to make and I think we should vote on it.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS The motion is whether we should take up Item #1.

REP. DeLUCA The committee came out with a report to accept the opinion but it is still an item on the agenda, that has to be voted up or down. My motion is that we vote on whether or not we wish to waive the residency requirement.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS is there a second by Mr. Loglisci? The motion is to waive the residency requirement for the Labor Relations Director.

REP. LOGLISCI No, the motion is to vote on the issue.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS No, Mr. DeLuca wanted to vote on the motion, and that is to waive the residency requirement.

REP. SUMMERVILLE Mr. DeLuca is amending the committees report. It was an amendment because our report was to accept it, and not vote on it, and he wants to waive it.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS Rep. Martin, we are amending the report of the Appointments Committee is that correct? They voted to accept the opinion of the Corporation Counsel not to vote on this item.

REP. MARTIN The Committee has given a report which is a recommendation on Item #1. Mr. DeLuca I believe is calling the question on Item #1 and the Committee would say there is no need to vote, vote against the calling of the question and Mr. DeLuca is saying, I want to call the question because for whatever his reasons are. Now my only problem with that ruling is that it is not a debatable motion that Mr. DeLuca has made, I think that is the correct procedure. We have an item in front of us, it is Item #1 were discussing it and Mr DeLuca has voted to call the question.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS That is amending the Committee report because the Committee did not vote on this item.

REP. MARTIN He is not debating the Committees report, he is not amending the Committees report the Committee has made its report. the Item before us is Item #1 and the Committees report was that they did not plan to move that item, he is moving it. Maybe that is better put, Mr. Boccuzzi if this is acceptable to Mr. DeLuca he is taking this item out of committee presumably for a vote, he is not technically calling for the question at this time.

REP. DeLUCA Yes as long as we take a vote on it.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS You are taking it out of committee. The committee held it, they did not vote to take it out of committee

REP. DeLUCA I make a motion to take it out of committee and I move that we vote on it.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS Mr. Boccuzzi

REP. BOCCUZZI I would like a five minute recess.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS - There will be a five minute recess.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS I am calling the meeting back to order. We have a motion that has been seconded on the floor to take Item #1 out of the Appointments Committee. Does everyone understand the vote? We are voting to take Item #1 out of Committee, we need a majority vote. All in favor of taking Item #1 out of Committee, if you want to have the item taken out of Committee you vote Yes, if you want it to remain, the item was not considered by the Committee we need to take it out of Committee they voted not to consider this tonight so we are taking it out of Committee it is the same as being held. The Appointments Committee voted not to consider this so it has to be taken out of Committee. Mr. Loglisci are you going to talk about taking this out of Committee that is what the motion is.

REP. LOGLISCI I think that what Rep. Summerville said, was that they had voted 5-0 to waive and then when they got the letter from Corporation Counsel that they had decided to concur.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS Rep. Summerville will you clarify what your Committee did?

REP. SUMMERVILLE as I stated Item #1 on the agenda was taken up by the Committee and it was voted by the Committee they decided to concur with the Legal Affairs Directors opinion.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS Rep. Loglisci, we will vote the motion on the floor to take it out of Committee. All in favor, if you are in favor of taking it out of Committee vote Yes, if you are not voting to consider this tonight vote No. I would like to take a voice vote.

REP. LOGLISCI I insist on a machine vote please.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS We need five hands; we will vote by machine. The motion is on Item #1 to consider the item that was held in Committee you vote Yes, if you are not in favor of considering this item, vote No. The vote is approved 37 to 0.

REP. OWENS I did not see the registration of my vote. It is a Yes vote.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS Please record Rep. Owens as a Yes vote.

REP. BOCCOZZI I make a motion we waive the residency requirement for the Director of Labor Relations.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS Is there a second?

REP. SHERER Second.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS The motion is to waive the residency requirement for the Director of Labor Relations, is there any discussion?

REP. MARTIN My only point is, I don't know if the opinion is right or wrong and it seems to me that this is just a safer course to go. If there is any doubt in anyones mind this should be Held.

REP. SUMMERVILLE I would like the record to show as Chair of Appointments Committee I have no problem with taking this vote, but I would like the record to show out of harmony I am voting in favor of this vote and I thank my Committee for the way they voted.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS any other discussion? The motion is to waive a residency requirement for the Director of Labor Relations. All those infavor say I,

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REP. SUMMERVILLE Item #2 under the Appointments Committee, Director of Labor Relations Mr. Harry James Haselkamp, 24 Baker Street, Milford, Connecticut term to expire 11/30/97 the Committee voted unanimously and I so move.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Harry James Haselkamp as Director of Labor Relations, any discussion? Does that complete your report?. Approved by a voice vote.

REP. SUMMERVILLE That completes my report, thank you.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - David Martin, Chairman

REP. MARTIN the Committee met on Tuesday, February 20, 1996. Committee members Martin, Ponzini, Owens, Nanos, Mellis, Loglisci, DeLuca and Drucker were present.

Consent Agenda - All Secondary Committees concurred or waived the report.

Items #1 through 9 are on Consent Agenda.

ITEM #1 - Fiscal Item 24.38 on the Budget Staff was given by Director Hamilton, he reported an operating deficit and the magnitude of 4.5 million dollars and prepared a memo which has been distributed to the full Board proposing actions that he was recommending to cut this projected deficit approximately in half. The Committee members requested a better explanation of some of the projected variances and particularly some that were quite large. Without complete explanation and particularly the miscellaneous revenue and also that in the future variances should not be off set against contingency, I do not believe that we need to invite Mr.

Hamilton back this coming month but it will be an on going item of the Committee.

ITEM #2 \$20,000.00 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT F24.21 WAS APPROVED ON CONSENT 8-0-0.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS I see no hands.

PLANNING & ZONING - Secondary report is waived.

ITEM #3 - \$18,098 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - AIDS EDUCATION RISK REDUCTION GRANT FOR F24.046 ON CONSENT 7-0-0.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY - Concur.

ITEM #4 - \$ 200,000.00 - Fiscal Item 24.047-CAPITAL FUNDS FOR THE RAIL TRAIL PHASE I. On consent 7-0-0.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS Public Works Committee, Mr. Owens.

REP. OWENS Concur.

ITEM #5 - \$1,380.00.00 Capital Project for Buckingham Drive Bridge Fiscal Item 24.049 is on Consent 8-0-0.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS Public Works

REP. OWENS We concur.

ITEM #6 - \$1,150,000.00 for Studio Road Bridge F24.048 on Consent 8-0-0.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS Public Works.

REP. OWENS Concur.

ITEM #7 - \$ 40,113.00 - Operating funds for Recruitment and Hiring in the Police Department F24.50 on Consent 8-0-0.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS Public Safety & Health Committee

REP. CURTIS we concur.

ITEM #8 - \$ 69,745.00 - Police Department Salaries F24.51 on Consent 8-0-0.

ITEM #9 - Grant Authorization for Rail Trail Phase I F24.52 on Consent 7-0-0.

ITEM #10 - Grant authorization for Buckingham Drive Bridge F24.53 on Consent 8-0-0.

ITEM #11 - Grant authorization for Studio Road Bridge F24.54 on Consent 8-0-0.

ITEM #12 - Grant authorization for Gateway Project F24.55 around the Transportation Center Phase I is on Consent 7-0-0.

ITEM #13 - Grant authorization for Gateway Project Phase II around the Transportation Center Phase II F24.56 this is on Consent 7-0-0.

REP. MARTIN Items 2 through 13, I move on the Consent agenda.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS is there a second? Thank you Mr. Martin.
Consent Agenda approved by voice vote.

REP. FEDELI I would like to abstain from Items 9, 12 and 13.

REP. LOGLISCI I want to state that on Items 7 and 8, I'm voting the affirmative only because I see them as an emergency nature.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS Thank you.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS - Legislative & Rules, Ms. Nakian.

REP. NAKIAN Legislative & Rules met on Monday, February 26, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. Present were committee members Nakian, Mitchell, Esposito, Lasko, Sabia, Sherer, Skigen, Ventura and Zelinsky. Reps. Fedeli and Fox were excused.

A Public hearing on Items 1 and 2 was held. On Item #2 present was Michael Macri, Chief Building Official, on Item #3 John Byrne, Director of Public Health, Safety and Welfare, Carmine Vaccaro, Chair of Human Rights Commission and Michael Meyer member of the Commission.

On Items #4 and #7 present were Thomas Cassone, Corporation Counsel and Mr. Macri.

Item #5 - Patricia Broom, Director of Operations.

Item #8 - Representatives DeLuca, Mellis and Jeffrey Farrell, Water Company.

Item #9 - Representatives Boccuzzi, DeLuca and Frank Kirwin, Tax Assessor, Vincent Megale an inspector in the Assessors office, also briefly Mayor Malloy.

I would like to place on the Consent agenda Item #1 for Final Adoption Proposed Ordinance concerning Tax Abatement for property at 21 Broad Street owned by the Seventhy-Day Adventist.

REP. NAKIAN - Item #3 also on Consent for Publication of Proposed Ordinance amending/repealing Chapter 6 Article II of the Code of Ordinances concerning Human Rights Commission.

ITEM #5 - Proposed Resolution authorizing the City of Stamford to amend its lease with Metro-North Railroad Company covering premises at the Stewart McKinney Transportation Center. On Consent.

ITEM #6 - Publication Proposed Ordinance amending Section 23-18.4B of the Code of Ordinances concerning the purchasing of supplies, materials, equipment and services. On Consent.

ITEM #7 - Publication Proposed Ordinance to eliminate the Demolition Board. On Consent.

ITEM #10 - Proposed Resolution approving lease agreement between the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation and City of Stamford for property on the westerly side of Den Road. On Consent.

ITEM #2 - For Final Adoption - Proposed Ordinance concerning the withholding of building permits on properties that have outstanding taxes, and due to questions that were raised at the Public Hearings, this is Held.

ITEM #4 - For Publication - Proposed Ordinance concerning Helicopters and again questions were raised and the Proposed Ordinance is Held.

ITEM #8 - Creating an Ordinance relating to Water Main extensions and Assessments. You all have a report which is part of the L&R report so I will not read it, but the item is held and the committee will begin to work on an ordinance, dealing with the extension of water mains and renaming the Sewer Commission as the City Water Commission.

ITEM #9 - Matter of Flat Tax for Personal Property again you have a report on this we will begin to work on an ordinance which creates a Flat City Wide Tax for Personal Property and we are awaiting the answer to several questions from Corporation Counsel.

I move the Consent agenda #1, 3 5, 6, 7 and 10.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS Is there a second? Mr. Leydon has abstained on #1.

REP. NAKIAN stated that one item under Suspension of the Rules is a proposed resolution approving a lease agreement between the State of Connecticut and the City of Stamford for surplus I-95 property at the end of Brown Avenue.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS there is a motion to Suspend the Rules to take up an item not on the agenda regarding a lease for Brown Avenue. Seconded. Approved by voice vote.

REP. NAKIAN this is a renewal of a lease that is currently inacted between the City and the State. The land is a very small piece of land used exclusively for the parking of excess automobiles on Brown Avenue for the use of the residents and there is a time factor involved in this. The lease should have gone to the State before this time but because of the change in administration I assume that it was held up and the State will not renew it unless they receive the lease quickly. That is the reason for the Suspension of the Rules the committee voted 6-0-0 in favor of the lease and I so move.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS This was taken out of order. This is pending approval by the Board of Finance is that correct?

REP. NAKIAN stated that the Planning Board approved it last week and it is contingent upon the Board of Finance approval, but rather than wait until our next meeting in April it would be better to have it approved, so that if they should meet earlier than their planned meeting it can go immediately to the State.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS stated that a motion was made and seconded to approve the lease for the Brown Avenue property. Approved by voice vote.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Randall Skigen, Chairman

Met on February 27, 1996, at 7:05 p.m. Present were Representatives Skigen, Fortunato, Loglisci, MacInnis, Lasco and Zelinsky. Representative Fedeli was unable to attend.

ITEM #1. For Publication - Proposed Ordinance concerning the fees for Civil Service Examinations. After extensive discussion the Proposed Ordinance was amended and the amended ordinance as approved by the Committee is attached to my report and is also contained in the package that everyone received this evening and I would like to move adoption of that.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS this is for publication, Motion seconded.

REP. SKIGEN I would now move an amendment to this ordinance. We received correspondence from the Director of Legal Affairs and Assistant Corporation Counsel who pointed out that the ordinance as adopted by the Committee last week does not take into account individuals who do not receive public assistance, who are out working but are below the poverty line and what I would like to do is amend Section 4A of the ordinance. The first sentence to read individuals currently receiving municipal or state public assistance, unemployment compensation, social security disability insurance benefits or who have a total family income that is below the poverty line may request a waiver of the application fee by filing an affidavit with the Director of Personnel indicating their eligibility for a fee waiver and I would so move - Seconded.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS admendment approved by voice vote. Main motion as amended Approved by voice vote.

ITEM #2 - For Publication - Proposed Ordinance concerning entry level Police Officer and Fire Fighter Examinations to be held biennially, this item was held in Committee pending a meeting with the Personnel Commission to discuss some of the implications. The meeting of the Personnel Committee is scheduled for March 28, at 6:00 p.m. and all members of the Board are invited to attend.

PLANNING/ZONING/ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Esposito - No Report

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Bobby Owens & Lucy Corelli, Co-Chairs

Meeting was held on Thursday, February 22, 1996, Democratic Caucus Room. Present were Committee members Representatives Corelli, Owens, Nanos, Zelinsky, White, Martin, Curtis and Davis. Representative Fox was unable to attend. Also present were Representatives DeLuca and Skigen. Director of Operations Patricia Broom, Howard Stein from SCR, Ken Povodator of the Law Department, Lou David from Solid Waste Management and Bob Oxer from SCR.

ITEM #1 - SENSE-OF-THE BOARD RESOLUTION TO HAVE ALL MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE OF OPERATIONS; EXCLUDED ARE THOSE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, this has been Held to allow our Director of Operations to have a chance to look at this and see what she is going to do with this, and she has promised us that all of these buildings have been brought to her attention and she will be handling this in the proper manner.

ITEM #2 - REVIEW RECYCLING PROGRAM - This item is being held because Ms. Broom would like to get back to us with some additional information once she has talked to the people that pickup our recycling.

ITEM #3 - REVIEW ALL VACANT BUILDINGS IN THE CITY TO PREVENT POSSIBLE HAZARDS again, Director of Operations Pat Broom addressed this issue with the Committee. The Committees biggest concerns are the existing delapidated buildings that have not been occupied for ten or more years. These buildings are a potential safety hazard and most are an eye sore to their communities. The Committee members would like a subcommittee made up of the Fire Marshall and a Building Inspector to assess these buildings and give recommendations for their demolision. This suggestion was well received by the administration.

ITEM #4 - LEGALITY OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD ARBITRARILY CHARGING SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT RECYCLING THE BULKY WASTE RATE OF \$65.00 PER TON FOR DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE WHICH BY ORDINANCE IS CHARGED A FEE OF \$40.00 PER TON. Thanks to Representative Martin coming in and actually clarifying a few items and also Mr. Lou David, Supervisor of Solid Waste coming in with some different numbers we felt that we should just hold this item and let the Director of Operations take care of it at this point.

Item #2 and #4 are held and that concludes my report.

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE - Jeffrey Curtis, Chairman

There is a report on everyones desk regarding our Committee meeting.
Items 1, 2, and 3 are being held for further information by the Committee.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Herman Alswanger & Mary Fedeli, Co-Chairs

No report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - John F. Leydon, Jr., Chairman

No report.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - Alice Fortunato, Chairwoman

No report.

HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Ellen Mellis, Chair
The Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met on several occasions during this month and I want to thank the Committee for many hours spent. You all have a report of our various meetings.

ITEM #1 - DISCUSSION ON YEAR 22 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND REPORT ON PUBLIC HEARING - we met several times regarding the Mayor's recommendations, they have been forwarded to Tim Beeble and to the Mayor to be considered. There will be a Public comment time and the recommendations will go on to the Board of Finance and then back to our Board, and the item is Held..

ITEM #2 - THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO PURSUE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONES. The Mayor, Kip Berkstrom, Tim Beeble spoke to this, you have a copy of the resolution it speaks to revitalization, particularly of the Waterside and South End area and government and the community working together to specifically plan for the betterment of these areas. The resolution passed on Consent.

ITEM #3 - MODIFICATION OF THE ENTERPRISE ZONE MANUFACTURING RECRUITMENT PROGRAM OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. This was a discussion to modifying the request that Mr. Berkstrom has made previously and this was passed on Consent.

ITEM #4 - REASSIGNMENT OF VENDOR CART PROGRAM FROM SPONSORSHIP BY THE URBAN LEAGUE, WHICH WAS DECLINED THE FUNDING, TO THE DOWNTOWN SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT, WHICH PROPOSED TO ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF OPERATING THE VENDOR CART PROGRAM. We discussed this, we approved a change for monies to go for the purchase of the carts, the monies that would have gone to construction to house that has been held pending further plans.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS and you move Item #2.

REP. MELLIS Item #2 is on Consent.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS Is there a second? The motion is to approve Item #2. Approved by voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Robert DeLuca, Chairman

No report.

HOUSE COMMITTEE - Representative Summerville, Chairwoman

No report.

RESOLUTIONS - None

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS Rep. Loglisci, votes are not recorded on voices votes just abstentions, thank you.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS Item #2

REP. SUMMERVILLE Item #2 under the Appointments

MINUTES

1. DECEMBER 4, 1995 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - 24TH BOARD - Approved.
2. DECEMBER 11, 1995 REGULAR BOARD MEETING. - Approved.
3. JANUARY 3, 1996 REGULAR BOARD MEETING. - Approved.
4. FEBRUARY 5, 1996 REGULAR BOARD MEETING. - Approved.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS - We have minutes from December 4th, 11th, January 3rd and February 5th, do I have a motion to accept the minutes? Is there a second? All in favor of accepting the minutes say I, oppose, abstain. If there are any corrections if you haven't had a chance to read them all, they can be corrected you can call the office.

COMMUNICATIONS:

March 6, 1996 - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The DSSD is holding a Taste of Stamford for the Board of Representatives at the Fleet Bank to meet with the DSSD Board and members of the DSSD.

March 6, 1996 - 8:00 p.m.

John Ponzini is appearing in a play at the Lenhart Theater at the Rich Forum and he has invited the Board to attend.

March 28, 1996 - 7:30 p.m.

Joint Public Hearing on the Operating and Capital Budget. The joint hearing is with the Board of Finance and the Fiscal Committee. We are having it this year at the Ferguson Library, which is downtown. This is saving money because when we have it in a Board of Education Building we have to pay; this is being offered to us free. It is a central location, there is free parking in the Bell Street Garage for anyone who wants to park there. The Fiscal Committee and the Board of Finance accept the public comment. Encourage constituents to attend and make any comments on the budget. We should be receiving the Budget on the 15th of March.

March 8, 1996, Friday 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - The Mayor is holding a reception at the Rich Forum, it is to celebrate his First 100 Days in Office, everyone is invited to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ann Kachaluba has turned her name in to retire as the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Representatives. She will be with us for a couple more months. We appreciate Ann's hard work but I wanted you to hear it from here before you hear it other places that Mrs. Kachaluba our loyal Administrative Assistant for the last 18 years will be retiring. She will be hard to replace but she is going to help us out to make certain that we get a good person.

The April Board meeting is being held on the 2nd rather than the 1st, I hope you will bear with me on that issue

REP. CORRELLI - I believe everyone received an invitation for the March 7, 1996, Anti Crime Vigil. On this Thursday from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. we are having an Anti Crime Vigil which is the 1st Anniversary for this Anti Crime Vigil they started a year ago. I wanted to announce to you that this is the longest in the country that has ever been held, so we will have a march from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. all of you are invited and refreshments at Pellicci afterwards.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS I really want to Congratulate the West Side Representatives and others who joined in to really stay with this with the neighborhood people I think it has made a difference on the West Side and I hope that everyone attends. I think when we had our Legislative session one of the points we brought up was that this is everyone's responsibility it's not just one neighborhood. Everyone should support the West Side residents and representatives by participating whenever possible, and I really encourage you to go on Thursday.

REP. MARTIN Regarding the Budget which you mentioned to the Board earlier in the Fiscal Committee it was the feeling of the members that given the size of this whole process, many members felt that it was unnecessary to completely duplicate every meeting that was held by the Board of Finance with all Department heads. As a result the feeling was that we would have a more condensed schedule after the Board of Finance is through with the Budget, so rather than 12 or 15 meetings we will probably only have about 6 meetings. With that in mind, I am going to encourage everyone to attend Board of Finance meetings the schedule was just released by the Board of Finance, so I would encourage everyone to attend those Board of Finance meetings if they have concerns or questions or issues for specific department and that way if they are not addressed there you could pass them on to us on the Fiscal committee so that we can be assured that they are addressed later in the process.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS I have to emphasize that, that is very important because on the night that we approve the Budget we really like to have questions that you have answered in advance, it can become very cumbersome and trying if we have to go to small items on the night of the Budget session, so I would encourage new members, it is a great learning process to attend the Budget Committee Fiscal meetings, you really learn a lot about the City I think its going to be really interesting because we have all of the new super departments, and it is going to be interesting how the budgets are presented and I think that Mayor Malloy has indicated that we are going to see different budget this year so I encourage your participation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Representative DeLuca announced that he has confirmed the date for the Board Christmas Party which is December 8, 1996 at the Amadeus Restaurant at 6:00 P.M. at the same priced as 1995.

OLD BUSINESS - Jeff Curtis reported that The Hart School expansion Task Force met on February 14, 1996, to discuss the general situation on how this Task Force should proceed. The members of the Task Force attending the meeting felt that the first step would be to listen to the concerns of the owners of the four properties being sought for aquisition. It was also decided by the members of the Task Force that the Co-Chairs of the Task Force should set up a meeting with the four property owners and hear their concerns. They decided this because they felt that a meeting with eleven members of the Task Force would be a little intimidating. Four property owners were contacted and invited to attend a private meeting with the two Co-Chairs on February 20, 1996, here at the Government Center. Owners of three of the four properties in question came to the meeting. The Co-Chairs listened to the owners concerns and attempted to answer as many questions as possible. The owners were urged to accept Mayor Malloy's invitation to meet privately with him. At that point two owners told us that they had already scheduled a meeting and that a third said that they would call the Mayor's office the next day to arrange a meeting. The Co-Chairs will be scheduling a meeting of the entire Hart School Task Force in the next week or two in order to discuss the owners concerns and determine the next step in this process. If any of the Board members have any questions please feel free to contact either Gloria DePina or myself and we will try to answer those questions for you.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS

Thank you Mr. Curtis, we appreciate both of you taking the leadership on this item. It is very important we take this very seriously and we want to make sure that the property owners are satisfied with this process.

OLD BUSINESS - None

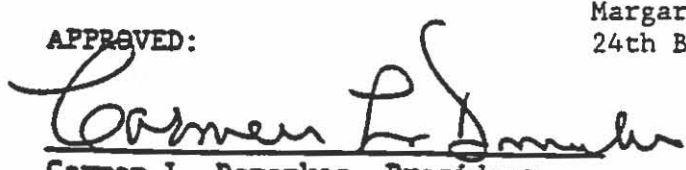
NEW BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT - Upon a motion duly made and seconded and approved by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.



Margaret M. Cocolis, Secretary
24th Board of Representatives

APPROVED:



Carmen L. Domonkos, President
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