

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1997

24TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

The meeting was called to order by President Carmen Domonkos at 8:55 p.m.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by former Representative and Honorary Board Chaplain Nicholas Pavia. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is Mr. Pavia's invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Carmen Domonkos

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville

There were 39 members present and one member absent-excused, Rep. Alswanger.

MACHINE TEST VOTE: Conducted by President Carmen Domonkos

The machine was in good working order.

PAGES:

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late:

Louise T. Capiello, by Reps. Fortunato and Pia;
Michael Calorossi, by Reps. Loglisci and Sabia;
Salvatore Gambino, by Reps. Loglisci, Sabia and Pia;
Joseph P. Gerardi, by Reps. Sabia and Pia;

Frank Halleck, by Rep. Sabia;
 Thomas Killeen, a former Board of Representative member, by the entire board;
 Setsuko Longo, by Reps. Leydon and Pia;
 Lori Maida, by Rep. Loglisci;
 Jean Q. Maguire, by Rep. Pia;
 Theodore Milone, by Reps. Fedeli, Fortunato, Boccuzzi & Sabia;
 Paul Michael Murray, Sr., by Rep. Loglisci;
 Rose Pace, by Reps. Loglisci and Boccuzzi;
 Charles Rose, by Rep. Sabia;
 Gertrude Sabia, by Rep. Sabia;
 Anthony Tomczyk; by Reps. Fortunato and Fedeli;
 Dominick Richichi, Sr., by Rep. Loglisci;
 Mary P. Sagnelli, by Rep. Loglisci;
 Helen Marie Salata, by Rep. Loglisci;
 Anthony J. Spemullo, by Rep. Loglisci;
 Valerio Larry Valeri; by Rep. Loglisci;
 Carole Kinzler, by Rep. Domonkos
 Anderson Towns, by Rep. Mitchell;
 Florence Liebowitch, by Reps. Zelinsky and Gergle;
 Charles Wilmot, by Rep. Zelinsky;
 Dolores Napolitano, by Rep. Gergle;
 Chester A. Walkuski, by Rep. Boccuzzi; and
 Marilyn Laitman, a former Board of Representative member, by the entire Board.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE:	Chairwoman Carmen Domonkos Meeting: Wed., December 11, 1996, 7:00 p.m. Democratic Caucus Room	REPORT WAIVED
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Upon motion duly made by Rep. Boccuzzi and seconded, the reading of the Steering Committee report was waived.

Suspension of Rules:

A motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote to take up the following sense-of-the-board resolution out of order.

Rep. Kuzlik read the Sense-of-the-Board resolution to the full board; said resolution is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The Sea Cadet representative thanked the Board for this recognition.

1. Sense of the Board Resolution honoring the Stamford Sea Cadets
Submitted by Rep. Kuzlik (R-10)
12/02/96 - Held by Board

**APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE**

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: Annie M. Summerville, Chairwoman
No meeting was held this month

Suspension of Rules:

A motion to suspend the rules by Rep. Summerville to take up Appointments Committee Items 1 through 6 was made, seconded and approved by voice vote. Rep. Summerville stated that the suspension was requested because the Appointments Committee had not met to interview the candidates in that all candidates had been interviewed by this committee within the last six months.

1. Parks & Recreation Commission

Daniel Lyons (D) Reappointment
37 Ocean Drive West
Stamford, CT 06902
Expires: 12/01/99
11/14/96 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

**APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Daniel Lyons was approved for appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission by voice vote.

2. Smith House Board of Directors

Joseph L. Avalos (D) Reappointment
83 Dartley Street
Stamford, CT 06905
Expires: 12/01/99
11/14/96 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

**APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE**

A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Avalos. President Domonkos asked if there was any discussion.

Rep. Sabia asked why these items were being taken under suspension of rules.

Rep. Summerville repeated that these names had come before the Appointments Committee within the last six months, and the Appointments Committee did not feel that they needed to re-interview these candidates.

Rep. Sabia then stated that the Steering Committee had done the Board's work.

Rep. Summerville stated that the matter was being handled in the same manner as any other committee that did not hold a meeting yet wished to have the full board vote on items. Rep. Summerville further stated that these names had come before the Appointments Committee within the last six months of 1996. At Steering, Rep. Lucy Corelli suggested that a meeting would not be necessary in that it would be repetitious to interview these candidates before they had even served one year.

The vote was held, and Mr. Avalos was approved for appointment to the Smith House Board of Directors.

3. Board of Tax Review

Kimberly D. Norman-Rosedam (D) Reappointment
35 Hillcrest Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902
Expires: 12/01/99
11/14/96 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

**APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Ms. Norman-Rosedam was reappointed to the Board of Tax Review.

4. Transit District

Stephen DeVito (D) Reappointment
42 Merriman Road
Stamford, CT 06905
Expires: 12/01/99
11/14/96 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

**APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mr. DeVito was reappointed to the Transit District.

5. Zoning Board - Alternate

Scott Krowitz (D) Reappointment
83 Canfield Drive
Stamford, CT 06902
Expires: 12/01/99
11/14/96 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

**APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mr. Krowitz was reappointed as a Zoning Board-Alternate.

6. Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate

James P. Bartley (D) Reappointment
93 Downes Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902
Expires: 12/01/99
11/14/96 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

**APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mr. Bartley was reappointed as a Zoning Board of Appeals-Alternate.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: David Martin, Chairman
Meeting: Monday, December 16, 1996
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Martin reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Monday, December 16, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. Rep. Martin stated he did not have his attendance list with him, however, he advised he would notify the Board office of those in attendance at a later date.

1. F24.144 CAPITAL PROJECT APPROPRIATION REQUEST;
\$90,540.00 Dept. No. 301; Operations; Capital Project No. 301-331;
C-B-A-97-52 Rail Trail II; to reconstruct and standardize the sidewalk
standard in downtown and in the vicinity of the railroad
station. Funding source: bonding.
10/22/96 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/07/96 - Approved by Planning Board
12/02/96 - Held in Committee
12/10/96 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/16/96 - Committee voted 7-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

Secondary Committee: Public Works

Committee concurred

2. F24.149 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION; Dept. No. 745, Account
\$884.00 No. 4409; Finance Dept.; return of the contribution received
O-RR-A-97-97 from Good Samaritan Church. This will provide an expense
account from which to process this refund.
12/02/96 - Submitted by Thomas Hamilton, Dir. of Admin.

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

12/10/96 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/16/96 - Committee voted 7-0-0

3. F24.150
\$17,841.00
O-G-A-97-94

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION; Dept. No. 573, Account
No. Various; Health Dept., Women, Infants & Children
Grant; to align city budget with approved state budget.
12/03/96 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/10/96 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/16/96 - Committee voted 8-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

*Secondary Committee: Housing/Community Development/
Social Services*

Committee concurred

4. F24.151
\$10,000.00
O-G-A-97-96

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION; Dept. No. 748, Account
No. 5501; Mayor's Youth Initiative, Contracted Services.
This is a donation to the Mayor's Youth Initiative
12/04/96 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/10/96 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/16/96 - Committee voted 7-0-1

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

*Secondary Committee: Housing/Community Development/
Social Services*

Committee concurred

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1-4 was approved by voice vote.

Rep. Martin notified the Board that information was being provided to all board members from Mr. Hamilton responding to the inquiry regarding the budgetary status of the information system.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Maria Nakian, Chairwoman
Meeting: Thursday, December 19, 1996
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Nakian reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Thursday, December 19, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee Members Nakian, Fox, Mitchell, Lasko, Skigen, Zelinsky, Fedeli, Sabia, Sherer and Ventura. Also present was Rep. Giordano. On Agenda Items Nos. 1-3, Thomas Cassone, corporation counsel, was present; on No. 4, John Hiddlestone, Frank Rich and Michael Cacace, representing the Stamford Center for the Arts, Robert Carp and David

Anderson for the Citizens' Advisory Committee and Renee Kahn of Historic Neighborhood Preservation.

The Committee held a public hearing on Item No. 1, and Randall Salvatore appeared and spoke on this item.

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| 1. LR24.81
O-RR-P-97-65 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Final Adoption</u> ; between City of Stamford and Randall M. Salvatore for the purchase of a "reserve" strip of land owned by the City of Stamford on Maitland Avenue.
11/07/96 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/12/96 - Approved by Planning Board
11/20/96 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/19/96 - Committee voted 8-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 2. LR24.83 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Final Adoption</u> ; tax abatement request for property located at 45 Atlantic Street, owned by Stamford Center for the Arts.
11/08/96 - Submitted by Jennifer Hauhuth, Esq.
Shipman & Goodwin
12/11/96 - Held in Steering Committee | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
| 3. LR24.87 | PROPOSED RESOLUTION; urging the Stamford Center for the Arts to preserve the facade and architectural integrity of the lobby structure of the Palace Theater.
12/09/96 - Submitted by Reps. DeLuca (R-14), Domonkos (D-18), Loglisci (R-14), Nakian (D-20) and Summerville (D-6) | APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE |

Rep. Nakian stated that the Committee voted 8-2-0 for the resolution (Item No. 3) above and moved this item. Said motion was seconded, and President Domonkos asked if there was any discussion. Said resolution was passed by voice vote.

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| 4. LR24.88 | APPROVAL; Modification and License Agreement for the Mead School for Human Development.
12/11/96 - Submitted by Thomas M. Cassone, Esq.
Director of Legal Affairs
12/17/96 - Approved by Planning Board
12/19/96 - Held in Committee
01/16/97 - To be considered by Board of Finance | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
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Rep. Nakian stated that after discussion with Corporation Counsel regarding Item No. 4, it was decided that the Board of Finance had not voted on it yet and to make sure that the process of selling the property is done in the correct manner, the Board will be amending the ordinance by which the property was originally sold to include the modification and license agreement as part of the terms of the sale.

Suspension of Rules:

Rep. Nakian therefore moved to suspend the rules to take up an amendment to the existing ordinance. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Rep. Nakian stated that the only change in the ordinance was, "and a modification and license agreement between the City of Stamford and the Mead School for Human Development, both of which are annexed hereto and made a part hereof." Rep. Nakian stated that if the ordinance was not approved, it would not negate the sale of the property, it only means that the sale would be according to the original contract.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the change to the ordinance was approved for publication by voice vote. Reps. Martin and Fox abstained.

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| 5. LR24.89 | PROPOSED RESOLUTION; concerning conforming the language of the Code of Ordinances to the 1995 City Charter.
12/11/96 - Submitted by Thomas M. Cassone, Esq.
Director of Legal Affairs
12/19/96 - Committee voted 8-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 6. LR24.68 | DISCUSSION; consideration of enacting an ordinance addressing issues of noise from leaf blowers and other landscaping tools, barking dogs and motorcycles.
09/11/96 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/19/96 - Held in Committee | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |

Rep. Nakian moved the Consent Agenda, Item Nos. 1 and 5. Said motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Randall Skigen, Chairman
Meeting: Wednesday, December 18, 1996
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Skigen reported that the Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, December 18, 1996. Present were Reps. Loglisci, Fedeli, MacInnis, Fortunato, Zelinsky and Skigen. Rep. Lasko was excused. Also present on Item No. 1 was Mikel Moty, one of the consultants who developed the plan.

Rep. Skigen reported that Ms. Moty reviewed the plan. After discussion with Ms. Moty, the Committee voted to hold the matter until next month, at which time the Committee will make recommendations back to the personnel commission regarding changes to the plan.

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| 1. P24.03 | APPROVAL; Pay Plan for Non-Union, Appointed and Elected Officials (Meeting with Board of Finance 11/20/96 for presentation.)
09/17/96 - Submitted by Sim Bernstein, Personnel Director
11/06/96 - Held in Committee
12/02/96 - Held in Committee
12/10/96 - Held by Board of Finance
12/18/96 - Held in Committee | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
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Suspension of Rules:

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Rep. Skigen, seconded and approved by voice vote to take up the following matter, P24.06.

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| 2. P24.06 | RESOLUTION; Correction of scrivener's error in Charter Section C7-30-7(b) relating to the retirement date for pensions.
12/18/96 - Submitted by Thomas M. Cassone, Esq.
Corporation Counsel | APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE |
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Rep. Skigen stated that this was a mistake that has been in the Charter since 1973. Because the new charter is going out to print, this error is being corrected at this time. The error changed the provision regarding the CERF pension fund so that it now reads that pensions may commence on the first day of the month following the member's sixtieth birthday, and it should read sixty-fifth birthday. The change to sixty was never presented by a charter revision commission, it was never approved by the Board of Representatives, and it was never approved by the voters. Rep. Skigen stated that in fact

it had been changed by collective bargaining, however, since the change was never officially made to the charter, the charter should reflect the sixty-fifth birthday.

Rep. Skigen moved the amendment, in the form of a footnote. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

**PLANNING & ZONING/ENVIRONMENTAL/ - Paul Esposito &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Donald Sherer, Co-Chairmen**
Meeting: Thursday, January 2, 1997
7:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Esposito reported that the Planning & Zoning/Environmental/Economic Development Committee meeting was held on January 2, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. Present were committee members Abbazia, Boccuzzi, DePina, White, Skigen, Kuzlik and co-chairs Esposito and Sherer. Other board members present were Reps. Domonkos, Corelli and Nanos.

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| 1. PZ24.05 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Publication</u> ; designating the Executive Director of the Environmental Protection Board as the person responsible for the care and control of trees and shrubs within any City property and public rights-of-way.
11/26/96 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/02/97 - Held in Committee 8-0-- | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
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Rep. Esposito stated that the Committee also considered another item, based on correspondence from assistant corporation counsel regarding a temporary restraining order granted by the court on November 29, 1996. in reference to an appeal that was sent to the Board of Representatives on a zoning board case involving regulations to amend a C-N zone. Rep. Esposito further stated that the Steering Committee voted not to take up this item at its November meeting. This was decided because the validity of the signatures was in question. Thereafter, Rep. Esposito reported, the plaintiffs went to court and received this temporary restraining order, which essentially placed a hold on the time period for Board of Representative action.

Rep. Esposito stated that this Committee was advised that it could take two actions: first, it could uphold the Steering Committee decision not to take the matter up, or to suspend the rules and hear the appeal. At the Committee meeting, no one made a motion to suspend the rules, so the motion was made to uphold the Steering Committee report. The vote was 8-0.

Rep. Skigen stated that the minutes presented by the chair state that the Steering Committee did consider and vote on the issue of hearing this appeal within the prescribed time frame. Rep. Skigen noted that the Steering committee meeting was held prior to the temporary restraining order going into effect.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Bobby Owens & Lucy Corelli, Co-Chairs
Meeting: Monday, December 30, 1996
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Owens stated the Public Works Committee met on Monday, December 30, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Owens, Corelli, Nanos, Curtis, White and Zelinsky. Also present were Reps. Boccuzzi, Nakian, Domonkos, Pia and Giordano. Other people present were Jeanette Semon, Patricia Broom, David Emerson, Norman Liu and Stacy Shelton. A number of visitors also attended for Item No. 4.

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| 1. PW24.03 | REVIEW; Administration's policy regarding reimbursements for refuse pickup.
10/15/96 - Submitted by Reps. Loglisci (R-14) and DeLuca (R-14)
11/06/96 - Held in Committee
12/02/96 - Held in Committee
12/30/96 - Held in Committee | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
| 2. PW24.04
C-B-A-97-51 | APPROVAL; Supplemental agreement for architectural service agreement between the City of Stamford and P.S.G. Inc. for Rail Trail Project Phase II at the Stewart B. McKinney Transportation Center.
10/17/96 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/14/96 - Approved by the Board of Finance
12/30/96 - Committee voted 5-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 3. PW24.05
C-T-C-97-62 | APPROVAL OF CONTRACT; between the City of Stamford and Lev Zetlin Associates for consultant engineering services for the design of the Stamford Gateway Phase II structure.
11/04/96 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/14/96 - Held by the Board of Finance (at request of Operations Department)
12/02/96 - Held in Committee (at request of Operations Department)
12/30/96 - Committee voted 5-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 4. PW24.08 | APPROVAL; Water Pollution Control Commission's approval of application made by DeLeo Bros. Development to extend the existing sanitary sewer system (at their own expense) to property located at Turn of | DEFEATED
BY MACHINE
VOTE (11 Yes,
21 No) |

River Road (Card Nos. 41 and 42, Lots A & B).
11/27/96 - Submitted by George Connors, Administrative
Officer, Water Pollution Control Commission
12/30/96 - Committee voted 2-2-1

Rep. Owens moved Item No. 4, said item was seconded. President Domonkos asked if there was any discussion.

Rep. Corelli requested a machine vote.

Rep. White stated that this proposal should be turned down for several reasons, one of which is the Director of Operations stated this project was not up to specifications. Also, the Director of the Sewage Treatment Plant stated this project was not a good project because we are nearing capacity for the plant, and the idea that a private forced-main for 1,450 feet, more than 1,300 feet on city property, that is supposed to be privately maintained, is a bad idea especially because it is under specification. Rep. White stated that the arguments in support of this, i.e., that it will help sewer other areas really is a poor method for dealing with areas that need to be sewered. The only beneficiary of this project, in Rep. White's opinion, was the developer – not the City of Stamford.

Rep. Martin stated he was very much opposed to this. Rep. Martin stated that essentially the Board was being asked to provide public land so that a developer can run a private sewer. The private sewer may some day have to be paid for by the City of Stamford, and it is not a sewer that fits in with the City's specifications; thus, this could be quite expensive. Rep. Martin stated that if the time comes that the Board wants to deal with the few areas in North Stamford that have septic problems, sewers can be put in properly. Further, Rep. Martin stated that the entire administration opposes this project.

Rep. Weiner stated that as a representative of the 20th district, which is near this project, the possibility of increased zoning and density is raised by this project. While he would like to see sewers offered to North Stamford at some point, the appropriate route would be through the Planning Board. Rep. Weiner further stated he saw this as an attempt to get around the Planning Board process; further, approval of this could set a dangerous precedent.

Rep. DeLuca asked for clarification as to the statement that the sewage treatment plant is near capacity. Rep. DeLuca stated that if this is the case, then how does the plant plan on handling Swiss Bank, new school enrollment, the development of Blocks 8 and 9, the UCONN branch and other future construction.

Rep. Nakian stated she understood Ms. Semon's statements to mean that while we are close to the capacity of the treatment plant, but she has figured into that number the currently planned projects. Further, Ms. Semon stated that the remaining capacity should be reserved to areas of the City with no other option but tying into the sewage treatment plant; i.e., downtown areas or lots with failed septic systems.

Rep. DeLuca asked that Jeanette Semon provide some type of a summary of the capacity levels of the sewage treatment and her projections.

Rep. Nakian stated that while it would be possible to acquire this information, the City is currently in the process of doing a long-range study of the sewage treatment plant. This study is expected to be completed next year, and she felt that any major decisions as to private lines should wait until that study is completed.

Rep. Loglisci stated that he didn't feel that twelve units would have a consequence on the sewage treatment plant, and he believes there are a lot of half-acre lots on High Ridge Road with septic systems that are failing, and that the sewers will have to go north. Rep. Loglisci questioned whether people would rather have a septic system that could leach into the water supply vs. a sewer system, which is more desirable.

Rep. Corelli moved to hold this item until Mr. DeLuca receives the requested information. Said motion was seconded.

President Domonkos stated that this matter had to be approved within sixty days of receipt. Discussion ensued as to whether there was adequate time to hold the matter or whether this item could be discussed at the Special Meeting.

Mr. Lasko stated that he would want more information on the technical compliance of this proposal. Mr. Lasko felt that this proposal does not meet the city's specifications.

Rep. Martin stated that we already know what the Director of Operations feels about it, what the Director of Liquid Waste feels about it, we already know what the Health Director feels about it, we already know that it is the use of public lands for private interests, we already know that no one but this developer will benefit, we already know that there are potential cost liabilities in the future, and he has not heard a good reason to vote for it. Therefore, he sees no reason to hold this matter.

Rep. Sherer agreed with Mr. Martin and added that based on the track record of the Operations Department in providing information to this Board, he doesn't believe that we will receive this information in time for the members to vote on January 21.

The motion to hold the item failed by voice vote.

The main motion was defeated by machine vote with 21 no votes, 11 yes votes and 7 abstentions. *Note: Reps. Owens, Summerville, DePina, Johnson, Mitchell, Zelinsky and Leydon abstained.*

Rep. Owens moved the Consent Agenda, consisting of Items 2 and 3. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE - Jeffrey T. Curtis, Sr., **NO REPORT**
No meeting was held this month.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Herman Alswanger & Mary Fedeli, **NO REPORT**
Co-Chairs
No meeting was held this month.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - John F. Leydon, Jr., Chairman
Meeting: Thursday, January 2, 1997
8:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Leydon reported that the Education Committee met on Thursday, January 2, 1997. Present were Committee members Leydon, Romaniello, Giordano, Loglisci, Mitchell, Ventura. Absent and excused were Reps. Alswanger, Drucker, and Johnson. The following representatives were also in attendance: Reps. Abbazia, Boccuzzi, Corelli, DeLuca, DePina, Domonkos, Fedeli, Esposito, Fortunato, Gaztambide, Kuzlik, Mellis, Nanos, Owens, Pia, Weiner and White. Also in attendance were Board of Education President Robert King and member John Mallozzi; Superintendent Michael Nast; Curriculum Director Rosa Quesado and other members of the Board of Education central staff; Teacher James Stewart, parent volunteers and Brad Perkins of Perkins, Eastman Consultants.

Rep. Leydon stated that during the first portion of the meeting, Superintendent oversaw the presentation of the Board of Education's Technology Plan and Facilities Study. Ms. Quesado, along with parent volunteers, presented the most significant portion of the Technology Plan, and Mr. Perkins presented the most significant portion of the Facilities Study. In regard to the Technology Plan, the presenters focused on the need for computer technology to assist in the presentation of curriculum and professional development; a proposal for \$24.7 million over the next seven four years has been initiated. Under this proposal \$14.5 million would be funded by the City and the remainder raised privately.

Rep. Leydon addressed the facilities study, and stated that it was emphasized that considerable space shortages will exist in the high schools by the Year 2005, if the need for space was not addressed. Under the current proposal, \$28million would be spent to acquire the land and convert the buildings on the North Stamford campus of the University of Connecticut to a middle school, and \$18.7 million would be spent to convert Rippowam to a high school. In response to questioning, Mr. Perkins indicated that each conversion could be done for less money, however, he also indicated that almost all funds would be necessary to make each facility fully functional and up to code.

Rep. Leydon stated that many committee members and non-member representatives in attendance asked questions of the presenters. Many of the questions focused on the need to

spend the full amounts requested and whether these costs would escalate over time. Those responding, particularly Mr. Perkins, indicated that the costs should not escalate, however, these amounts would be necessary to best undertake the conversions.

Rep. DeLuca stated he was concerned when the presenters stated that they were trying to attract well-heeled people into Stamford, which led him to believe that the Board of Education is not interested in the blue-collar worker. Rep. DeLuca thought it was ludicrous for Mike Nast and his staff to allow that comment to go unchallenged.

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| 1. E24.01 | Review and comment on Board of Education Facilities study.
11/08/96 - Submitted by Carmen Domonkos (D-18)
12/02/96 - No report | REPORT
MADE |
| 2. E24.02 | Review and comment on Board of Education Technology plan.
11/08/96 - Submitted by Carmen Domonkos (D-18)
12/02/96 - No report | REPORT
MADE |

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - Alice Fortunato, Chairwoman

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| 1. UR24.02 | UPDATE; Blocks 8 and 9 Project and presentation by
Corcoran-Jennison Group.
09/10/96 - Submitted by Rep. Fortunato (D-17)
10/07/96 - No report
11/06/96 - Report made
12/02/96 - No report
01/06/97 - No report | NO REPORT |
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Rep. Fortunato stated she is currently awaiting the parking study report, and when available, she will provide a report. Also, she will have an update on the progress of this project next month.

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Ellen Mellis, Chairwoman**

Meeting: Tuesday, December 17, 1996
6:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room
and Monday, January 6, 1997
6:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Mellis reported that Housing/Community Development/Social Services met on Tuesday, December 17, 1996 and on January 6, 1997. In attendance at the December 17, 1996 meeting

were Reps. Johnson and Mitchell; Alice Fortunato was excused due to illness. Also, Tim Beeble, Sandy Dennies, Anne Sadowsky, David Franco and Mike Meyer were in attendance. Present at tonight's meeting were John Byrne, Anne Sadowsky, David Franco, Mike Meyer, Reps. Gaztambide, Mitchell, Fortunato and Mellis.

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| 1. HCD24.01 | <p>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Republication</u>; as amended regarding the role of the Social Services Commission</p> <p>09/05/96 - Submitted by Reps. Domonkos (D-18) and Mellis (D-13)</p> <p>10/07/96 - Held in Committee</p> <p>11/06/96 - Held in Committee</p> <p>11/19/96 - Committee voted 5-0-0</p> <p>01/06/97 - Committee voted 5-0-0 for republication</p> | <p>APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE</p> |
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Rep. Mellis stated that due to an incorrect publication in the Advocate, the first public hearing was continued to tonight.

Rep. Mellis reported that after a review with the Law Department, there was concern that the ordinance could create a mandate on the part of the City. Therefore the ordinance was amended to read: The amendment, in Section A.1. reads: "Promoting policies and strategies which will help to provide that no resident of Stamford is without guidance or information in helping them to obtain the essentials of shelter, sustenance and provisions for health." A motion to amend the ordinance was made, seconded and approved by voice vote.

The main motion was then moved, seconded and approved by voice vote.

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| 2. HCD24.08 | <p>REVIEW; Proposed Year 23 Community Development Block Grant plan and application schedule.</p> <p>12/04/96 - Submitted by Ellen Mellis (D-13)</p> | <p>REPORT
MADE</p> |
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Rep. Mellis stated that a public hearing will be held on January 23, 1997 at 5:30 for Item No. 2.

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| 3. HCD24.07 | <p>REVIEW; Status of Community Development Block Grant funding.</p> <p>12/04/96 - Submitted by Ellen Mellis (D-13)</p> | <p>REPORT
MADE</p> |
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Rep. Mellis stated that a report will be provided to all representatives on item No. 3.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE -	Robert DeLuca, Chairman	NO REPORT
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No meeting was held this month.

HOUSE COMMITTEE - Annie M. Summerville, Chairwoman

NO REPORT

RESOLUTIONS

MINUTES

1. December 2, 1996 Regular Board Meeting

**APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE**

COMMUNICATIONS

1. President Domonkos stated that the Legislative Breakfast will be held at the Stamford Marriott Hotel on January 22, 1997 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. All representatives planning to attend should notify the Board office.
2. President Domonkos stated that a Special Meeting will be held on January 21, 1997 at 8:00 p.m., with caucus beginning at 7:30 p.m. to vote on the arbitrated teachers' contract.
3. President Domonkos stated that additional Internet training will be available on January 8, 9, 13 and 14. Any representative planning to attend should notify the Board Office.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.