

A Special Meeting of the 24th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, November 17, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chamber of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

**Board of
Representatives**

Minutes

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 p.m. President Domonkos read the meeting announcement:

“I, Carmen L. Domonkos, President of the 24th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, and pursuant to Section 2-10-4 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a Special Meeting of said Board of Representatives at the following time and place:

Monday, November 17, 1997

8:00 P.M.

Legislative Chambers, 4th Floor

Government Center

888 Washington Boulevard

Stamford, CT 06904-2152

to consider For Final Adoption the contract of sale for Re-Use Parcels 16A, 16B, 19 and 19B to Corcoran-Jennison Company.”

INVOCATION: By Rep. Sherer.

“Dear Lord, thank you for allowing us to have this place on behalf of the people of the City of Stamford. Thank you for giving us the wisdom and the strength to carry on our deliberations and bless this body.”

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

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

There were thirty-nine (38) members present and two (1) absent and excused (Rep. Davis' seat is vacant); Rep. Kuzlik was not present. The Chair declared a quorum.

MACHINE TEST VOTE:

The machine was in good working order.

PRESENTATION OF CONTRACT OF SALE:

Rep. Fortunato stated that the Urban Renewal Committee of the Board of Representatives met this evening and held a public hearing. Those in attendance were Reps. Pia, MacInnis, Summerville, Ventura, Boccuzzi, Owens, Gaztambide, Gergle, Corelli and Fortunato. Those speaking were Paul Edelberg, Esq.; Attorney Tooher; Ray Miller, and Sidney Epstein. The Committee voted in the affirmative for the resolution for final adoption to the contract of sale for re-use parcels 16A, 16B, 19 and 19B to Corcoran-Jennison Company. The vote was 5-2-5. Rep. Fortunato moved the item. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Loglisci stated that he doesn't believe that anyone is against this project, but he is bothered because he believes the developer took the request for 65 parking spaces and gave back 23 full time and 24 part time, "phantom" parking spaces. Rep. Loglisci said it remains to be seen how effective this parking will be. Further, Rep. Loglisci stated that the developer seemed "surprised" that parking was an issue when they had been told repeatedly that parking was an issue. The developer has turned this known shortcoming in this project as a means for increasing costs to the City and additional profits to itself. Rep. Loglisci stated that the developer gets another 16 units of below-market, elderly housing in exchange for providing 1/3 of a parking space per unit. He also believes the developer will eventually take back these parking spaces and will add the 36 units to the last phase. Rep. Loglisci also stated the developer saves \$300,000, while the City's expenses are increased vis-a-vis the garage.

Rep. Loglisci stated that while the City is receiving \$7 million up front, the URC still has to purchase, clear and provide environmental guarantees to land. Therefore, we may only have one-half of these funds at the end. Rep. Loglisci stated the Board appears to be in a hurry to sign a contract when the design phase is not completed. As such, Rep. Loglisci stated he would not vote in the affirmative.

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President Domonkos read a letter submitted by Mr. Steinberg. Said letter is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Said letter relates to parking arrangements.

Rep. DeLuca questioned whether the right-of-way issue, raised by the Chamber of Commerce, is addressed in the contract.

Rep. Skigen stated that Article 15 of the contract deals specifically with the right-of-way. He further stated that there is an amendment, which is a map that depicts the right-of-way. President Domonkos stated that Ms. Nakian has also verified that this matter is addressed in the contract.

President Domonkos stated that there would be a machine vote and that 20 votes were needed for approval. The Item was approved by a vote of 29-6-2.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.