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ball area at Woodside Park on Sunday, October 22, 1950 to hold an open competition meet for model airplanes.

James Mulreed, 4th District, asked if it was not up to the Board of Recreation to pass on this request.

John Cameron, 20th District, MOVED the matter be referred to the Board of Recreation with our recommendation that it be approved, seconded and CARRIED.

Mr. Pierson also referred to the following two pieces of correspondence which were presented to the Board just before the meeting:

A petition from the Glenbrook Road-Hope Street Association requesting that a lighted tree be placed in Diskam Park during the coming Christmas season. This was referred to the Recreation and Welfare Committee and the Mayor.

A petition signed by nine members of Paragon Lane reporting health menacing conditions on Paragon Lane and also requesting it be accepted as a City Street.

This was referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee and the Health and Safety Committee for study and report.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Nomination of Joseph K. Sherman to the Zoning Board to fill the unexpired term of Leonard Kuvin, which expires on April 15, 1954.

Referred to the Appointments Committee for report at the next meeting as required by the Charter.

2. Proposed agreement from the Meter-Ad Corporation of America re renting of advertising privileges on Parking Meters.

This letter, originally submitted by the Mayor on June 28, 1950, was referred to the Chamber of Commerce, Retail Merchants' Council and Board of Public Safety for comment and recommendation. All of the above reported back their opposition.

Michael Laureno, 3rd District, MOVED that the request for advertising on parking meters be disapproved by the Board of Representatives, seconded by James Harrington, 9th District, and CARRIED.

3. Appointment of 100 special police by Board of Public Safety.

The matter had been referred to the Health and Safety Committee previously and Mr. Pierson asked Mr. Staples, the Chairman, if he had a report.

Leon Staples, Chairman of the Health & Safety Committee, reported it was the unanimous recommendation of the Committee that permission NOT be granted.

Leon Staples, 7th District, MOVED permission as requested NOT be granted, seconded by Hunt Sutherland, 17th District.

George Connors, 10th District, asked if the Safety Board had any idea of how many people had badges which are not in use.

Patrick Scarella, of the Health and Safety Committee, replied that in checking over the badges already issued, it was found that 187 were issued for no apparent purpose.

James Mulreed, 4th District, noted that perhaps it was the intention to elect some of these 100 special badges to the auxiliary police force now being organized.

Edward Wojciechowski, 2nd District, said he did not believe this particular

request had anything to do with auxiliary police for Civilian Defense. They are entirely separate. The Committee went through the lists quite thoroughly and four members who individually checked them, each found from 35 to 40 names that could be weeded out of the list of 397 badges that are already issued as special police.

Daniel Miller, 16th District, noted that Mr. Middleton of the Civilian Defense was in the audience, and MOVED he be granted permission to speak on the matter, seconded and CARRIED.

Mr. Middleton said he had not been consulted on the matter, and could not tell whether the badges were for the auxiliary police. He assumed that when the auxiliary police were ready for badges, if there were not available, more would be requested. He felt there was no connection between this request and the auxiliary police.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, called attention to the budget of the Civilian Defense which itemized 150 special police badges, and allowed \$300 for that purpose.

Patrick Scarella, Health and Safety Committee, said he wanted to make the position of the Committee clear. It was not their intention to prevent the Safety Board from getting special policemen, however it was felt if the badges which were not being used were recalled, they could be assigned to better advantage. Then, if there still was a need more should be requested.

The motion not to grant the request was put and CARRIED.

4. Application for grants in aid for Public School building project.

The following resolution was introduced by the President, as prepared by the Board of Education and the Corporation Counsel:

RESOLUTION #94

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD that it does hereby approve the application of George T. Barrett, Mayor of the City of Stamford, for a grant for public school building project under provisions of Public Act No. 6 (H.B. 116) of the November Special Session of the Connecticut General Assembly of 1949 for assistance in financing the public school building project for the Walter R. Dolan Junior High School therein described.

In his letter of September 20th, Mr. Neuwien, Superintendent of Schools, stated that the benefits of the act are retroactive for buildings built since 1946, consequently the City of Stamford was entitled to financial assistance for the costs of the Walter R. Dolan Junior High School. The amount of the grant would be determined after the Public School Building Commission had an opportunity to evaluate the application. Aid is granted on the basis of \$300.00 per child for elementary schools and \$450.00 per child for secondary schools, or one-third of the total cost of the school building, whichever is least. Payments would be made against the costs of the bond issue, amortization and interest and would be made during the life of the bond. If the Board of Representatives approved the preliminary application, and the preliminary application was approved by the Public School Building Commission, one more formal action by the Board of Representatives would be necessary and that would be the approval of the amount of the grant to be determined by the Commission.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Edward Wojciechowski, 2nd District, and CARRIED 32 in favor 0 opposed.

5. Mr. Pierson read a letter from the Mayor dated September 29th, in which he

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requested action be taken on the renewal of leases for the Building Inspection at 1 Bank Street and also the Detective Bureau at the same address. The leases are to expire in October 1950.

Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, asked why these leases were presented at such a late date. No one could give a reply.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the matter be referred to the Legislative and Rules Committee for a report at the end of the meeting.

Michael Laurenco, 3rd District, said we should bear in mind that money had been appropriated for the alteration of the Town Hall and it was originally planned to put the Building Inspector in the GAR Room. He thought that matter should be given some consideration when the leases were being negotiated.

Catherine Cleary, 8th District, said she wanted to know what action had been taken in regard to the alterations since the money had been appropriated. She suggested we get a report by the next meeting.

Mr. Pierson said he thought perhaps nothing was being done because the money was by bond issue and the bond issue has not, as yet, been approved.

John Cameron, 20th District, suggested the Legislative and Rules Committee consider whether we could continue to occupy the premises without a lease, and also what the specific leases were. He questioned how a lease could be allowed to expire and the Board notified only two days before the expiration date that immediate action must be taken. He felt in many of these cases we were not being put in a position where we could review what we were acting upon.

John Canavan, 11th District, gave other instances where emergency action had to be taken in order to obtain a purchase or continue a lease, and such action did not receive the benefit of thorough study. He felt our executives were lax in anticipating such things.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, reminded the Board that the alterations appropriation was not granted as a bond issue. It was to come out of current taxes. There was no reason, she said, for the work not being started by this time.

The motion to refer the matter of the leases to the Legislative and Rules Committee for report at the end of the meeting was put and CARRIED.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS

##### 1. Board of Finance

The Following resolution of the Board of Finance passed at their meeting of September 22, 1950, was read to the Board:

"ON MOTION of Mr. Randall the following resolution was VOTED:

"WHEREAS, as provided by the Charter, the Planning Board on July 27, 1950, recommended the project, the Mayor on August 21, 1950, approved the project, and on September 19, 1950, the Mayor certified that the appropriation was for an existing emergency

"BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE that the Board recommends to the Board of Representatives the Capital Program be AMENDED in that the emergency appropriation of \$45,008.00 be allowed the Public Works Department for the purpose of installing storm water drains from Seaside Avenue easterly to the Cove Pond; such appropriation to be by BOND ISSUE. The total amount of the Capital Program is thereby increased to \$2,315,346.55 of which \$2,231,444.00 is to be raised by bond issue.

"CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT"

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Louise Seeley, Fiscal Committee reported favorable action was recommended by the Committee.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, MOVED that the recommendations of the Board of Finance be adopted and the Capital Projects Program be AMENDED in that the emergency appropriation in the amount of \$45,008.00 be allowed the Public Works Department for the purpose of installing storm water drains from Seaside Avenue easterly to the Cove Pond, such expenditure to be by bond issue, seconded by Michael Laureno, 3rd District.

James Mulreed, 4th District, said he thought this matter should be brought to the attention of the Planning Committee and an investigation be made to see why the Planning Board granted permission for that area to be developed before first insisting the water hazard be removed.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, asked if his understanding was correct that the storm water drains were to run from Seaside Avenue to the Cove Pond through the Revere Park development.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, said it was her understanding the drains would run through Cove Road. The story on the approval of the development, she said, went back to the former City Planning Commission. She called attention to the Olsen Development on the West side of Seaside Avenue and the number of springs in that section. The drainage was taken care of as far as the water in that area was concerned, she said, but there has been a great drainage problem there for years. She didn't think it fair to have the present developer pay for the cost of doing away with all that water.

James Mulreed, 4th District, remarked that he and other members of the Public Works Committee spent an entire evening studying these conditions. The water from the west side was from springs which for years has flowed under Seaside Avenue. It drains into a gulley which empties into a small brook that flows through the Revere Development. When the Planning Board granted permission for the Revere Development that condition existed, and if they didn't know it, they should have known it, he said.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, said he questioned whether these drains were being set up to drain the Revere property, which is the responsibility of the developer, or whether they would be draining City streets. He said he wanted to know whether we were not giving one developer a tremendous financial boon which other developers do not receive. He called attention to the wording of the project, which indicated installing storm water drains from Seaside Avenue easterly to the Cove Pond. If this was draining the Revere Park property, he said, the developer should pay. If it was draining the City streets, then it can only be paid for by the City. He said he was not opposed to the stormwater drains, he only wanted to be sure we were not draining private property instead of public property.

Michael Laureno, 3rd District, said he did not think Revere Park should be punished for this condition. When the Planning Board had their preliminary investigation, they did not see any aggravated condition there. There may have been signs of some drainage problem, but not as it is today.

Patrick Hogan, 10th District, said he saw the blueprints of the proposed drainage line. It picks up the water at the corner of Olson development, goes down through Matthew Street, Houston Street, Revere Drive to the Cove Pond.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, said she went over the problem at the time she was on the City Planning Board, but it was never acute until the surface water was averted. At the time permission was granted for the Olsen Development that developer took care of his own drains. There were no storm water sewers on Seaside Avenue. It isn't just Revere Park that is plagued, she said, it is the old



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houses as well as the new ones. It is the responsibility of the community, and not any particular individual or home owner to provide a place for the surface water to be drained so the property could be developed. It was for that reason the Fiscal Committee recommended approval.

David Waterbury, 8th District, called attention to the fact that the water did not go into the old drains. It came up to the street and ran down Seaside Avenue.

The motion was PUT that the Capital Projects Program be AMENDED in that an emergency appropriation of \$45,008.00 be authorized by BOND ISSUE and carried by a RISING VOTE OF 31 in favor, 1 opposed.

b. The following resolution of the Board of Finance was read:

"ON MOTION of Dr. Costanzo the following resolution was VOTED:

"WHEREAS the Planning Board on September 19, 1950, recommended the amendment and the Mayor on September 20, 1950, confirmed his approval of September 1st as well as certified that an emergency existed

"BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE that the Board recommends to the Board of Representatives the Capital Projects Program be AMENDED in that the additional appropriation of \$15,500.00 be allowed the Public Works Department for the purpose of increasing the \$35,000.00 originally appropriated for installing the sewer line from the Housing Project (on the Alexander Property) to the Pumping Station on Myano Lane, in order to conform to the new estimate of \$50,500.00, such additional appropriation to be by BOND ISSUE. The total amount of the Capital Projects Program is thereby increased to \$2,330,846.55, of which \$2,246,944.00 to be by bond issue.

"CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT"

Louise Seeley, Fiscal Committee, said the Committee recommended approval of the appropriation, calling attention to the fact that when the budget was originally requested, the amount was \$50,000; however the engineers thought it could be done for \$35,000. Additional improvements were made.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, MOVED the recommendation of the Board of Finance be adopted and the capital projects program be AMENDED in that an additional appropriation be included for installing the sewer line from the Housing Project (on the Alexander Property) to the Pumping Station on Myano Lane, thereby increasing the total appropriation for the project to \$50,500.00 instead of \$35,000.00 such additional appropriation to be by bond issue, seconded by James Harrington, 10th District, and CARRIED by a rising vote of 32 in favor - 0 against.

c. The Board acted on the favorable recommendation of the Board of Finance for an amendment to the capital projects program of an additional appropriation of \$90.00 to Precinct I to cover the increase in purchase price of an inhalator appropriated for at \$125.00 in the 1950-51 budget.

d. The Board also acted on the favorable recommendation of the Board of Finance for an amendment to the capital program for an additional appropriation of \$90.00 to Precinct II to cover the increase in purchase price of an inhalator appropriated for at \$125.00 in the 1950-51 budget.

Louise Seeley, Fiscal Committee, said her Committee did not have the complete facts regarding the inhalators and could make no recommendation. There was considerable question in their minds as to the quality of the inhalator, and thought perhaps Representative John Cook, or others more familiar with the equipment should give their comments.

Leon Staples, 7th District, said the inhalators which were to be purchased were dangerous, and he thought it wise to purchase a better inhalator even though the cost would be more. When human lives are at stake, he said, there was no reason why we could not have the very best.

John Cook, 15th District, said he had some experience with inhalators, and in comparing the ones which the Precincts were proposing to purchase, to the ones in volunteer fire companies in Glenbrook and Springdale, they could be considered dangerous. The inhalators at the volunteer fire companies are self-regulating and could take care of a man, woman, or child by regulating itself accordingly. The type which the Precincts propose to buy must be set, and if a person was not familiar with its operation, the lungs could be damaged. Furthermore, once a person starts breathing, the proposed inhalators are no longer used, whereas, the E and J type used by the volunteer fire companies helps a person to breathe by regulating itself accordingly.

John Cook, 15th District, MOVED the above two requests be referred to the Health and Safety Committee for study and report at our next meeting. Seconded by George Connors, 10th District, and CARRIED.

e. Recommendation of the Board of Finance of an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$2,268.00 for replacing worn-out automobile in the Central Fire Station.

Louise Seeley said the Fiscal Committee was divided on this appropriation and therefore made no recommendation. As far as she personally was concerned the request was not in either budget for 1950-51 when it was presented, and she intended to vote against it.

Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, MOVED the appropriation be DENIED, seconded by George Connors, 10th District.

Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, said his understanding was the car was to replace the 1949 car now being used by the Chief who would turn the 1949 car over to the oil burner inspector, who in turn would surrender the 1937 Pontiac, which he is using, as a trade in.

Michael Laureno, Fiscal Committee, said the Committee took the action of not making a recommendation since they had not heard from the Fire Chief and did not have full information. The fact that it was not in the budget did not nullify the fact that it was in the budget a year ago. There are other things which perhaps were considered more vital this time. He thought we should withhold voting until we heard from the Fire Department officials.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the matter be placed on the table, seconded by Hilda Clarke, 17th District, and CARRIED 18 in favor, 14 opposed.

Michael Laureno, 3rd District, MOVED the Fiscal Committee be asked to invite the Fire Chief to one of their meetings, or to one of the Board meetings to explain his need for a new car, seconded by Hilda Clarke, 17th District, and CARRIED.

f. Recommendation of the Board of Finance that the emergency appropriation of \$5,200.00 to allow additional expenditures involved in moving the Health Department.

Louise Seeley said the Fiscal Committee was divided on this and made no recommendation. The Committee thought, however, that if the Board did approve, the amount could be reduced by \$1,000.00. The \$5,200.00 was the same as requested on May 25th. Since that time, the Planning Board got an agreement with the cooperation of the Municipal Projects Appraisals Committee, that the rent be reduced to

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\$300 per month instead of \$350. Also, the original appropriation was figured as to be effective in June.

George Connors, 10th District, MOVED that Dr. Brown be permitted to speak on the subject, seconded and CARRIED.

Patrick Hogan, 10th District, said his only interest in this matter was the welfare of the people. He has had numerous remarks from both City officials and citizens that the present quarters were not adequate, and people were forced to come in contact with others who had communicable diseases.

George Connors, 10th District, MOVED the appropriation of \$5,200 be granted, seconded by Patrick Scarella, 3rd District.

James Mulreed, 4th District, asked if there was anyone present who was qualified to speak for the owner of the present premises, since he thought it only fair to hear both sides of the story. He said it was brought to the attention of the Steering Committee that the owner of those premises was willing to convert the second floor into additional office space for the use of the Health Department.

Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, asked if the new building provided space for venereal patients which would be separate from other patients.

Dr. Brown said it would.

John Cameron: Did I understand you to say that on the South Street property they wanted \$200 a month for only 440 square feet?

Dr. Brown: That is what the Mayor told me.

John Cameron: Do you agree with Mrs. Seeley that the proposed arrangement you have could be handled for \$4,200?

Dr. Brown: Yes. However, I did not include moving expenses. I felt the Public Works Department could give us trucks and men, then I felt that perhaps we should have professional movers in order that our equipment and fixtures would be insured against breakage. I would like to have enough in the appropriation to take care of that.

Michael Wofsey: What do you suggest the amount of \$5,200 be reduced to?

Dr. Brown: I feel that we can move for probably \$100, but I haven't inquired.

Dr. Brown went on to explain that the new quarters allowed them 13 rooms on the first and second floors. There were four rooms on the third floor, and it was hoped permission could be obtained from the Fire Department to allow them for the janitor.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, reminded Dr. Brown that it was suggested the appropriation be reduced by \$1,000, making it \$4,200. He asked if \$150.00 were added to make available moving expenses if it would be satisfactory.

Dr. Brown commented that there would be one month when it would be necessary to pay two rents.

Helen Bromley, 20th District, asked if he moved from South Street, would there be any question of the present owner suing the City.

Michael Laureno, 3rd District, mentioned that the lease for South Street expired in April.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, recalled that Dr. Brown looked at seven other places. She asked if he looked at this place or if the owner came to him.

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Dr. Brown: The owner came to me.

Louise Seeley: This, you think, was by far the better of any of them?

Dr. Brown: Yes.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, said while she was in favor of having a new health center, she was opposed to this present action, and was going to vote against it.

Dr. Brown said he also had hopes of getting a new municipal health center but felt that we would not have a new building for at least five years.

Patrick Hogan, 10th District, asked if Dr. Brown would be able to keep his expenses for improvement down next year.

Dr. Brown said he could not tell until he was in the place. He felt, off hand, that linoleum would not be necessary for all floors, and intended to put it only where floors were used by the public.

John Cameron, 20th District, said that while he agreed with Mr. Wofsey regarding a possible case for a plaintiff, he could not see how we would be able to go ahead without any indication from the Corporation Counsel that he feels arrangements could be terminated satisfactorily for the other place.

Corporation Counsel George Wise said he had not seen either lease.

Mr. Pierson called attention to the Board that the terms of the proposed lease were promulgated by the Stamford Board of Realtors, Municipal Projects Appraisal Committee.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, asked the Corporation Counsel if we could make a conditional appropriation for whatever amount we may decide upon subject to the negotiation of a satisfactory lease, and to the fact that there are no existing liabilities on a previous lease.

Mr. Wise said assuming it could be done, who then is going to decide the final approval of the lease? If, however, it were to come back for approval, it could be subject to an additional appropriation.

James Mulreed, 4th District, MOVED action on this matter be postponed until the next regular meeting so that the Corporation Counsel and Fiscal Committee might be able to make a further study, seconded by John Canavan, 11th District.

Mr. Pierson called attention to the fact that he was informed by a representative of Mr. Sweeney, the proposed lessor, that if action was not taken at this meeting, they would look for other tenants. He noted this action had been held pending since early June.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, suggested that since we had to take two steps in this connection, no possible harm could be done by approving some kind of an appropriation so that Mr. Sweeney might know we intended to investigate the matter, and have a specific lease for action at the next meeting. If this Board refuses to adopt it at the next meeting, we would only have made the appropriation, and in the interim Mr. Wise could examine the existing lease and advise us on that. He said he believed the amount had been indicated to be excessive and could be reduced.

Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, said he objected to the manner in which it was being presented, and would vote against the appropriation.

Michael Laureno, 3rd District, commented on the possibility of perhaps buying



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the building. He noted that it might be perhaps seven or eight years before the municipal center was built, and if we were to pay \$3,600 a year rent, in a period of ten years we would have more than enough to pay for the entire cost of the building, and at the same time would own it. He said he asked Mr. Sweeney if he was willing to sell, and was told that while he hadn't thought of a selling price it might be considered. It was the thought of Mr. Laureno that the matter be put before the Municipal Projects Appraisal Committee.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, objected to postponing the matter any further, explaining that the officials involved had investigated other premises and found this one suited to the needs. He said he thought we should do something constructive at this meeting.

The motion to postpone action was PUT and defeated by a rising vote of 11 in favor, and 20 opposed.

The motion to grant the appropriation of \$5,200 was PUT.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, offered the amendment that the amount be reduced to \$4,350.00, and the appropriation be subject to the approval of the terms of the lease by the Board, seconded by Catherine Cleary, 8th District, The amendment was accepted by George Connors.

The motion that \$5,200 be appropriated as an emergency, and amended that the amount be reduced to \$4,350.00 with the proviso that the terms of the lease are approved by the Board was PUT and CARRIED by a rising vote of 21 in favor and 10 opposed.

g. The recommendation of the Board of Finance for approval of \$1,945.00 to the Glenbrook Fire Department.

Louise Seeley, Fiscal Committee, reported that the Committee recommended the \$864.00 as requested for increase pay to the drivers, however made no recommendation on the:

Stationery and Postage .....	\$ 50.00
Three hundred feet of 2 1/2" hose .....	486.00
One (1) suction hose (allowed \$50 - Cost \$120).	70.00
Painting of ambulance .....	475.00

The Committee felt that the increase in pay was the only items that could be considered an unforeseen emergency.

Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, questioned why the drivers in Glenbrook were being increased?

John Cook, 15th District, said the pay to drivers was determined by the individual volunteer fire company. He noted that some drivers in the town were getting \$62.50 a week, which was the pay requested but not granted. The Glenbrook drivers average from 45 to 60 calls a month, and out of every 45 calls 40 were from the former City area. One man is now working 18 hours a day, and there is a need for an extra driver. He said he felt the salaries should be stabilized. The Glenbrook drivers were getting \$50.00 a week, and it was going to be hard to keep them at that rate of pay. As for the hose, the budget as granted only allowed for 300 feet. Whereas at least 500 feet a year are needed. The budget for the Glenbrook Fire Department was cut from \$17,000 to \$12,000. He went on to say that as far as the City was concerned, they were welcome to anything which the Glenbrook Fire Department has, and since they answer all double alarms for the City, the need for the additional hose was urgent. He also pointed out that he thought the equipment for the Stamford Fire Department should be standardized, noting that Stamford was the only place in this territory where no other company coming in could hook up to,

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nor can they go to any other place and hook up. All Fairfield County, from New Haven to Long Island, is standardized with the exception of Stamford. That is the reason they have to have special adapters.

James Harrington, 9th District, MOVED the entire appropriation of \$1,945.00 be authorized as an emergency appropriation, seconded by Patrick Scarella, 3rd District.

Louise Seeley, Fiscal Committee, said this year they got \$2,000 more in the budget, and the only thing that really was unforeseen and not acted on or passed in the spring was the fact that the drivers would have to work harder than formerly.

Patrick Hogan, Fiscal Committee, said another reason why the Committee gave no recommendation on the other items was that approval would reflect an increase in the tax rate of outlying areas. The Committee had no representation of those areas, and thought it best to leave the decision to the Board and the Representatives concerned.

John Cook, 15th District, called attention to the loss of revenue by not holding a carnival.

William Adriance, 18th District, desired to go on record as being in favor of the entire appropriation.

When questioned as to why more money was requested than would be required to pay the drivers for the rest of the year at the proposed new rate, John Cook, 15th District, said it was the plan to make it retroactive, noting they have been trying to get the money ever since the budget was cut.

The motion to approve an EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION in the amount of \$1,945.00 for the Glenbrook Volunteer Fire Department was PUT, and CARRIED by a rising vote of 29 in favor, 2 opposed.

h. Recommendation of the Board of Finance for approval of the \$1,325.00 for Personnel Commission.

Louise Seeley, Fiscal Committee, reported that the Committee recommended favorable action on the \$75.00 for annual Civil Service Assembly membership. She asked that Mr. Weathers be permitted to explain the other requests.

Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, MOVED that Mr. Weathers be permitted to speak, seconded by Michael Laureno, 3rd District, and PASSED.

Mr. Weathers said the request for \$250 was for travel and other necessary expenses to be used for travel to meetings with other personnel directors and civil service people. At present there was an organization being formed of civil service directors of the lower New England states. He had been to two of those meetings already, and paid the expense himself. He was planning to go to the others. He went on to explain that the \$1,000 requested for medical examinations was purely a guess since he did not know how the draft would affect the employment or how many positions would be filled that would require physical examination.

Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, asked the cost of a physical examination.

Mr. Weathers replied \$5.00

Louise Seeley, 1st District, asked what had been done about physicals up to the first of July.

Mr. Weathers said none were given.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, MOVED the emergency appropriation of \$1,325.00

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be granted the Personnel Commission as follows:

731.21 - 1/2 of annual membership fee in Civil Service Assembly .....	\$ 75.00
731.17 - Travel & other expenses of the Personnel Commission & Director .....	250.00
731.9 - Medical examinations for job applicants.....	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total.....	\$1,325.00

Seconded by Michael Wofsey, 1st District, and CARRIED by rising vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed.

i. Recommendation of the Board of Finance for approval of the budget of the Coordinator of Civilian Defense in the amount of \$6,795.00. A copy of the breakdown of the entire Civilian Defense budget is attached.

Louise Seeley, Fiscal Committee, reported that the Committee recommended favorable action on the request, and therefore MOVED the Emergency Appropriation of \$6,795.00 as outlined in the recommendation of the Board of Finance be granted, seconded by Stephen Kelly, 12th District.

Michael Laureno, 3rd District, noted that there may be a need for more funds since the Coordinator reduced his request considerably.

The motion was PUT and CARRIED by a rising vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed.

j. Mr. Pierson called attention of the fact that the Board of Finance did not approve the proposed lease with John Poltrack. The Steering Committee, however, recommended that the property be appraised by the Municipal Projects Appraisal Committee as to a fair rental and the necessary letter has been sent. He also mentioned that since the lease would carry a 3 month recapture clause by the City, a prospective leasee would be unable to put any structures on the property, and that thought was in mind when the request was made to the Appraisals Committee.

k. Approval of pension for Augustus L. Herrmann, Sr., as required by Section 712.2.

Louise Seeley, Fiscal Committee, reported that the Committee recommended approval, and therefore MOVED that approval be granted as required by the Charter, seconded by Stephen Kelly, 12th District, and CARRIED by rising vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed.

l. Recommendation of Board of Finance for emergency appropriation of \$3,858.98 to State Aid Fund as the share of the City to cover the cost of the Woodway Bridge.

Louise Seeley, Fiscal Committee, reported that the Committee recommended approval. She explained that the State was providing about \$7,500 a year and the City \$2,500 every year for use on State Aid projects. There was quite an amount in the account, and part of it was earmarked for the Woodway Bridge. In 1947 it was put back in the general fund in error and now we had to appropriate all over again. This was the second time the people had to appropriate for this, she said.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, MOVED the emergency appropriation of \$3,858.59 to the State Aid Fund be granted, seconded by Sewell Corkran, 18th District, and CARRIED by rising vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED a ten minute recess, seconded by Daniel Miller, 16th District, and CARRIED.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES1. Appointments Committee

Recommendation for renomination of Joseph T. Greaney to BOARD OF TAX RELIEF for the term ending April 15, 1955.

Daniel Miller, Chairman, gave the report of the Committee which recommended favorable action on the re-appointment.

James Mulreed, 4th District, amended the report of the Committee by stating that he has heard from other members of the Board of Tax Relief that Mr. Greaney has been of great assistance to them on assessing inventories because of his experience in managing stores.

A vote was taken by secret ballot and Mr. Greaney was reappointed as follows:

31 - In favor - 1 ballot invalid.

2. Fiscal Committee

Louise Seeley, Chairman, gave the remainder of her report not covered under the recommendations of the Board of Finance. A copy of the complete report is attached.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, MOVED that the emergency appropriation of \$2,200 for a fence to enclose the Bell-South Street Parking Lot be DENIED, seconded by Walter Seely. This matter had been referred to the Fiscal Committee at the meeting of September 11, 1950,

Michael Laureno, Fiscal Committee, noted that the Committee did not have any specifications for the fence, as usually provided in the budget, and recommended that, in the future as part of the record, that specifications be provided.

The motion was PUT and the request for an emergency appropriation of \$2,200 WAS DEFEATED by a rising vote of 32 to 0.

Louise Seeley, Fiscal Committee, recommended the emergency appropriation of \$225.21 additional required to pay the County Tax be approved. She recalled that although the budget originally requested \$60,000.00 for this appropriation, based on the fact that \$54,915.00 was paid last year, the amount was reduced to \$55,000.00.

James Mulreed, 4th District, MOVED the matter be placed on the agenda as an emergency, seconded by John Cook and CARRIED 32 in favor 0 opposed.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, MOVED the emergency appropriation of \$225.21 additional for the County Tax be approved, seconded by Hilda Clark, 17th District, and CARRIED by a rising vote of 32 for and 0 against.

Louise Seeley, continuing the report, said the Committee considered the matter of a pension plan for municipal employees. She said the Mayor in his letter of September 28th recommended the adoption of the State Retirement System. She stated that Mr. Weathers has all the material on the pensions, and he was the person who was doing the research. She noted that a definite plan would be recommended to the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives as soon as a study of the relative costs of the two suggested plans has been completed.

John Cameron, 20th District, agreed we should have a sound pension plan for the employees and know what it was about before adopting it.



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3. Legislative and Rules Committee

Michael Wofsey, Chairman, gave the report of the Committee. The procedure in regard to the code of ordinances that we agreed to act upon was that the code would be first introduced as an ordinance. Thereupon the matter is referred to the Michie Company with the changes the Legislative and Rules Committee and the Corporation Counsel made in the original draft. The Committee went over all the material submitted and considered every ordinance on the books of the town and city from the beginning of time. The report now represents one-third of the original material. A great deal has been eliminated. What is left is, on the whole, that material which is still pertinent today, and such ordinances that this Board itself has passed. The Code will be printed by the Michie Company, and are expected in five or six weeks in printed form. We will receive 250 copies which will be distributed according to the Special Act -- to all members of the Board and other places provided by the Act. A public hearing is then proposed for November 29th so that the Board could act in adoption at its December 4th meeting, or if necessary at an adjourned meeting in December, in order that the code can be adopted to be effective on January 1st. The same general situation applies to the Building Code and they are hopeful of adopting it so that it will become effective on January 1st. The State Building Commission which has jurisdiction over this matter was to have acted on the State Code during the last week.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by Stamford that the following code of ordinances is adopted:

(Code submitted by Michie Company)

Seconded by James Mulreed, 4th District, and CARRIED.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the ordinance be placed on file for the moment, seconded by Michael Laureno, 3rd District, and CARRIED.

Michael Wofsey, continuing with the report, said the Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss the leases for the Building Inspector and the Detective Bureau which were presently before them to be considered as emergencies. He noted that the actual leases were not before the Board, but the schedule of old leases which expire in October, was submitted.

As to the office of the Building Inspector, it involves four rooms in the Washington Building, and is for a proposed one year lease at \$60 a month. It was the unanimous opinion of the Committee that that lease should not be renewed but rather that the Board urge the Mayor to act upon the appropriation made some months ago in which provision was made for space in the Town Hall and the Building Inspector be moved as soon as possible. In the meantime that tenancy should be on a month to month basis.

On the second lease for the Detective Bureau, provision is made for a monthly rental of \$233.33. In pursuance of the policy adopted by the Board that such matters should be referred to the Municipal Projects Appraisals Committee, the Committee recommended that the lease be referred to the Board of Realtors to examine the premises and make recommendation to us prior to the next meeting as to what they consider a fair rental value and perhaps whether the premises are the best available. Under these circumstances the Committee did not recommend the adoption or approval of either lease. Mr. Wofsey said we would fail in our duty if we did not call the attention of the proper officials to the method of presenting these documents which have been brought to us in an orderly fashion long before the expiration dates to give us an opportunity to make proper study and take advantage of

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the generous services of such organizations as the Board of Realtors. He said there did not seem to be any excuse for these leases being presented at such a late date. The Committee recommended that some communication to that effect be sent to the proper officials.

Michael Wofsey, Legislative and Rules Committee, MOVED the recommendations of the Committee be accepted, seconded by John Canavan, 11th District, and CARRIED.

Mr. Pierson read a letter from the Mayor regarding a resolution prepared by the attorneys for our bond certification agents, the First National Bank of Boston, requesting authorization of the Board to issue bonds for the entire amount of the Capital Projects Program as amended. The letter continued that the resolution had been approved by the Corporation Counsel, and requested that action be taken at the October meeting. Mr. Pierson noted that the amendments to the Capital Projects Program which were to be by bond issue, namely the \$48,006.00 for the Seaside Avenue-Cove Pond storm sewer drain, and the additional appropriation of \$15,500.00 to increase the appropriation of the City Housing Sewer Project to \$50,500.00 were already approved by the Board.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds for the entire amount of the Capital Projects Program as amended, be placed on the agenda, seconded by Michael Laureno, 3rd District, and CARRIED by a majority of the members present.

The President, Mr. Samuel F. Pierson, then introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #95

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

1. Under and pursuant to the provisions of the charter of the City of Stamford and any other general or special law thereto enabling, there be and hereby is authorized in the name of and on the faith and credit of the City of Stamford, the issuance of bonds in an aggregate principal amount of two million two hundred forty-six thousand nine hundred forty-four dollars (\$2,246,944.00) for the purpose of paying for the following capital projects, each of which is included in the capital budget for the current fiscal year, as amended, and each of which is included in the capital program for said fiscal year as finally recommended by the mayor or in said capital program as amended pursuant to the applicable charter provisions, viz.,

<u>Department</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>
Stamford Fire Department	New 65-foot Aerial Truck to replace No. 3 Truck, 1916 Mod.	\$ 26,900.00 .
	New Pumping Engine to replace No. 4 Engine 1922 Mod. Dismantled 1949	13,000.00 .
Board of Recreation	Permanent Equipment for Stark Playfield	812.00 .
	Permanent Equipment for Courtland Park	812.00 .
	Permanent Equipment for Rice School	812.00 .
	Construction of Baseball Diamonds at Target Field	3,000.00 .
	Construction of Softball Diamonds at Cummings Park	2,000.00 .

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<u>Department</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>
Board of Recreation cont'd.	Construction of Tennis Courts at Woodside Park	\$ ^ 2,500.00 .
	Construction of Tennis Courts in Belltown Park	^ 3,000.00 .
Department of Public Works	Acquisition of B.O.D. Incubator for Incineration and Sewage Treatment	500.00
	Reconstruction of Greenwich Ave. Pumping Station	^ 35,000.00 X
	Construction of Sanitary Sewers, State Street, Trunk Line	^ 550,261.00 . X
	Construction of East Side Sewer (Section #1, Sec. #2, Sec. #3)	1,425,959.00
	Legal Expenses in Connection with acquisition of Land for Sewers	25,000.00
	Permanent Improvements to Vidal Park	^ 50,880.00 .
	Preliminary Survey in connection with reconstruction of Pavilion	^ 5,000.00 .
	Sewer Construction in connection with City Housing Project: Sewer Line Con- nection to Myano Lane Pumping Station	^ 50,500.00 .
	Preliminary Survey in connection with purchase of Black Swamp	^ 1,000.00 .
	Acquisition of Land for Parking Area, Hubbard Heights Golf Course, and for reconstruction of Road	^ 5,000.00 .
	Construction of Storm Water Drain Seaside Avenue-Cove Pond	^ 45,008.00 .
	Total	\$2,246,944.00

2. Said bonds shall be issued and sold as a single bond issue or as two or more separate bond issues as the Board of Finance shall determine; said Board of Finance shall, subject to this resolution and the applicable provisions of the charter and the General Statutes, prescribe the amount of bonds which shall be issued and sold at any one time or from time to time and shall also prescribe the manner in which said bonds shall be issued and sold, determine the date of the issue or issues of such bonds, the maturities thereof, the form of the bonds and the maximum rate of interest to be paid on such bonds; each such bond issue shall be issued and marketed by the commissioner of finance.

3. Said bonds shall be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Commissioner of finance, be in the denomination of \$1,000.00 so far as practicable in coupon form with coupons bearing the facsimile signature of the commissioner of finance, be payable as to principal and at interest at The First National Bank of Boston, in Boston, Massachusetts, and mature serially in substantially equal annual installments, the first installment of principal to be payable not later than two years and the last not later than twenty years from the date of respective dates of issue.

Michael Wofsey, of the 1st District, MOVED that the foregoing resolution be introduced and read and it was seconded by Louise T. Seeley of the 1st District. Upon a rising votes the Ayes and Nays were as follows: 32 Ayes and 0 Nays.

The President thereupon declared said Motion carried and said resolution adopted.

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Louise Seeley, 1st District, said it might be well to explain that the bonds are not to be issued in one lump sum, but the resolution specifies that the Board of Finance can issue the bonds and set the terms and they don't all have to be done at once. The money does not have to be borrowed until we get ready to use it. The Board of Finance is given the power by the resolution to determine the amounts, the times, and the terms.

John Cameron, 20th District, asked if the specific funds were allocated to specific projects.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, said they were.

#### 4. Health and Safety Committee

Leon Staples, Chairman, reported that the Committee explored the traffic situation in Stamford and have attempted, through the kind services of the Advocate, to build an awareness of its present chaotic condition. Mothers and school children, in particular, the report went on, are living in a state of perpetual fear and are asking for a remedy. The Committee made the following recommendations: (1) In preparing a new budget we make provision for specially trained and assigned traffic officers, entirely apart from other police duties and (2) we ask for special legislation to create a local traffic court with a special prosecutor entirely responsible to local control and public opinion, with no other duties except those imposed for the regulation of automobile traffic, including trucks.

Michael Wolfsey, 1st District, spoke regarding the recommendation that a traffic court be created, and gave the general situation of the court condition as it exists in Stamford today. He said there is a tremendous amount of traffic cases going through the courts, and there could be a great many more if the time was available. There was also a tremendous amount of criminal law which had to be practiced. He called attention to the code of ordinances introduced at the meeting and said they contained a great many ordinances that have been in existence for years, and in many instances have never been enforced for various reasons, among them the fact that the court officials couldn't handle the amount of traffic that has been built up. As a result of this and similar problems there has been some discussion among lawyers of the basic idea for a strictly police court in which the criminal work of the City would be handled, in order that the civil work, which requires a great deal more work, could be handled separately. He gave examples of cities where this practice has worked out to advantage. As the circumstances stand today, because of the tremendous amount of work that passes through the City Court of Stamford, actually traffic violations have had to be handled on the "nolle prosequi" basis, but if it were not done that way, it would be impossible to devote any time at all to private practice, since a judge would have to devote all of his time.

James Mulreed, 4th District, suggested that some publicity should be given to the report immediately. There were certain things that should be brought to the attention of the Chief of Police, and he thought the Chief and other City officials should be given a copy of the report. If these things were brought to their attention, we might get some immediate results.

Leon Staples, 7th District, commented again on the traffic violation condition, giving instances where men showed tickets for traffic violations which were never acted upon. He continued that the trucks now passing through Stamford are making the condition hazardous. They are travelling on streets in residential areas, and are not reducing speed. He also pointed out the hazardous condition which exists on High Ridge Road which involves the children who must cross the street to get to the school bus, and are in constant danger by speeding cars of commuters on a last minute rush to the railroad station.

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Mr. Pierson said the suggestion would be followed and a copy of the report would be submitted to the Legislative and Rules Committee as well as the Police Department, Courts, and Board of Public Safety.

#### 5. Charter Revision Committee

John Cameron, Chairman, reported that the Committee was attempting to get suggestions from the Departments of the City Government and various civil organizations. A letter has been prepared and is now ready for mailing. Also, the Committee has been given publicity.

#### 6. Planning and Zoning Committee

Mr. Pierson read the recommendation of the Planning Board dated October 2, 1950, on the acceptance of Woodchuck Road and the 300 feet Partridge Road South of Wild Duck Road. The letter, in part, read as follows: "We are in receipt.....of a report from the City Engineer.....that Woodchuck Road and 300 feet of Fartridge Road have been completed in a manner satisfactory to the City Engineer Department. This letter is to recommend the acceptance of these specified streets by the City of Stamford. In view of the fact that if this matter runs another month in order to go through the regular routine of clearing your Steering Committee, it will be too late to get these roads oiled this year, this Board recommends consideration of this matter at your meeting tonight." The letter went on to explain that Mr. Halliwell's letter of September 19th to the Planning Board (Bd. of Representative letters Sept. 11th and Sept. 20th) requesting reimbursement for the first coat of oil on the above-specified roads, were withdrawn by Mr. Halliwell.

Leon Staples, 7th District, MOVED the letter be placed on the agenda, seconded by William Adriance, 18th District, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Joseph Zdanowicz, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the evening on this matter and found the roads in question to be in acceptable condition, and recommended acceptance by the City of Stamford as public highways.

Joseph Zdanowicz, 13th District, MOVED that Woodchuck Road and 300 feet of Partridge Road South of Wild Duck Road as requested in Mr. Halliwell's letter of September 5, 1950, and recommended by the Planning Board in their letter of October 2, 1950, be accepted as public highways by the City of Stamford, seconded by Edward Hogan, 19th District, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Catherine Cleary, 8th District, requested permission and was authorized to leave the meeting.

#### 7. Steering Committee

Mr. Pierson gave the report of the Steering Committee.

a. Communication dated September 20 from Mr. Ashleigh D. Halliwell, which was later withdrawn.

b. Communication from Gurth Williams regarding his qualifications for position of Personnel Director. Forwarded to Personnel Commission.

c. Communication from Mayor regarding the operation of the Town Dump. Referred to the Fiscal Committee for information and study and to the Public Works Committee to determine the capacity of the incinerator.

d. Communication from the Mayor regarding appropriation of \$10,000.00 to repair Hubbard Heights Main Building. Referred to Recreation Committee for thorough

study and concrete recommendations as to how far the \$10,000.00 would go in repairing the building, how the building would be used, cost of maintenance, and other information which might be obtained by consulting with the Board of Recreation (Note: This request was denied by the Board of Finance at a meeting held on September 22, 1950, minutes on file in the Board of Representative office).

- e. Communication from Mayor regarding adoption of State Retirement System.  
(See Fiscal Committee Report)

f. Copy of letter from Planning Board to Third Fair Lawn Corporation regarding acceptance of streets. Referred to Planning and Zoning Committee since it was in regard to the petition now before that Committee on acceptance of portions of Seaton Road and Revere Drive for which no recommendation was received from Planning Board. Also referred to Public Works Committee to check the roads involved. The Corporation Counsel was also to be asked if the guarantee requested by the Planning Board was binding on the part of the Paving Company if turned over to the City.

g. Minutes of Board of Finance meeting, September 14th, was referred to Fiscal Committee. No action required by this Board.

h. Letter from Planning Board requesting departmental estimates on amounts required for pending and new capital projects to be included in the 1951-52 capital budget and the 1952-56 program. Referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

i. Copy of letter from Mr. Wunsch of Duncan Parking Meter Corp. proposing that the City replace present parking meters with new parking meters on a 50-50 basis, and also the modification of these new meters to include a self-locking coin box. The matter was discussed at length and it was concluded that a special committee (Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Zdanowicz) thoroughly investigate the entire problem of parking meters and particularly to determine: (1) the number of meters now in operation (2) the number of meters out of order (3) the amount of revenue received from these meters (4) the age of the meters (5) the amounts, if any, still due to be paid on the meters (6) the loss of revenue to the City in the event the proposed transaction is approved (7) the number of meters that become obsolete each month.

j. The Committee discussed the problems of Rent Control. Housing information was submitted by local housing authorities and is being studied. Mr. Pierson said he would attempt to get sufficient copies of the Report of Stamford Housing, prepared by Harrison, Ballard & Allen, for members of the Board. Also, before a final decision was made as to a public hearing on Rent Control, it was felt the Corporation Counsel advise:

1. What is the impact of the State Act on the subject of rent control in regard to the required action by the community.
2. To what extent can the Board impose any terms.
3. Is the resolution submitted by Mr. Harrington (September 11th meeting) proper and will it serve the purpose for which it was intended.
4. Exactly what must the Board do to (a) continue rent control and (b) discontinue rent control.

Mr. Pierson explained that he had been in contact with Harrison, Ballard & Allen regarding the additional copies of the Stamford Housing Report, but was unable to obtain them. He went on to say that the Corporation Counsel replied to the questions asked, and read the opinion which was as follows:

Q. What is the impact of the State Act on the subject of rent control in regard to the required action by the community?

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A. The standby rent control law passed at the last session of the State General Assembly will go into operation to keep rents in line if Stamford fails to act to extend federal controls. Our state law will protect fully the tenants of any town in which federal rent controls lapse. Never the less, there are a number of advantages in retaining the federal controls.

First, if the standby state law were to go into effect, the state would have to pay for the administration of the law. The cost would run to about \$200,000 per year.

Second, it is obviously advantageous to have a unified administration of controls for all areas of the state. Some cities, including Hartford and New Haven, have already acted to extend federal controls. If others shift over to state controls, difficulties would arise in coordinating the work of the federal and state agencies. In addition, there would be waste and duplication of effort which could be avoided under unified administration.

Finally, in the light of the present emergency, it is very possible that the Congress will act to bring the whole of the country back under federal controls. In that event, landlords, tenants, and officials will be saved a good deal of inconvenience and confusion if we do not change over to state controls, only to shift back again to federal.

(The above is taken from a letter sent to all communities by Governor Chester Bowles)

Q. To what extent can this Board impose any terms?

A. The Board of Representatives cannot impose any terms.

Q. Is the resolution submitted by Representatives Harrington proper, and will it serve the purpose for which it was intended?

A. I am inclined to believe the resolution is proper with the possible exception of the wording "and the same shall apply to all rental housing accommodations located within the confines of the City of Stamford," since certain dwellings do not come within the provisions of the Federal Rent Control Act.

Q. Exactly what must this Board do to (a) continue rent control (b) discontinue rent control?

A. (a) The Board must pass a resolution to extend federal controls prior to December 31, 1950.

(b) No affirmative action is necessary to decontrol rents. Federal rent control automatically ends on December 31, 1950 if this Board fails to take affirmative action prior to December 31, 1950 to extend such control. In the event it is extended, the Board should notify the Housing Expeditor, Mr. Tighe Woods, Washington, D.C.

Corporation Counsel Wise further explained to the Board that the most the state law can accomplish is to freeze the rents. Some municipalities already voted to continue the federal rent control, he said. For the others that don't, it is questionable that there will be an administrative set up in the state of Connecticut to administer the state act.

Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, asked how long the federal rent control will be effective.

Mr. Wise replied it would be effective for six months--to June 30, 1951--unless amended further.

Mr. Pierson then introduced the resolution extending federal rent contro.

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submitted by the Corporation Counsel as follows:

RESOLUTION No. 96

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

WHEREAS, there continues to exist in the City of Stamford a shortage of rental housing accommodations which will make necessary and desirable the extension of federal rent controls in the City of Stamford after December 31, 1950

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BODY, acting under the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled the Housing and Rent Act of 1950 that federal rent controls shall be continued in the City of Stamford until June 30, 1951.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, said that in view of the communications which were received since the meeting of the Steering Committee, there appears to be little point in having a public hearing on the subject of rent control because it is not a question of whether we are to de-control, but rather a question of shall we put the state to the expense.

James Harrington, 9th District, MOVED the adoption of the resolution as introduced and read, seconded by William Adriance, 18th District.

John Cameron, 20th District, speaking in favor of the motion, asked if the Committee was convinced that the state control does take over if the federal control expires.

Mr. Pierson said he accepted the opinion of the Corporation Counsel in that connection.

Mr. Wise said he had been in contact with Hartford on the matter, and was promised a photostat copy of the Bill when it is passed. He said it was his understanding that it would be, because the Governor in his circular made the statement that in his opinion it would cost \$200,000.00 to administer a state act. He pointed out that Hartford and New Haven had already passed the necessary resolution extending federal control, and Greenwich was prepared to do the same. He thought it was safe to say that the state law would merely freeze rents but the actual administration would have to be set up. He understands too, that it is only extended to the next session of the legislature. Whether that means it was going to terminate, he could not say.

Upon rising vote, the Ayes and Naves were as follows: 31 Ayes and 0 Naves. Thereupon the President declared the MOTION as CARRIED and the resolution as ADOPTED.

k. The Committee discussed at some length the letter written by Mr. Hinman to the Stamford Advocate referring to the proceedings at a recent meeting of the Steering Committee regarding personnel problems. It was concluded that a letter be written to the effect that Mr. Hinman was accurately quoted by Mr. Mulreed at the September meeting as saying "I don't give a damn about the law". The letter is to be written to the Stamford Advocate, signed by the President, and contain the names of all Steering Committee members who were present when Mr. Hinman made the statement referred to.

Mr. Pierson informed the Board that a letter had been prepared and sent to Mr. Hinman.

Mr. Pierson then read a letter from the Planning Board asking that the Board be represented at a meeting to be held on October 4, 1950, at 9:00 p.m. to discuss procedure in preparation of the Capital Budget for the year 1951-1952.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, said she had contacted Sherman Hoyt, Chairman



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of the Planning Board, who informed her that the Board of Representatives need not be represented at the meeting, but that all other Departments were being urged to attend since they were primarily concerned with submitting items for the capital budget.

Mr. Pierson read the letter from the Board of Public Safety regarding our request for records of violations and convictions regarding speeding on the main arteries of consolidated Stamford. He said that he thought the later report of the Health and Safety Committee covered this matter and additional action on our request to that Board was not necessary at the moment.

Mr. Pierson read the letter from the Planning Board regarding Moore Street, which was in connection with our request for information. The letter stated that approximately 150 feet on the easterly end of the Street would require some additional work before it would meet the minimum requirements for acceptance as a public highway. The letter was referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

The letter from the Planning Board in which was enclosed a copy of the Corporation Counsel's letter informing the Board that Knobloch Lane had been accepted as a public highway, was referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee and Public Works Committee.

Mr. Pierson read the letter from the Corporation Counsel replying to the questions asked of him on the status of Mr. Philip Maffei, which were as follows:

- Q. What is the source of the amount of money which is being, or has been paid, to Philip Maffei since consolidation?
- A. I am informed by Mr. Bromfield that the source of payment was from the general Highway and Maintenance Appropriation. Mr. Bromfield also informs me that since his appointment as Commissioner of Public Works, Mr. Maffei performed services in connection with and within the Highway Department, and for which the funds in said Highway and Maintenance appropriation were intended to include. Mr. Maffei has at no time since consolidation acted in the capacity of a Deputy Commissioner of Service, nor rendered any services or performed any duty as a Deputy Commissioner of Service. Mr. Bromfield informs me that the work he did was in no way the same as a Deputy Commissioner would perform.
- Q. By what legal right is that sum of money being paid, or by what legal right has that sum of money been paid?
- A. Mr. Bromfield informs me that Mr. Maffei has received no payment and has not performed any work since May 4, 1950. Since Mr. Bromfield also informs me that the amount appropriated for the Highway and Maintenance appropriation includes a lump sum appropriation for help, it would be legal to make payment from said sum for the work performed by Mr. Maffei. I am informed that from September 12, 1949 to May 4, 1950, Mr. Maffei worked a total of 79½ days.
- Q. Exactly what is Mr. Maffei's job status in relation to his former administrative job and civil service under consolidation?
- A. It is my opinion that the office of Deputy Commissioner of Service has been abolished under the new charter and that Mr. Maffei does not hold any administrative position in the new Department of Public Works as a matter of right.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, questioned if it was the import of the letter that he may be paid any sum the Commissioner of Public Works choses.

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Mr. Pierson said that according to the opinion, if the Commissioner of Public Works had a lump sum appropriation, he can pay it any way he saw fit.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, said he thought the matter should be turned over to the Fiscal Committee for study and report.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, called attention to the fact that Mr. Maffei had been paid at his old rate of \$4,600.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, questioned whether the Commissioner of Public Works had the right to pay such sums as he saw fit.

Mr. Wise said that since Mrs. Maffei had brought a certain action which is now pending, that in all fairness, with the interest of the City in mind, he should not be compelled to explain any opinion any more than he has submitted in writing. If Mr. Maffei has any more rights, he said, he must take the steps to render those rights.

Michael Laureno, 3rd District, said he did not believe we got the opinion we wanted. He continued that Mr. Maffei was out of a job as of January of this year, and against the wishes of his doctor, he went back to work in April and worked for one week. He was put back at a salary of \$4,600 a year. Now he feels he may go back again. Will they pay him the same as he had been paid before, he asked.

Mr. Pierson reminded Mr. Laureno that Mr. Wise would be unable to answer the question because of the pending law suit.

James Mulreed, 4th District, pointed out that there was a possibility the case would not be settled for two or three years.

Mr. Wise pointed out that the only ruling that he has ever been asked is whether or not Mr. Maffei carried over in the capacity that he went under in the former City of Stamford after consolidation. His ruling as to that aspect, he said, was that it was his opinion that the present Charter abolished the old public works department and created a new one, as such, Mr. Maffei did not carry over in that capacity. That is the extent of the ruling asked, and that is the extent of the ruling given. "I have no knowledge," he went on "as to the amount of pay Mr. Maffei received for the work he has done in the Highway Department except learning that apparently he has been receiving the same amount of pay. I asked Mr. Bromfield specifically 'What duties has Mr. Maffei performed?' and the reply I got was that since he began as Commissioner of Public Works, Mr. Maffei worked in the Highways Department and performed duties in connection with the Highways Department, and in no way performed any of the duties as the deputy commissioner of public service, and that, in fact, in the current budget there has been no request for an appropriation for a deputy commissioner of public service.

Mr. Pierson asked if, if Mr. Bromfield paid Mr. Maffei on a per diem basis there was an appropriation or authority in the budget.

Mr. Wise said that he asked Mr. Bromfield whether in his request for the appropriation for his department it was broken down as to salaries or wages received by the number of employees. He said that it was partially broken down, and that in addition there was a lump sum from which payments were to be made for hired help and that it was from that sum that he had made payment to Mr. Maffei.

Mr. Pierson asked: It specified in that appropriation that anybody may be hired a given number of days?

Mr. Wise said that was the subject in a suit and he hesitated to discuss it except in court.

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The matter was referred to the Fiscal Committee for study and report.

Mr. Pierson explained that a letter from Robert H. Fearson on behalf of a local committee for the Crusade of Freedom, requesting permission to set up at least two stations at the center of town, and additional stations at Fairlawn and Ridgeway Shopping Centers to enroll the public in the Crusade and/or make a donation towards its success, was inadvertently omitted from the business of the Steering Committee. The enrollment campaign was scheduled for the week beginning September 25th, and, he said, since it would have been too late to wait for the meeting, as many members of the Steering Committee as possible were contacted by telephone. Of the 12 members, the eight contacted gave approval. Mr. Pierson said he therefore notified Mr. Robert Pearson that he may go ahead with the Campaign.

William Adriance, 18th District, MOVED the action by Mr. Pierson in regard to granting permission for the enrollment campaign of the Crusade for Freedom, be confirmed by the Board, seconded by James Harrington, 9th District, and CARRIED.

Leonard DeVita, 5th District, said that on behalf of Mrs. DeVita and himself, he wanted to thank the Board for the kind letter of congratulations.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Daniel Miller, 16th District, and CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
HELEN BROMLEY, Acting Clerk

#### NOTES:

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| Fiscal                       | - Corp. Counsel opinion on status of Philip Maffei   |
|                              | - Recommendation for emergency appropriation of \$2,268.00 to Fire Dept. for purchase of automobile.                 |
| Legislative & Rules          | - Health and Safety Committee report re enforcement of traffic regulations.  |
| Corporation Counsel          | - Re Health Dept. leases.  |
| Municipal Projects Appraisal | - Recommendation on proposed John Poltrack Lease.  |
|                              | - Proposed lease for space occupied by Detective Bureau.   |
| Appointments                 | - Nomination of Joseph K. Sherman to Zoning Board.   |
| Planning and Zoning          | - Request of Planning Board for departmental estimate of proposed capital items.                                     |
|                              | - Recommendation of Planning Board on Moore Street.  |
|                              | - Recommendation of Planning Board & Corporation Counsel re Knobloch Lane.   |
|                              | - Petition from Paragon Lane residents re condition of street and desire for acceptance (also to Health and Safety). |
| Public Works Committee       | - Letter from Mayor re operation of Town Dump to determine capacity of Incinerator.                                  |

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- Health and Safety - Recommendation of emergency appropriation of \$90.00 additional to Precinct I to purchase new inhalator.  
(also a similar recommendation for Precinct II.
- Welfare and Recreation - Glenbrook Road-Hope Street Association re lighted trees in Daskam Park during Christmas season.  
- Recommendation of appropriation of \$10,000.00 for repair to Hubbard Heights Main Building, denied by Board of Finance.
- Msrs. Shepherd & Zdanowicz (Special Committee) - Letter from Duncan Parking Meter Co. re parking meters. - Also letter in this regard submitted by Mayor.



BUDGET FOR THE  
CO-ORDINATOR OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

AUXILIARY POLICE (150)

Insurance @ \$15.90.....	\$2,385.00	
Badges @ \$2.00.....	300.00	
Ammunition.....	200.00	
Night Sticks.....	150.00	
Printing.....	125.00	
Postage.....	40.00	
Clerical Supplies.....	50.00	
Custodian's Fees.....	150.00	
Total.....		\$3,400.00

AUXILIARY FIREMEN (100)

Insurance @ 15.90.....	\$1,590.00	
Fire Equipment.....	150.00	
Printing.....	100.00	
Postage.....	25.00	
Clerical Supplies.....	50.00	
Total.....		\$1,915.00

AIRCRAFT DETECTING & AIR RAID WARNING DIVISION

8 telephones (at Control Center).....	\$ 60.00	
Printing.....	50.00	
Postage.....	10.00	
Clerical Supplies.....	10.00	
Total.....		\$ 130.00

CIVIL DEFENSE - General

Clerical help (10 mos. @ \$30).....	\$ 300.00	
Office supplies.....	150.00	
Printing.....	150.00	
Postage.....	50.00	
Telephones.....	100.00	
First Aid Supplies.....	500.00	
Unanticipated Necessities.....	100.00	
Total.....		\$1,350.00

GRAND TOTAL.....		<u>\$6,795.00</u>
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Report of the Fiscal Committee  
of the  
Board of Representatives  
Stamford, Conn.  
October 2, 1950

The Fiscal Committee held a meeting on Friday night, September 29, 1950 in the Planning office of the Town Hall, to consider the following matters which had been referred to it:

- (1) An emergency appropriation of \$45,008 for the purpose of building a storm water drain on Seaside Avenue, this amount to be added to the Capital budget as approved for 1950-51, and to be financed by bond issue. Your Committee recommends approval of this appropriation.
- (2) An unforeseen appropriation of \$15,500 to be added to the appropriation for the sanitary sewer for the Public Housing Development on Myano Lane, this amount to be financed by bond issue. Your Committee recommends approval of this appropriation.
- (3) Additional appropriation of \$90 for the purchase of an inhalator for the Police Department, Precinct I. The original appropriation for this equipment was \$125. This is to be paid for from income.
- (4) Additional appropriation of \$90 for the purchase of an inhalator for the Police Department Precinct II. The original appropriation was \$125. In both of these cases the original appropriation was insufficient. Your Committee recommended approval of these two appropriations, but would like to know more about the type of inhalator considered.
- (5) Emergency appropriation of \$2268 for the purchase of a new car for the Chief of the Fire Department. Your Committee was divided on this item, and makes therefor no recommendation.
- (6) An emergency appropriation of \$5200 for rent and expenses involved in moving the Health Department. Your Committee was divided on this item, and makes therefor no recommendation. The Committee thinks, however, if the Board does approve this appropriation, that it can be reduced by \$1,000, in view of the agreement of the owner to reduce the rent to \$300 a month, and that three months of the year have elapsed, while the Health Department has been in its present quarters, paying \$200 per month.
- (7) An emergency appropriation of \$1,945 for the Glenbrook Fire Department. Your Committee understands that the increase in pay for the drivers of the ambulance is due to the increased number of calls in the former City. Your Committee recommends therefor, approval of an appropriation of \$864, as requested for increased pay for the drivers. On the balance of the appropriation your Committee makes no recommendation.

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- (8) An emergency appropriation of \$1,325 for the personnel Department. This amount is made up of three items:

$\frac{1}{2}$ of annual membership fee in Civil Service Assembly..	\$ 75.00
Travel and other expenses of the Personnel Commission and Director.....	250.00
Medical examinations for job applicants.....	1,000.00

Your Committee recommends approval of the first item, but has asked the Personnel Director to explain to the Board the reasons for the other two items.

- (9) An emergency appropriation of \$6,795 for the co-ordinator of Civilian Defense. Your Committee recommends approval of this appropriation.
- (10) The pension for Augustus Hermann Jr. transferred to the retired list of the Police Pension fund. Your Committee recommends approval.
- (11) An emergency Appropriation of \$3,858.98 to the State Aid Fund, as the City's share of building the Woodway Road bridge. This amount was appropriated by the former Town government, but was returned to the General Fund of the former Town in 1947 by mistake. It must therefore be appropriated now again. Your Committee recommends approval of this item.
- (12) An additional appropriation of \$225.21 for the Fairfield County tax on the City of Stamford. Your Committee recommends approval of this item.
- (13) An appropriation of \$2,200 to build a fence around the Bell Street parking lot. Your Committee does not recommend approval of this expenditure.

The City has no outstanding short-term debt.

Respectfully submitted,

Hunt Sutherland  
Patrick Hogan  
Michael E. Laureno  
Louise Talbot Seeley  
John L. Cameron