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The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Conn., was held on Monday, March 5, 1956, in the Cafeteria of the Walter Dolan Jr. High School, Glenbrook. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. George V. Connors, at 8:20 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Rev. Cornelius J. Looney of St. Maurice's Church, Glenbrook.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 37 present, and three absent. The absent members were: Joseph Milano, William Murphy and Thomas Killeen.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES. Mrs. Zuckert MOVED for acceptance of the Minutes of February 6, 1956. Seconded by Mr. Baker and CARRIED unanimously.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

##### Steering Committee:

Mr. Connors, Chairman, read the Minutes of the Steering Committee:

#### STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting held February 20, 1956

The Steering Committee of the Board of Representatives met in the Mayor's Office, City Hall, at 8:00 P.M. The following members were present: George Connors, Chairman; John Macrides, George Georgoulis, Alanson Fredericks, Joseph Milano, Paul Plotkin, William Kaminski, Norton Rhoades, Joseph Iacovo, Rutherford Huizinga, Robert Lewis, Irving Snyder, Helen Peatt and Vincent Vittl. Mr. Kelly was the only absent member.

Mr. Connors named the following members of the re-activated Charter Revision Committee.

George Georgoulis, Chairman  
William Kaminski  
Norton Rhoades  
Alanson Fredericks  
Ellis Baker  
Clement Raiteri  
John Macrides  
Charles Bradbury

Mr. Georgoulis requested permission for a visitor from Switzerland, Mr. Fernand Corbat, to be allowed to sit in on the meeting. It was explained that Mr. Corbat occupied a somewhat similar position in the government of Geneva, Switzerland, and he was most anxious to get first hand information on the conduct of city government in this country. After some discussion, permission was given.

The following communications were read:

- (1) Letter dated Feb. 20, 1956 from Mr. John Hanrahan, Corporation Counsel, requesting the following matters be placed on the agenda for the March 5th meeting:

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- (a) Parking Authority's proposed purchase of additional parking facilities on Bell Street.
- (b) Conveyance by Stamford of property on Woodside Park for State Trade School.
- (c) Agreement between City of Stamford and Housing Authority for new moderate rental project, providing for payment of 10% of shelter rent in lieu of taxes.

Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee.

- (2) Letter dated Feb. 27, 1956 from Mr. John Macrides, 11th District Representative, recommending action by the Board to curb the growing practice of referral of appeals to the Board from decisions of Planning and Zoning Boards.

Referred to Legislative and Rules and Planning and Zoning Committees.

- (3) Letter dated Feb. 8, 1956 from Moore & Epifanio, enclosing copy of letter sent to Mayor Quigley, requesting a Quit Claim Deed for Lot No. 106 on a certain map entitled "City of Stamford, Map Showing Properties to be Acquired by the City of Stamford from George and Hannah M. Dewey and Estate of Vincenzo Vacca for site of proposed Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station" on file in Town Clerk's office as Map No. 2736.

Inasmuch as action would first have to be taken by the Mayor and the Board of Finance, before final approval by this Board, this was referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee for appropriate action when the Quit Claim Deed is ready for conveyance.

- (4) Letter dated Feb. 19, 1956 from Mrs. Ruth S. Eike, President, High Ridge Veterans Homes Association, Inc. relative to disposition of their homes by the March 15, 1957 deadline.

Mr. Connors said he would bring this to the attention of Mayor Quigley to ascertain if he wished to reactivate the High Ridge Veterans' Housing Committee.

- (5) Letter dated Feb. 8, 1956 from Stamford Community Council, Inc., recommending construction of new Health Center and Health Educator and Sanitarian for the Department of Health.

Referred to Legislative & Rules, Fiscal, and Health & Protection Committees.

There was some discussion at this point in regard to appeals from the Planning and Zoning Boards. The following motion was made by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Lewis and CARRIED unanimously:

MOVED that we request the Mayor to direct the Planning and Zoning Boards on all hearings which must be appealed, to see that a stencil be prepared, or other means taken to assure that each member of the Board receive a transcript of the complete testimony.

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- (6) Letter dated Feb. 14, 1956 from Alanson Fredericks, 18th District Representative, enclosing letter dated Feb. 6, 1956 from Mr. Peter J. Coughter, 67 Deacon Hill Road, requesting fire protection for houses erected on his end of the street.

Referred to Health & Protection and Planning & Zoning Committees.

- (7) Letter dated Feb. 6, 1956 from Public Utilities Commission, giving notice of hearing in regard to railroad crossing protection.

Ordered filed.

- (8) Letter dated Feb. 7, 1956 from Mr. Paul Plotkin, Chairman, Legislative & Rules Committee, resigning as Chairman of that Committee.

Ordered filed.

Mr. William Kaminski, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, brought up three items of additional appropriations requested by the Public Works Department to be also referred to the Public Works Committee. This was done.

- (9) A proposed ordinance in regard to sale of intoxicating liquors was presented by Mr. Topping.

Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee.

- (10) A proposed Resolution in regard to investigation of high prices in Stamford was presented by Mr. Snyder.

Referred to Health & Protection Committee.

- (11) A proposed ordinance regarding width of streets was presented by Mr. Huizinga.

Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee.

- (12) A proposed ordinance regarding push carts in super markets was presented by Mr. Baker.

Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee.

Mr. Fredericks MOVED for adjournment at 9:55 P.M. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

George V. Connors  
Chairman  
Steering Committee

Mr. Snyder asked that the motion be read again in regard to the transcription of hearings before the Planning and Zoning Boards. This was done and the motion was corrected to read as follows:

MOVED that the Mayor be requested to ask the Planning and Zoning Boards to have a stencil prepared on all hearings so that copies may be readily available in the event that an appeal is taken to the Board of Representatives.

11:24 Mr. Rhodes MOVED that the Steering Committee minutes be approved as read. Seconded by Mr. Hearing and CARRIED unanimously.



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REPORT OF FISCAL COMMITTEE  
BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Stamford, Conn.

February 13, 1956

The regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was held Monday, February 13, 1956 at 8 P.M. in the Mayor's office, City Hall.

All Committee members were present.

1. Public Works Department:

A request for an additional appropriation of \$36,000.00, Code 412.F, Street Lighting, in Mayor's letter of Jan. 13, 1956, was considered. The Fiscal Committee was unanimous in recommending we approve this request.

2. Public Works Department:

A request for an additional appropriation of \$16,000.00, Code 417, Gas, Oil and Repaire in Mayor's letter of Jan. 13, 1956 was considered. The Fiscal Committee was unanimous in recommending we approve this request.

3. Public Works Department:

A request for an additional appropriation of \$20,000.00 in Mayor's letter of Jan. 13, 1956 - Code 412A.6A, Snow Removal. This was reduced to \$10,000.00 by the Board of Finance. The Fiscal Committee was unanimous in recommending the approval of \$10,000.00.

4. Town Clerk's Office:

A request for an additional appropriation of \$1,500.00, Code 470.9, Fees, Doctors and Sextons, in Mayor's letter of Jan. 13, 1956. This was reduced to \$1,000.00 by the Board of Finance. The Fiscal Committee was unanimous in recommending that we approve the amount of \$1,000.00.

5. Civil Service Department:

A request for an additional appropriation of \$250.00, Code 731.3, Stationery and Postage, in Mayor's letter of Jan. 11, 1956 was considered. The Fiscal Committee was unanimous in recommending that this request be approved.

6. Mayor's Office:

A request for an additional appropriation of \$300.00, Code 300.3, Stationery and Postage, in Mayor's letter of Jan. 31, 1956 was considered. Your Committee was unanimous in recommending that we approve this request.

7. Commissioner of Finance: - (Various salary accounts)

A special request for salary adjustments as contained in Mayor's letter of Jan. 19, 1956:



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| Code 482.1  | \$270.00      |
| Code 412.A1 | 390.00        |
| Code 430.1  | 150.00        |
| Code 300.1  | <u>150.00</u> |

Total..... \$960.00

The Fiscal Committee was unanimous in recommending that we approve this request.

8. Central Veterans' Association:

A request for an additional appropriation of \$300.00, Code 486.70 Memorial Day, as requested in Mayor's letter of Jan. 31, 1956 was considered. The Fiscal Committee was unanimous in recommending that we approve this request.

9. Pension Fund:

A sum of \$2,400.00 covering cost of evaluation of the Employees' Retirement Fund, approved by the Board of Finance under suspension of the rules was deferred by the Fiscal Committee.

Move to have re-committed to Committee.

William C. Kaminski,  
Chairman  
Fiscal Committee

(1) Public Works Department - \$36,000

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of additional appropriation, Code 412.F, Street Lighting. Seconded by Mr. Findlay and CARRIED unanimously.

(2) Public Works Department - \$16,000

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of additional appropriation, Code 417, Gas, Oil and Repairs. Seconded by Mr. Waterbury and CARRIED unanimously.

(3) Public Works Department - \$10,000

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of additional appropriation, Code 412A.6A, Snow Removal. Seconded by Mr. Topping and Mr. Nolan and CARRIED unanimously.

(4) Town Clerk's Office - \$1,000

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of additional appropriation, Code 470.9, Fees, Doctors and Sextons. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

(5) Civil Service Department - \$250

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of additional appropriation, Code

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731.3, Stationery & Postage. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

(6) Mayor's Office - \$300

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of additional appropriation, Code 300.3, Stationery & Postage. Seconded by Mr. Hearing and CARRIED unanimously.

(7) Commissioner of Finance - Various salary accounts

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| Code 482.1  | (Agnes S. Convery).....    | \$270        |
| Code 412.A1 | (Aaron Chase).....         | 390          |
| Code 430.1  | (Caroline D. Stevens)..... | 150          |
| Code 300.1  | (Emma Theall).....         | 150          |
|             |                            | <u>\$960</u> |

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of additional appropriations in amount of \$960, as listed above for the various salary accounts. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

(8) Central Veterans' Association - \$300

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of \$300 requested for Memorial Day, Code 486.70. Seconded by Mr. Longo and CARRIED unanimously.

(9) Pension Fund - \$2,400

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED to have the request for \$2,400 to cover cost of evaluation of Employees' Retirement Fund re-committed to Committee. Seconded by Mr. Baker and CARRIED unanimously.

(10) Registrars of Voters - \$14,480 - Code 00100.53A

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for Suspension of the Rules to consider request for additional appropriation for Registrars of Voters to cover costs of four primaries which may be held during present 1955/56 Budget period, and requested in Mayor's letter of Feb. 28, 1956, and approved by Board of Finance at their March 2, 1956 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

MR. HUIZINGA: "Has this been referred to another Committee?"

MR. KAMINSKI: "No."

MR. HUIZINGA: "Then it is out of order."

MR. NOLAN: "This is not debatable, according to Robert's Rules of Order."

VOTE taker on Suspension of Rules. LOST, 17 in favor and 19 opposed.

There followed discussion on the reason for requesting the Suspension of Rules on this matter, inasmuch as the Board has already gone on record as being opposed to this procedure, except in an emergency.

MR. WATERBURY: "If you wish to bring this up again for consideration, you can do so after the next item is taken up, but not now - it is a



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deau issue."

(11) Department of Law - \$4,000 - Code 450.80 Settlement of Non-Contract Claims.

MR. KAMINSKI: "I was requested by the Assistant Corporation Counsel to bring this up under Suspension of the Rules."

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for Suspension of the Rules in order to consider this request. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED, 35 in favor and 1 opposed.

Mr. Kaminski read the Mayor's letter dated Feb. 24, 1956, requesting this additional appropriation, which was approved by the Board of Finance at their March 2, 1956 meeting and MOVED for approval. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. KAMINSKI: "In fairness to the request for Suspension of the Rules in regard to the Registrars of Voters, (See No. 10 above) I received a call from Mr. Toner, Town Clerk, who said: 'There may be a possibility that the Republican Party will have a primary very soon' and this is the reason for bringing this up at this time."

MR. HEARING: "The Republican primary may be the 19th of April."

MR. KAMINSKI: "I think we should consider this now in order to provide funds for the Republican primary."

MR. SNYDER: "I don't believe there is any necessity for action at this time."

MR. NOLAN: "If we vote for Suspension of the Rules we can find out if action is necessary at this time - the Registrar of Voters is here and can explain this."

MRS. ZUCKERT: "According to primary law, all the expenses are taken care of by the City."

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for Suspension of the Rules in order to consider the request of the Registrars of Voters. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert.

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED to take up the next order of business and said: "I don't think we should vote on this now without first having a meeting of the Fiscal Committee."

MR. KAMINSKI: "I would suggest that we appropriate a small sum, enough to take care of one primary, and act on the balance later."

MR. RHOADES requested a recess to 9:00 P.M. in order to discuss this request. Seconded by several voices and CARRIED unanimously.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:00 P.M.

MR. KAMINSKI: "We still have the question of the Suspension of the Rules. Is it still in order?" He was assured it was.

MR. KAMINSKI re-stated his previous motion, that the rules be suspended in order to partially approve the request of the Registrars of Voters



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in the amount of \$3,620 representing the cost of one primary. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED, 35 in favor and 1 opposed.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of \$3,620 for the Registrars of Voters, to take care of the expenses of one primary, the balance to be considered at the next meeting of the Board. Seconded by Mr. Rhoades and CARRIED unanimously.

Legislative & Rules Committee:

Mr. Plotkin presented the following report of his Committee:

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

A meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee was held at 8:15 P.M. Thursday, February 23, 1956, in the Mayor's office, City Hall. Chairman Plotkin presided.

Messrs. Baker, Kelly, Plotkin, Raiteri and Russell were present. Mr. McLaughlin was absent.

Other Board of Representative members present were Messrs. Milano and DeForest of the Health and Protection Committee, Mr. Nolan as an interested observer and Mr. Ketcham, representing the Stamford Water Co.

Also present to assist the Committee were Dr. A. J. Tuttle, Chief, Medical Services Section, Conn. State Department of Health, Dr. Costanzo and Mr. Thorpe of the Stamford Health Dept., Dr. Bart Ballin, Stamford Dental Association, Mr. John Hanrahan, Corporation Counsel.

The following items were discussed and conclusions reached as indicated:

1. Fluoridation - The advantages and disadvantages of fluoridation of the public water supply were discussed generally. The arguments "against" are principally that it is an invasion of privacy; it contributes to mottling of teeth; it physically damages the human body. None of these arguments have been proven under controlled administration of the chemicals. The arguments "for" consist principally of a summation of experience in communities which have adopted the practice. Typical, are New Britain and Southbury, Conn., and Newburgh, N. Y. Results have been outstandingly favorable in reduction of tooth decay. The practice is endorsed by practically every Public Health, Medical and Dental Association at national, state (Conn.) and local (Stamford) level, as was attested to by the doctors present and evidenced by the literature attached to this report as Attachment 1. The estimated cost in Stamford would be in nature of \$65,000 for initial installation expense and average of about \$.10 per person per year. The Water Company takes no position, other than to say it can be done and that they can do it if it is wanted. Mr. Hanrahan advised it would require approval of and rate regulatory action by the P. U. C. Also, since Darien and Greenwich are involved in Stamford Water Company Supply, action by



resolution rather than by ordinance would be preferable. It was unanimously voted to request the Corporation Counsel to prepare an appropriate resolution calling for fluoridation in Stamford and, at the March meeting, to recommend to the Board of Representatives that favorable action on the resolution be taken at the April meeting, which would allow a month for residents to express their wishes. The members of the Health & Protection Committee present concurred in the action in keeping with their favorable committee vote of a month previous.

2. Health Department Building - The matter under discussion was a proposed resolution authorizing an application to the Federal Government for an advance of funds to provide for the preliminary planning of a Municipal Health Building, as covered by the Mayor's letter of January 23, a copy of which is attached as Attachment 2. Dr. Costanzo outlined the need for the building and the uses to which it would be put. It was pointed out that the property involved is the present parking lot on the south side of North Street to the rear of the Christian Science Church. The advance would be without interest charges and is repayable only if the project is carried out. It was unanimously voted to recommend to the Board of Representatives that the proposed resolution be adopted. The members of the Health & Protection Committee present concurred in the action in accordance with their previous action.
3. Sewer Ordinance - Dr. Costanzo advised the Committee that the Health Department had collaborated in the preparation of the proposed Sewer Ordinance and approved it in the proposed form. Committee wishes to have this referred back for integration in the proposed new Building Code.
4. Parking Lot Purchase - Mr. Hanrahan presented Resolution, attached hereto, with related map, as Attachment 3, authorizing the purchase of additional off-street parking facilities on the north side of Bell Street. The proposed purchase is of two parcels and the price is \$225,475. This will include a 10 foot strip along the north side of the street to permit widening the street. The Committee unanimously voted to recommend favorable action by the Board of Representatives.
5. State Trade School - Mr. Hanrahan presented the matter of conveyance of city owned land in Woodside Park to the State as a site for the proposed new State Trade School in accordance with plat approved February 14, 1956 by the Planning Board. The Committee requested Mr. Hanrahan to ascertain the extent to which the present roadway through the Park would be affected and to prepare a resolution for action by the Board of Representatives containing appropriate reservations with respect to roads.
6. Housing Authority Agreement - Mr. Hanrahan presented for Board of Representatives action a proposed resolution, attached hereto as Attachment 4, authorizing the Mayor to execute the usual form of cooperation agreement with the



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City Housing Authority which agreement authorizes payment by the authority of 10% of the shelter rent in lieu of taxes for a moderate rental housing project to be erected by the Housing Authority. The Committee unanimously voted to recommend adoption.

7. Proposed Ordinance Regulating Width of Streets - A copy of this proposed Ordinance as introduced by Mr. Huizinga, is attached hereto as Attachment 5. The Committee recommends that no action be taken since the matter is covered by State Statute #2141.
8. Proposed Ordinance Regulating Sales and/or Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor on City-Owned Property - A copy of this proposed Ordinance, as introduced by Mr. Topping, is attached hereto as Attachment 6. The Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the proposed wording be revised by the insertion of the words "except beer" after the third word in the first line and that the proposed Ordinance as thus revised be adopted.
9. Proposed Ordinance Concerning Supermarket Carts - The text of an Ordinance recently passed by a neighboring community requires modification to adapt it to Stamford. The Committee therefore requests it be referred back for further study.
10. Pensions for O'Keefe & Quinn - Mr. Hanrahan, by letter dated February 2, 1956, copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment 7 reported that the Board of Representatives would be acting within its powers, were they to pass an Ordinance granting pensions in the subject cases if it is proved that the individuals were, in fact, true dependents of the deceased city employees.
11. Zoning and Planning Appeals - Under discussion was letter dated February 20, 1956 from John C. Macrides, copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment 8. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that no action be taken on the proposal contained in the last sentence of the letter, since such procedure would be contrary to the Charter, which we, as members of the Board of Representatives, are sworn to uphold. Recognizing that a problem does exist with respect to such appeals, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend to the Board of Representatives (1) that a letter be sent to the Planning and Zoning Boards advising them that the Board of Representatives shall not consider an appeal as referred to the Board of Representatives unless such referral is accompanied by 40 copies each of (a) the transcript of public hearing on the matter under appeal (b) the minutes of the meeting at which the decision under appeal was reached, and (c) other supporting documents with the exception of maps, plats, etc., and (2) that the Charter provisions governing such appeals be referred to the Charter Revision Committee for study and recommendation of appropriate revision, if any.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,

E. B. Baker, Clerk  
Legislative & Rules Committee

Approved: Paul A. Plotkin,  
Chairman

(Note: Attachments to this report are on file  
in the Board of Representatives' office)

(1) Fluoridation of Water Supply

Mr. Plotkin explained that the Corporation Counsel was supposed to prepare a resolution in this matter and stated that the Committee thought they could publish in the newspaper that the Board was just considering the matter of fluoridation of the water supply.

MR. FREDERICKS: "Is it the recommendation of the Legislative & Rules Committee that it remain in Committee?"

MR. PLOTKIN: "No, the recommendation of the Committee was that we would propose the publication of the proposed resolution."

MR. FREDERICKS: "What was the tenor of the resolution?"

MR. PLOTKIN: "Whatever the appropriate agency would be - we would recommend to whatever State agency it was, to instruct the water company to put the fluorine in the water supply."

MR. FREDERICKS: "Then, actually you haven't anything before us - we do not have the resolution?"

Mr. Plotkin explained that Mr. Hanrahan was coming to the meeting and they were waiting for him to bring the proposed resolution with him.

It was decided to go on to the next order of business while waiting for Mr. Hanrahan.

(2) Municipal Health Building

MR. PLOTKIN introduced the following resolution and MOVED for approval. Seconded by Mr. Russell.

RESOLUTION NO. 211

AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR AN ADVANCE TO  
PROVIDE FOR THE PRELIMINARY PLANNING OF A  
MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH BUILDING.

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford, Connecticut, herein called the "Applicant", after thorough consideration of the various aspects of the problem and study of available data, has hereby determined that the construction of certain public works, generally described as a municipal public health building, is desirable and in the public interest and to that end it is necessary that action preliminary to the construction of said works be taken immediately; and

1957) WHEREAS, under the terms of Public Law 560, 83rd Congress, as

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amended, the United States of America has authorized the making of advances to public bodies to aid in financing the cost of engineering and architectural surveys, designs, plans, working drawings, specifications or other action preliminary to and in preparation for the construction of public works, said advances to be repaid without interest, when construction is undertaken or started; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has examined and duly considered such Act and the Applicant considers it to be in the public interest and to its benefit to file an application under said Act and to authorize other action in connection therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Representatives, the governing body of said Applicant, as follows:

1. That the construction of said public works is essential to and is to the best interests of the Applicant, and to the end that such public works may be provided as promptly as practicable, it is desirable that action preliminary to the construction thereof be undertaken immediately;

2. That the Mayor of the City of Stamford be hereby authorized to file in behalf of the Applicant an application (in form required by the United States and in conformity with said Act) for an advance to be made by the United States to the Applicant to defray the cost of preliminary plan preparation for the above described public works, which shall consist generally of a municipal public health building;

3. That if such advance be made, the Applicant, on completion of the preliminary plans and on making a determination to proceed within a reasonable time with the actual construction of such public works shall provide, or shall make necessary arrangements to provide, such funds as may be required for the preparation of final plans for such public works;

4. The said Mayor of the City of Stamford is hereby authorized to furnish such information and take such other action as may be necessary to enable the Applicant to qualify for the advance;

5. That the officer designated in the preceding paragraph is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the Applicant for the purpose of furnishing to the United States such information, data, and documents pertaining to the application for an advance as may be required; and otherwise to act as the authorized representative of the Applicant in connection with this application.

6. That certified copies of this resolution be included as part of the application for an advance to be submitted to the United States.

MR. LEWIS: "We are putting the cart before the horse. It is a well known fact that our Dr. Costanzo is working under a terrible handicap. It has been a very inadequate affair. I haven't heard Mr. Plotkin mention whether or not we have called in a planning concern."

MR. KAMINSKI: "This was referred to the Fiscal Committee, but we could not get together on a report so we decided to express our individual thoughts on this matter." 1450



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VOTE taken on Resolution No. 211 and CARRIED unanimously.

(3) Conveyance of land located at Woodside Park for State Trade School

MR. PLOTKIN requested that action be deferred on this until the arrival of Mr. Hanrahan.

(4) Agreement with Housing Authority of City of Stamford for construction of new moderate rental project.

MR. PLOTKIN requested that action be deferred on this until the arrival of Mr. Hanrahan.

(5) Appeals from Zoning and Planning Boards

Mr. Plotkin read from his Committee report, item No. 11, "Zoning and Planning Appeals", as follows:

- (1) That a letter be sent to the Planning and Zoning Boards, advising them that the Board of Representatives shall not consider an appeal as referred to the Board of Representatives, unless such referral is accompanied by 40 copies each of,
  - (a) the transcript of public hearing on the matter under appeal,
  - (b) the minutes of the meeting at which the decision under appeal was reached, and
  - (c) other supporting documents with the exception of maps, plats, etc., and
- (2) That the Charter provisions governing such appeals be referred to the Charter Revision Committee for study and recommendation of appropriate revision, if any.

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED that the Board vote on each of the above items separately. Mr. Plotkin accepted this motion.

There was some discussion in regard to the motion made by Mr. Snyder at the Steering Committee meeting on appeals from the Planning and Zoning Boards.

MR. RHOADES: "The recommendations of the Steering Committee usually do not come up on the floor."

The President read Mr. Snyder's motion presented at the Steering Committee.

MR. PLOTKIN MOVED that the Board of Representatives send a letter to the Planning and Zoning Boards advising them that the Board of Representatives shall not consider an appeal as referred to them unless such referral is accompanied by 40 copies each of (a) the transcript of public hearing on the matter under appeal, (b) the minutes of the meeting at which the decision under appeal was reached, and (c) other supporting documents, with the exception of maps, plats, etc. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga.

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MR. FREDERICKS: "Have you gotten an opinion from the Corporation Counsel as to whether or not you can legally require that?"

There followed discussion as to how this could be handled.

MR. SNYDER re-stated his motion as printed in the Steering Committee minutes and MOVED that the Mayor be requested to ask the Planning and Zoning Boards to have a stencil prepared on all hearings so that copies may be readily available in the event that an appeal is taken to the Board of Representatives.

MR. PLOTKIN: "I do not agree with the letter because we are just requesting action. We can make up our own rules as to what is to be referred if we just ask the Planning and Zoning Boards and the Mayor. If the Boards do not furnish us with copies, then we cannot consider these matters."

MR. RHOADES: "We don't want to get ourselves into a position where a future Planning or Zoning Board could prevent an appeal from being taken simply by refusing to furnish us with all information. I think we need a ruling from the Corporation Counsel."

MR. PLOTKIN: "I think it is needless for us to worry about them not furnishing us with the necessary information."

MR. IACOVO: "If they should take it into their heads not to furnish us with 40 copies, then does that make it a dead issue? Is there a time limit stipulated in the Charter?"

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that the Board of Representatives endorse the letter of the Steering Committee to the Mayor, dated March 6, 1956, in regard to Stenotypist record of the Planning Board and Zoning Board hearings, and further, that we request all Minutes, findings and documents pertinent to any appeal from such Boards. Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

After further discussion, the Board voted to hear from Mr. DiSesa, the Assistant Corporation Counsel, who was present.

Mr. DiSesa spoke, explaining that there were some practical difficulties involved. He said that when there was an appeal from the decision of these Boards that a copy of the transcript of testimony is purchased from the Stenotypist at a cost of fifty cents per page and to have a stencil made might involve other costs.

MR. FREDERICKS: "If they are going to transcribe it, the Court Stenographer can do it on a stencil just as well, instead of casting the onus on the Planning or Zoning Boards."

MR. KAMINSKI: "We debated that in the Steering Committee. We are just asking that there be a stencil prepared."

VOTE taken on Mr. Kaminski's motion and CARRIED, 35 in favor and 1 opposed.

MR. PLOTKIN MOVED that the matter of handling appeals from the decision of the Planning and Zoning Boards and Mr. Macrides' letter of Feb. 20, 1956 on this subject be referred to the Charter Revision Committee. Seconded by Mr. Baker and CARRIED unanimously.

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(6) Ordinance re Consumption of Liquor on Municipally Owned Property

Mr. Plotkin introduced the following ordinance, referred to his Committee, and said the Committee recommended it be approved for publication and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT no intoxicating liquor, except beer, shall be sold and/or consumed on any municipal owned property, nor shall any such liquor be served or caused to be served in combination with any other liquid or liquids on municipally owned property.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

R. SNYDER MOVED to AMEND the Ordinance to add the following:

"An exception may be granted by the Board of Representatives."

He said: "It occurs to me that the Ordinance is entirely too broad."

MR. PLOTKIN accepted the AMENDMENT. CARRIED unanimously.

(7) Ordinance Regulating Width of Streets

Mr. Plotkin introduced the following Ordinance, referred to his Committee, and stated that although the Committee had recommended no action be taken on this because it was covered by State Statute #2141 and it was not on the agenda, perhaps the Board might want to consider it.

MR. HUIZINGA: "We have a road that I know of which is only 25' wide, going into a development, and there are many other roads not up to the proper width of 49½ feet. Therefore, Mr. Plotkin, I do not know whether you should bring this up, or I should, but I would like to ask for Suspension of Rules to bring up this Ordinance which is not on our agenda for this evening and MOVE for suspension of rules in order to consider it. Seconded by Mr. Snyder and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. PLOTKIN MOVED for acceptance of the Ordinance for publication. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga.

MR. NOLAN: "I do not see any dire necessity for passing this tonight. I would like to have more information first."

MR. HUIZINGA: "In the first place the proper procedure for adopting ordinances is that we first adopt it for publication and this gives everyone time to consider it."

VOTE taken on Mr. Plotkin's motion and CARRIED unanimously.

(8) Pensions for Mabel O'Keefe and Katherine Quinn

Mr. Plotkin spoke in reference to the pensions requested for the above dependent sisters of deceased City employees. He said the Committee thought this was a matter for the Personnel Committee to find out if



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these sisters were dependents.

MR. WATERBURY, Chairman of the Personnel Committee said: "I know for a fact that both these ladies were dependent upon their brothers for their support. I would like to make a MOTION that a pension be granted to both these ladies."

MR. PLOTKIN MOVED for Suspension of Rules in order that this may be considered at this time.

MR. FREDERICKS: "I suggest that instead of going through a Suspension of the Rules that we proceed to the next order of business and ask that the Personnel Committee make a report in writing."

MR. HUIZINGA: "I do not believe this Board has the authority to ~~initial~~ any appropriation."

<sup>initiate</sup>  
CHAIR: "All we do is enact the Ordinance under Section 710 of the Charter."

MR. PLOTKIN said the Committee could only offer progress reports in regard to supermarket carts.

Mr. Plotkin spoke in regard to the over 200 copies of the Code of General Ordinances now in the office of the Board and MOVED for Suspension of the Rules in order to bring this up. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks.

MR. PLOTKIN MOVED that a price of \$2.00 be set on the balance remaining of ordinance book and that five copies be given to the Town Clerk and free copies given to any other City agency in need of these books. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. RAITERI MOVED that the Secretary include in her Minutes a vote of thanks to Mr. Plotkin who is resigning. He said the City of Stamford, as well as members of the Board of Representatives owe Mr. Plotkin a vote of thanks and that the people of the City are indebted to him because in all his dealings with the Board he has always kept their benefit in mind. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. FREDERICKS: "I believe most of the people here tonight are interested in the question of fluoridation. It is too bad that the resolution was not prepared. I MOVE that the question of fluoridation be referred to a referendum at the next available election so that the people can have an opportunity to express their opinion. It is not the function of the Board to usurp the functions of a private water company." Seconded by Mrs. Peatt.

MR. RUSSELL: "Less than 10% of the people generally vote on referendums. We, as the representatives of the citizens of Stamford are in a better position to represent the people. I am not speaking in favor or against the question, I am merely speaking against a referendum or a public hearing. We should not be afraid that we are taking on something that is not part of our job. I honestly feel that our Committee is investigating this question thoroughly and up to the present time have heard from one side of the matter. It is the consensus of most members of this Committee to give an opportunity to the opposition to state their case. But, I feel this should be kept in Committee so that



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the Committee can hear the other side of the question."

MR. TOPPING: "I strongly disagree with Mr. Russell. I don't believe there is more than one or two in this room who understand what fluoridation means."

MR. PLOTKIN: "We now have Mr. Hanrahan here, so that we can now return to the matters that were being held until his arrival."

There ensued some discussion in regard to Mr. Fredericks MOTION that a referendum be held on fluoridation. In order to enable the Committee to delve further into the question, Mr. Fredericks WITHDREW his MOTION and Mrs. Peatt agreed to withdraw her seconding of the motion.

MR. PLOTKIN MOVED that the Board hear from Mr. Hanrahan. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. HANRAHAN explained that he was not aware that he was supposed to furnish the Committee with an appropriate resolution in regard to fluoridation - that he supposed the Committee would prepare one.

MR. NOLAN MOVED that this be referred back to Committee. Seconded by Mr. Russell.

Mr. Nolan was requested to withdraw his motion and he refused to do so.

VOTE taken on Mr. Nolan's motion. LOST, 12 in favor and 24 opposed.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED the matter of fluoridation be referred to a referendum and said: "Since it is my feeling that this Board does not have the power to direct a privately owned water company - it is not a publicly owned water company and is subject to State control and not municipal control." Seconded by Mr. Bradbury.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED to AMEND that the Board schedule two meetings as a Committee of the Whole, one for the purpose of hearing the proponents of fluoridation and one for the purpose of hearing the opponents, after which time the Board can determine the next course of action. Seconded by Mr. Plotkin.

MR. FREDERICKS refused to accept this amendment.

Mr. Snyder spoke against the amendment.

MR. PLOTKIN: "If we study the pamphlets we have in regard to fluoridation and hold hearings and hear from representatives of both sides of the question and postpone the Board's action until we can delve further into this matter, I think we would be doing a wise thing."

MR. FREDERICKS: "I think possibly if Bill would move to postpone the action on my motion to give time enough to hold the hearings they want to have, it would be all right."

MR. KAMINSKI: "My motion does not rule out a public hearing." He MOVED to postpone the motion to have a referendum until the June meeting. Seconded by Mr. Czupka.

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Mr. Rhoades questioned Mr. Hanrahan as to whether or not a referendum could be held in connection with a Presidential election.

MR. HANRAHAN: "I am not even certain that you can have a referendum. The most you can do is to request that the P.U.C. and the water company take some action."

MR. RHOADES: "I will wait to the next meeting for an answer to this question."

MR. GEORGOULIS: "I have had numerous telephone calls on the question of fluoridation and at the present time I would like to have more medical opinions from various sources before acting."

MR. NOLAN: "I am wondering how we are going to inform the general public when we can't even inform 40 people."

MR. HJIZINGA: "If this were a municipally owned water company, then we would be in order in discussing this problem. If we go to the expense of having a referendum and we decide to put fluorine in the drinking water, how can we go about ordering a private water company to comply?"

MR. RUSSELL: "I am bringing up that question....."

MR. TOPPING: "Mr. Russell is out of order, he has already spoken."

MR. RUSSELL: "I feel that the question as to whether it is a private or a public water supply is not the question before us at the moment. There are some of us here who know nothing whatever about it."

MR. FINDLAY: "I think this has been covered."

MR. TOPPING MOVED the question on Mr. Kaminski's motion. CARRIED unanimously.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that the Board have a hearing and that an opportunity be presented (1) to hear the proponents and (2) to hear the opponents and that only the representatives of the various groups be allowed to speak and that this be publicized by the radio station and the Stamford Advocate. He said this would merely be to educate the members of the Committee as to their next course of action. He said: "We could, through publication, as the various representatives of these groups to appear. Seconded by Mr. Plotkin and CARRIED unanimously by a vote of 34.

MRS. ZUCKERT MOVED that a five minute recess be called to enable those interested in fluoridation to leave. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

The President called the meeting to order at 10:50 P.M. There were 32 members remaining.

MR. PLOTKIN presented the following resolution and MOVED for its adoption. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously, by an affirmative vote of 31.

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RESOLUTION NO. 212  
Conveyance of City Owned Property  
for State Trade School



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, that in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Charter and the General Statutes, the conveyance by the City of Stamford of 18.6 acres, more or less, of certain real estate owned by the City of Stamford, located in the City of Stamford, County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, being the southerly portion of Woodside Park shown and described on a certain map entitled "Map of Property to be conveyed by the City of Stamford to the State of Connecticut, Site of Proposed Wright Technical School, Stamford, Conn. Scale 1" = 50' Contoured 1' Intervals, November 5, 1955. Charles P. Hurley & Associates, Winsted, Conn., Approved by the Stamford Planning Board 2/14/56", to the State of Connecticut for use as the site for a vocational high school, is hereby approved.

The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver in the name of the City, any and all documents necessary to effect such conveyance.

MR. PLOTKIN MOVED that this Board request the State authorities to cooperate with the Board of Recreation, Park Commission, Chief of Police and Public Works Department in regard to the layout of the driveways and streets affecting this tract of land. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. PLOTKIN presented the following resolution and MOVED for its adoption. Seconded by Mr. Longo, and CARRIED unanimously by an affirmative vote of 31.

RESOLUTION NO. 213

Agreement with Housing Authority  
for Construction of Moderate Rental  
Housing Project,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that the Cooperation Agreement between the HOUSING AUTHORITY of the City of Stamford and the CITY OF STAMFORD, authorizing payment of ten per cent (10%) of the shelter rent in lieu of taxes for a moderate rental housing project to be erected by the Housing Authority of the City of Stamford be executed.

The following is a copy of the aforesaid agreement:

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement, entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1956, by and between the Housing Authority of the City of Stamford (herein called the Local Authority) and the City of Stamford, Connecticut.

WITNESSETH:

Whereas, the Local Authority has received from the Public Works Commissioner of the State of Connecticut (herein called the

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Commissioner) an allocation for the development of a moderate rental housing project (herein called the Project), and may hereafter apply for additional allocations, and

Whereas, the Local Authority proposes to enter into one or more contracts with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance in connection with the development of such moderate rental housing projects, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 52 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, Revision of 1949, as amended.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the Local Authority and the City of Stamford do agree:

1. That during the period commencing with the date of the acquisition of any part of the site of a moderate rental project to be developed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 52 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, Revision 1949 as amended, and continuing throughout the life of the Project, the City will not levy, impose or charge any taxes, special assessments, service fees, or other charges against the Project or against the Local Authority, and that it will furnish, without cost or charge to the Local Authority or the tenants thereof, (except for the payments to be made by the Local Authority pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Agreement) municipal services and facilities for the Project and the tenants thereof, of the same character as those furnished without cost or charge for other dwellings and inhabitants of the City, including, but not limited to: fire, police, and health protection and services, school and educational services and facilities, street maintenance, snow removal, garbage, trash and ash collection and disposal, and street lighting on public streets within the Project and on the boundaries thereof; that it will maintain in good repair and working order any and all municipal utilities and facilities provided by it for the use and benefit of the Project and the tenants thereof; and that it will maintain in good repair, streets which are within, bounding or leading into the boundaries of the Project. The term "throughout the life of the Project" as used in the foregoing, shall mean the period throughout of which any contract between the Local Authority and the State for financial assistance for moderate rental housing shall remain in force and effect.
2. The Local Authority agrees to make to the City, at the end of each fiscal year of the Local Authority, a payment in lieu of taxes and special assessments in the sum of ten per cent (10%) of the shelter rent per annum for each occupied dwelling unit in the Project, or to make such payments in lieu of taxes and special assessments as the applicable state law shall require.
3. The Local Authority agrees to dedicate and the City agrees to accept for municipal purposes, land which



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may be owned or acquired by the Local Authority, and which the Local Authority determines to use for public streets within the boundaries of the Projects, or for the purpose of providing ingress thereto and egress therefrom. The City further agrees, without charge to the Local Authority, to install paving on all roads beds constructed on such streets located in the area of the Project.

4. The Local Authority agrees to install all streets, roads, curbs, walks, driveway ramps, drives and parking areas. Said roads shall include all necessary cuts and fills, underdrains, preparation of subgrade, base courses, grading and seeding of slopes, and other areas, except that the City agrees to pave the streets taken with the provisions as aforementioned.
5. The City agrees to perform any work as provided in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Agreement within thirty days after receipt of a written request therefor from the Local Authority.
6. The City agrees to waive such building and inspection fees as might be payable by the Local Authority if it is or becomes subject to the payment of such fees, and to cooperate with the Local Authority by such other lawful action or ways as the City and the Local Authority may find necessary in connection with the development and administration of such Project.
7. The City and the Local Authority agree that this Agreement shall not be abrogated, changed or modified so long as there is outstanding any indebtedness or any balance of indebtedness on account of such Project to which this Agreement relates, which remains unpaid, and so long as the title to such Project is held by the Local Authority or some other public body or governmental agency including the State of Connecticut authorized by law to engage in the development and administration of moderate rental housing projects. In the event the Project is not sold or otherwise disposed of prior to the termination of the Assistance Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Local Authority, and in the event the Local Authority repays in full the principal and interest on the Loan to which the Assistance Agreement relates, the Project and its appurtenances shall become the property of the City of Stamford at the determination of the governing body thereof.
8. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as limiting the power of the City to furnish aid and cooperation other than, and in addition to, the matters more particularly described in this Agreement.
9. In addition, the City agrees to cooperate in accordance with the Authority granted under Sections 940 and 941 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, Revision of 1949, as follows:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and the Local Authority have respectively caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

City of Stamford

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Its Mayor)

Housing Authority of the City of  
Stamford

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chairman)

MR. PLOTKIN MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to submit for approval a resolution in regard to a parking lot on Bell Street, between South Street and Atlantic Street. Seconded by Mr. Baker and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. PLOTKIN read the following resolution and MOVED for its adoption. Seconded by Mr. Gilbert and CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 214

*Bell & Atlantic  
Parking Lot*

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Charter, the Chairman of the Parking Authority be and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with REALTY HOLDING COMPANY, 221 ATLANTIC STREET CORPORATION and 36 BELL STREET CORPORATION for the acquisition of real estate on the north side of Bell Street between South Street and Atlantic Street in accordance with the terms and provisions of a certain contract dated February 7, 1956, between the REALTY HOLDING COMPANY and the PARKING AUTHORITY of the City of Stamford for the amount of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) and a certain contract dated February 20, 1956 between the 221 ATLANTIC STREET CORPORATION and 36 BELL STREET CORPORATION and the PARKING AUTHORITY of the City of Stamford for the amount of One Hundred Forty-five Thousand Four hundred seventy-five dollars (\$145,475.00), said property being more particularly shown on a certain map entitled: "Property to be conveyed to the City of Stamford by the Realty Holding Company, 221 Atlantic Street Corporation and 36 Bell Street Corporation, Prepared by the Engineering office of the City of Stamford" and this Board does, in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Charter, hereby give its approval to the acquisition of the aforesaid off-street parking facilities by the Parking Authority of the City of Stamford in the manner prescribed by the Charter.

Appointments Committee:

MR. GEORGOULIS presented the name of MR. RAYMOND B. ARNOW, Cedar Heights Road, as a member of the Sewer Commission; replacing the late William F. Jordan. Term to expire December 1, 1957. Mr. Georgoulis



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MOVED for approval of this appointment, after reading his Committee report, recommending this action. Seconded by Mr. Macrides. Vote taken by secret ballot, the tellers passing out the ballots. CARRIED unanimously by a vote of 32 in favor.

Public Welfare & Recreation:

Mr. Kelly presented the following report of his Committee:

The Welfare and Recreation Committee met on Tuesday, February 21, 1956, at 8 P.M. in the Law Library of the Town Hall, with the following members present: William Hearing, Frank Longo, Salvatore Giuliani, Charles Gilbert and Stephen Kelly. Absent were: Jack McLaughlin and Edward Wynn.

A report was made of the joint meeting of the Park Commission, Health and Protection Committee and the Welfare and Recreation Committee, which was held in the Town Hall on Monday, February 20, 1956 at 8:15 P.M.

Also at the joint meeting were Edward Hunt, Recreation Superintendent, Edward Connell, Park Superintendent, and Chief of Police, Kinsella. We, the Committee learned that bids have been let to demolish the pavilion at Cummings Park.

The Park Commission was very cooperative and sympathetic to suggestions advanced by your two committees, as were Mr. Hunt, Mr. Connell and the Chief of Police, and will endeavor to eradicate the abuses and vandalism that were complained about by many Stamford residents. The Committees of the Board are of the opinion that the Board will have every reason to feel proud of the appointments they have recommended of the members of the Park Commission. They are taking steps in the right direction and one of their first thoughts are to close the park entrances to all vehicular traffic after a certain hour at night.

STEPHEN E. KELLY,  
Chairman

Mr. Kelly said: "The Park Commission, through Mr. Connell, Park Superintendent, has forwarded to the Board of Representatives a letter requesting approval of several additions to Park and Beach rules and regulations, which are incorporated under Ordinance No. 35 Supplemental. With the opening of the parks so near at hand and time being of the essence, I would like to MOVE for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES to bring this matter before the Board tonight for full and complete action at our April 2nd meeting." Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Kelly read the following letter from Mr. Connell with attached Park and Beach Rules and Regulations. He MOVED that this be referred to the Legislative and Rules Committee. Seconded by Mr. Rhoades and CARRIED unanimously.

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Mr. George Connors, President  
Board of Representatives  
City Hall  
Stamford, Conn.

George:

Note attached Park and Beach rules and regulations which the Park Commission wishes to have printed on readable signs and posted conspicuously in the parks and on beaches.

Ordinance #35 Supplemental has already been approved and most of the attached were approved at the same time. The Ordinance gives the Park Commission power to make other rules and regulations than those specifically contained in the Ordinance. In the attached the following are not contained in the Ordinance and the Park Commission would like Board of Representatives approval:

Paragraph 9: ".....or install amplifiers or loud speaking apparatus except with a City Permit".

Paragraph 11: Eliminate the present words about "canned beer" and change to "except by City permit".

Paragraph 13: Entirely new and badly needed.

Paragraph 15: Entirely new and badly needed.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD A. CONNELL,  
Superintendent

Will you present for approval of changes and additions at next Board of Representatives' meeting? Above has Commission approval.

E.A.C.

#### CITY OF STAMFORD

#### Park and Beach Rules and Regulations

By the provisions of City of Stamford Ordinance #35 Supplemental, it is forbidden in a public park or on a public beach or in buildings thereon to:

1. Wantonly damage lawns, trees, shrubs, or flowers; benches, bleachers, drinking fountains or any other property or equipment.
2. Discard paper, trash, rubbish, glass, crockery, or metal, except in the containers provided by the Department of Parks for such purpose.
3. Play ball or organized games, except in areas plainly designated for such activities and then only with permission.

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4. Have an unleashed animal except in a vehicle.
5. Disturb birds or other wild life.
6. Pollute lakes, brooks, lag ons or other waters.
7. Peddle or sell goods or merchandise without a City License.
8. Light fires except in picnic grills or fireplaces placed by the Department of Parks.
9. Hold mass meetings or public assemblies or install amplifiers or loud speaking apparatus except with a City permit.
10. Serve beverages from concession stands except in paper containers.
11. Serve or consume intoxicating or alcoholic beverages, except by City permit.
12. Drive a pleasure vehicle at speeds over 15 miles per hour or to park such vehicles except in areas designated for such purpose by the Department of Parks.
13. Wash or repair any motor vehicle except emergency repairs.
14. Drive a commercially-licensed vehicle without permission.
15. Move picnic tables or benches or bleachers without permission.
16. Bathe or swim in restricted areas.
17. Use rubber inner tubes, water wings, or other inflated objects or devices designed as swimming aids.
18. Leave a boat without permission. Any boat left without permission will be impounded by the Department of Parks at the owner's expense.
19. Disobey posted signs or warnings.

Per Order Park Commission,  
City of Stamford, Connecticut

At  
March 5, 1956 Meeting  
Board of Representatives  
Referred to Legislative &  
Rules Committee

PETITION NO. 207

Mr. Kelly read a letter from Rev. W. D. Henderson, requesting the use of the former Stamford Museum property at the corner of Courtland Avenue and Post Road for Easter Sunrise Service, for the churches sponsoring this event: Evangelical Congregational, Bible Protestant, Stamford Gospel Tabernacle and Calvary Baptist.

MR. KELLY MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to act on this,

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because of lack of time. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. KELLY MOVED that the use of this property be granted. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Kelly read the following letter and said he did not believe it needed confirmation of the Board, but should rather go to the Police Department for approval. He MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to consider it at this time. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

PETITION NO. 208

THE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
of Stamford, Inc.

March 2, 1956

Mr. George V. Connors  
President, Board of Representatives  
Town Hall  
Stamford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Connors:

The Stamford Junior Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests that the Board of Representatives grant them permission to hang a cloth sign above the Atlantic Square.

The sign would announce the Stamford Health Fair to be held at the Connecticut State Armory on March 23rd, 24th and 25th. It is expected that the sign would be displayed from March 15th to March 26th.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM D. McCUE  
Corresponding Secretary

MR. KELLY MOVED for the adoption of the above request, subject to approval of the Police Department. Seconded by Mr. Czupka.

MR. SNYDER: "There is an Ordinance against this."

Mr. Russell spoke in opposition to this.

VOTE taken and CARRIED, 28 in favor and 3 opposed.

Mr. Kelly MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to present the following letter from the Lions Club. Seconded by Mr. Hearing and CARRIED by a vote of 28 in favor and 2 opposed.

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LIONS CLUB

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Mr. George V. Connors  
Acting Mayor  
City of Stamford  
City Hall  
Stamford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Connors:

The Stamford Lions Club is planning to bring to Stamford the Kings Circus on June 4th, 1956.

This Circus will require about 500 square feet of space. With the youth of Stamford in mind, we would like to request permission to hold this show at the Powell Place entrance in Woodside Park. This same Circus showed there 5 years ago. On July 12, 1955, the Stamford Lions Club sponsored the Hunts Bros. Circus at McGee Avenue, which proved to be very unsatisfactory, due to the dust and odor.

As in the past, all money raised from this project will be used for the Lions Civic Activities and Charities in Stamford.

We would appreciate your earliest action on this request.

Yours very truly,

JOSEPH POULTNEY, President  
Stamford Lions Club

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of this request for the use of Woodside Park by the Lions Club for a Circus. Seconded by Mr. Russell.

MR. TOPPING MOVED to table the motion.

MR. LACOVO: "I am opposed to the use of Woodside Park for these Circuses."

After some discussion, Mr. Topping withdrew his motion to table.

VOTE taken and LOST by unanimous vote.

MR. KELLY MOVED to change the name of his Committee to Parks and Recreation. Seconded by Mr. Nolan and CARRIED unanimously.

Public Works Committee:

Mr. Topping, Chairman, presented the following report of his Committee:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT  
Board of Representatives  
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The Public Works Committee met at 28 Lenox Avenue on February 23, 1956 at 8:00 P.M. Members present were Thomas Topping and Eugene Barry. Alan Ketcham and Anthony Kolich were unable to attend, but, at a later date, discussed the following items with the Chairman and indicated their approval. Vincent Vitti did not attend.

Fiscal matters discussed and approved were:

Code 412.F Street Lighting - \$36,000.00. This will make the street lighting cost for this fiscal year \$201,000.00.

Code 412.6A Snow Removal and Hurricane Emergency \$10,000.00, making the total for this fiscal year \$30,000.00.

Code 417. Consolidated Gas, Oil and Repairs \$16,000.00, bringing the total to \$52,460.00 for the current fiscal year. This is approximately \$10,000 more than was spent in the year '54-'55. The Public Works Committee recommends that this account be separated into two accounts; one, the Gas and Oil Account as an operating item, and the other, Truck and Car Repairs, as a maintenance item. This will, we believe, give a better understanding of expenditures for these items.

A letter from Mr. Richard Jones, President of the Ryle School P.T.A., regarding the condition of the sidewalk around the school, was read and discussed. The Public Works Committee wishes to refer this matter to the Public Works Department for corrective action.

Respectively submitted,

THOMAS J. TOPPING, Chairman  
Anthony Kolich  
Eugene F. Barry  
Alan H. Ketcham

Committee on Education:

Mr. Macrides, Chairman, presented the following report of his Committee:

The Committee on Education met at 7:00 P.M. at the offices of John C. Macrides. Mr. Brett, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Lilliendahl and Mr. Macrides were present. Mr. Czupka was absent. Mr. Henry F. Nolan, President of the Board of Education, conveyed his apologies for his inability to attend as scheduled and answered a few questions on the 'phone. He answered critics of the Board of Education's method of working out its budget by stating that the Board has, in fact, returned surpluses from some of its past appropriations to the general fund, the most recent instance being last year's budget. Mr. Nolan will elaborate on this in future meetings. He will also go more thoroughly into the school bus situation in the future



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The Committee members discussed a meeting, which three of them had attended with the Building and Sites Committee of the Board of Education and other civic bodies, for the purpose of discussing the Board of Education's choice of sites for the proposed new high and junior high schools. The members of our Committee were convinced by the thoroughness of Mr. Reginald Neuwein's presentation that the Board of Education had made the best choice of all the available sites and that, in order to avert the necessity for double sessions in the existing facilities, it is mandatory that the appropriations be made immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. MACRIDES,  
Chairman

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

(1) Rent Controls

The following letter was read and upon MOTION of Mr. Huizinga, seconded by Mr. Kelly, referred by unanimous vote to the Legislative and Rules Committee:

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONN.

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Board of Representatives  
Stamford, Conn.

Att: Mr. George V. Connors, President

Dear Mr. Connors:

As you are undoubtedly aware, RENT CONTROLS in the State of Connecticut terminate on March 31, 1956.

I believe that Stamford is in a unique position in the State in that private rental housing, at a price which can be afforded by the bulk of our citizens, is lacking. The reason for the lack of such housing involves considerations of the shortage of materials during the war, and the high cost of building after the war. The eviction of persons caused by the THRU-WAY has added to our problem.

In addition, the tremendous growth of our community at a pace faster than private enterprise can cope with, has a natural tendency to force rents upward.

Consequently, I am of the opinion that we, as a City, should make some effort to alleviate the situation which is obviously going to arise when rent controls terminate the end of March.

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I believe that our citizens require the protections of rent control and should be given an opportunity to ex-

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press their opinions to you; as well as any injustice to owners should be corrected.

Accordingly, I am submitting herewith a proposed draft of a RENT CONTROL ORDINANCE and request that your Honorable Board review the same and consider the advisability of submitting it to a public hearing or some other testing device, in order to determine its applicability and its desirability by the City of Stamford.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS F. J. QUIGLEY,  
Mayor

(2) Personnel Director

The following letter was read and upon MOTION of Mr. Huizinga, seconded by Mr. Hearing, referred by unanimous vote to the Personnel Committee:

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONN.

March 5, 1956

Board of Representatives  
Stamford, Conn.

Att: Mr. George V. Connors, President

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Subject: Personnel Director

The City is confronted with the necessity of selecting a new Personnel Director. As you probably know, Mr. Halpern, replacement for Mr. Weathers, terminated his employment.

Our past experience indicates that because of the question of qualifications and salary, this position probably cannot be readily filled.

Will you kindly arrange for a meeting with the Personnel Commission and your Steering Committee and Personnel Committee, at which time Mr. Joseph Morrow, Personnel Director of Pitney Bowes, will indicate to you the problems involved.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS F. J. QUIGLEY,  
Mayor

(3) Flood and Erosion Control Board

The following letter was read and upon MOTION of Mr. Fredericks, seconded by several voices, referred by unanimous vote to the Appointments Committee:

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CITY OF STAMFORD, CONN.

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Board of Representatives  
Stamford, Conn.

Att: Mr. George V. Connors, President

Dear Mr. Connors:

I wish to submit the following names for membership on

FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD

|  |              | <u>Term to Expire</u> |
|--|--------------|-----------------------|
| Edward J. Frattaroli<br>5 Brinckerhoff Avenue        | (Republican) | Dec. 1, 1956          |
| W. Gardner Edwards<br>1270 Hope Street<br>Springdale | (Democrat)   | " " 1957              |
| Alfred G. Kanzler<br>49 Parker Avenue<br>Glenbrook   | (Republican) | " " 1958              |
| George L. Hickey<br>99 Saddlerock Road               | (Democrat)   | " " 1959              |
| Edward W. Curran<br>236 Greenwich Avenue             | (Democrat)   | " " 1960              |

This is as per Ordinance #49 Supplemental, passed at your February meeting.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS F. J. QUIGLEY  
Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

The following letter from the Stamford Promotion Committee of the Chamber of Commerce was read and upon MOTION of Mr. Fredericks, seconded by several voices, referred by unanimous vote to Mayor Quigley:

STAMFORD PROMOTION COMMITTEE of the  
Stamford Chamber of Commerce, Inc.  
308 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Conn.

Re: New England New Methods, New  
Products and Patents Exhibit  
First Corps Cadet Armory  
105 Arlington St., Boston, Mass.  
March 26 - 29

(No date)

Dear Mr. Connors:

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Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to the membership of

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the Stamford Chamber of Commerce. This is in line with the purpose of the Stamford Promotion Committee to promote the City of Stamford.

Several Stamford firms have already agreed to take space under a general banner of Stamford.

The Stamford Promotion Committee will be very happy to include any data or exhibits that the officials of the City of Stamford would think proper for the Committee to distribute or display at the New England New Methods, New Products and Patents Exhibit at the First Corps Cadet Armory, Boston, Mass., to be held March 26 through March 29.

Stamford is the only New England community that has taken space at this Exposition to promote its city through a general presentation.

Your suggestions on this matter will be most welcome. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Louis Greenbaum, Chairman

The following copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Edward Czupka was read and on MOTION of Mr. Czupka, seconded by several voices, referred by unanimous vote to the Public Works Committee:

40 Harbor Street  
Stamford, Conn.

Feb. 22, 1956

Mr. Edward Czupka  
29 Woodland Place  
Stamford, Conn.

Ref: The Dyke Boat Basin

Dear Sir:

As you know, April 15, 1956 is rolling around. The Dyke Boat Basin opens on that date and although there is much to be done, there doesn't seem to be an improvement in the existing conditions. I would appreciate it if you would get together with the other representative for the 13th District and get the ball rolling.

The Dyke Boat Basin urgently needs the following:

1. The "In and Out" channel to and from the basin, should be at least five feet deeper and ten feet wider.
2. Four channel markers are also needed; two red and two black. These markers are a necessity for summer bathers.

(a) Red: One in the middle and one at the right hand side of the entrance.



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- (b) Black: One in the middle and one at the left hand side of the entrance.

I am sure that once our problem is recognized by all concerned, that conditions will greatly improve. I speak not only for myself, but for the residents and boatmen of the South End, who are hoping and waiting for prompt action.

Very truly yours,

LOUIS T. OLIVE  
Boatman and Resident  
of the South End

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Connors announced that Mr. Clement L. Raiteri, Jr. will be the next Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee, replacing Mr. Plotkin who resigned tonight.

Mr. Fredericks moved for adjournment at 11:55 P.M. Seconded by several members and CARRIED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. MACRIDES  
Clerk