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A regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Conn., was held on Monday, May 7, 1956, in the Cafeteria of the Walter Dolan Jr. High School, Toms Road, Glenbrook. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. George V. Connors, at 8:15 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Rev. Raymond C. Hess, Pastor, Evangelical Congregational Church.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 34 present and 6 absent. The absent members were: William Brett, Irving Snyder, William Kaminski, Doris Zuckert, Eugene Barry and Edward Czupka.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES -**

Meeting of March 20, 1956

MR. WATERBURY MOVED for acceptance; seconded by Mrs. Bankowski and CARRIED unanimously.

Meeting of March 28, 1956

MR. BAKER MOVED for acceptance; seconded by Mr. Findlay and CARRIED unanimously.

Meeting of April 2, 1956

MR. KELLY MOVED for acceptance, seconded by Mr. Georgoulis and CARRIED unanimously.

Meeting of April 9, 1956

Mr. Baker called attention to an error in the members present at this meeting, stating that he had arrived late and had been counted as being absent. MR. BAKER MOVED for acceptance of the minutes, as corrected; seconded by Mr. Ketcham and CARRIED unanimously.

Meeting of April 18, 1956

MR. BAKER MOVED for acceptance; seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and CARRIED unanimously.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Steering Committee:

Mr. Connors, Chairman, read the following report:

**STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT**  
Meeting held April 23, 1956

The Steering Committee of the Board of Representatives met in the Mayor's office, City Hall, at 8:15 P.M. The following members were present: William Kaminski, Joseph Iacovo, Alanson Fredericks, Robert Lewis, Stephen Kelly, Vincent Vitti, Joseph Milano, George Connors, Clement Raiteri and George Georgoulis. The absent members were: John Marriles (out of town), Norton Rhoades, Rutherford Huisinga, Irving Snyder and Helen Peatt.

The following communications were presented:

- (1) Appeal by owners of adjacent land from decision of ZONING BOARD, re application of FIRST STAMFORD CORPORATION for change in zoning for property located on

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**Blachley Road.**

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Kaminski raised the question as to whether or not the Board had been furnished with the necessary copies of transcript of testimony in accordance with request made to Mayor Quigley in letter of March 6, 1956. They were informed that only a single copy had been furnished.

- (2) Petition from Lions Club to hold Circus on May 28th on Magee Avenue grounds.

Referred to Parks & Recreation Committee.

- (3) Petition for road acceptance - Dundee Road and Saw Mill Road.

Referred to Planning & Zoning Committee.

- (4) Petition for road acceptance - Wofsey Road, Jay Road and Ken Court.

Referred to Planning & Zoning Committee.

- (5) Letter from Mr. Henry F. Nolan, President, Board of Education, dated April 23, 1956, in regard to 1956-57 Budget.

Referred to Fiscal Committee.

- (6) Letter dated April 16, 1956 from Mr. Alanson Fredericks, 18th District Representative, regarding rent control Ordinance.

At the request of Mr. Fredericks, this was ordered placed on the Agenda, with the recommendation that the Board ask for a written opinion from the Corporation Counsel as to whether the Board acted within its legal rights in passing this Ordinance. Mr. Fredericks stated that the question has never been raised as to the legality of the procedure, and that under the Charter, the Board is entitled to get an opinion from the Corporation Counsel.

- (7) Petition submitted by Mr. Kelly, 12th District Representative, signed by 22 petitioners, asking that the Park Commission grant the use of a suitable play area on Cove Island for children who would normally be served by the K. T. Murphy School, inasmuch as this school will not be ready for months to come.

Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.

- (8) Petition from North Stamford Congregational Church, requesting permission to hold a block dance in front of Saunders Store, Cascade Road and North Stamford Avenue, the evening of Saturday, June 16, 1956.

Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.

- (9) Letter dated April 20, 1956 from Alanson Fredericks, 18th District Representative, enclosing copy of letter from Rev. John B. Paterson, Turn of River Presbyterian Church, regarding drainage problem in front of church.

Referred to Public Works Committee.

- (10) Letter dated April 18, 1956 from Senator Prescott Bush, U. S. Senator, in answer to Board of Representatives endorsement of Senate Bill S. 3272.

Ordered placed on Agenda.

- (11) Letter dated April 18, 1956 from Senator William A. Purtell, U. S. Senator, thanking the Board for endorsing Senate Bill S. 3272.

Ordered placed on Agenda.

- (12) Letter dated April 17, 1956, from Stamford Community Council, Inc., asking to be advised of action taken by Board in regard to holding joint meeting with representatives of other city departments and a committee of the Board of Representatives on the housing problem.

Referred to Housing Committee.

- (13) Letter dated April 12, 1956, from Carmine Gambino re hazardous road conditions existing on Loveland Road.

Referred to Public Works Committee.

- (14) Letter dated April 17, 1956 from Public Utilities Commission re increase in rate of taxi fares.

Ordered placed on Agenda.

- (15) Letter dated April 16, 1956 from Public Utilities Commission in the matter of additional protection at highway railroad crossing in city of Stamford.

Ordered placed on Agenda.

- (16) Letter dated March 28, 1956 from Weissman & Weissman, attorneys, with an offer from their client, Oscar A. Newman, to purchase a city-owned lot located on Fourth Street.

Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee and Fiscal Committee.

- (17) Carbon copy of letter dated April 17, 1956 to Mayor Quigley from Corporation Counsel regarding Quit Claim Deed from Stamford Hall Company to City of Stamford, to enable widening of Cross Road.

Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee and Planning & Zoning Committee.

- (18) Carbon copy of letter dated April 4, 1956 to Corporation Counsel from Planning & Zoning Director, regarding resolution of Planning Board recommending sale of J. M. Wright Technical School property to Sacred Heart R. C. Church for a school.

Ordered placed on Agenda.

- (19) Letter dated March 5, 1956, from Mayor Quigley regarding replacement for Personnel Director of City of Stamford.

Referred to Personnel Committee.

- (20) Resolution to confirm and approve sale of various purpose bonds of City of Stamford; previously authorized for sale by Resolution No. 206 passed by Board at Jan. 3, 1956 meeting.

Ordered placed on Agenda.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,

George V. Connors,  
Chairman  
Steering Committee

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Fiscal Committee:

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Huizinga presented the following report of the Fiscal Committee:

The Fiscal Committee of the Board of Representatives held its regular meeting on Monday, April 16, 1956 at 8:00 P.M. in the Mayor's office, City Hall.

Members present were: Doris Zuckert, Edward Wynn, Charles Bradbury, Rutherford Huizinga and William Kaminski. There was one absent member: William Brett. Also present was Mr. Thomas Morrissey, Commissioner of Finance.

All items processed by the Board of Finance have been considered.

Item #1: (See Mayor's letter of Jan. 19, 1956)

Civil Service Department - Code 731.22, Equipment \$600.00. The item of \$210.00 for new personnel was deleted by the Board of Finance.

The Fiscal Committee unanimously recommends the approval of the \$600.00 requested for Equipment.

Item #2: (See Mayor's letter of Feb. 23, 1956)

Code GC 732.9 - Classified Employees' Retirement Fund Survey, \$2,400. We deferred this item at our last meeting, pending further information. Your Committee now recommends unanimously that we approve the \$2,400 as requested in the Mayor's letter of Feb. 23rd.

Item #3: (See Mayor's letter of March 16, 1956)

Welfare Department - Code 20WR 460.1, Salaries, \$2,126.64  
This request represents amounts needed for upgrading employees in the Welfare Department. The Fiscal Committee was unanimous in recommending that we approve the \$2,126.64 requested.

Respectfully submitted

WILLIAM C. KAMINSKI,  
Chairman, Fiscal Committee  
Board of Representatives

(1) Civil Service Department, Code 731.22, Equipment - \$600.00

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of this item; seconded by Mr. Bradbury and CARRIED unanimously.

(2) Code GC 732.9 - \$2,400 - Classified Employees' Retirement Fund Survey



MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of this item; seconded by Mr. Topping. Inasmuch as items over \$2,000 must have the approval of another Committee, and this was referred to the Personnel Committee by letter of April 24th; but there having been no meeting of this Committee, suspension of the rules was requested upon motion of Mr. Murphy, Seconded by Mr. Rhoades and CARRIED unanimously to vote on this matter.

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for the approval of \$2,400, Code GG 732.9 for a Classified Employees' Retirement Fund Survey. Seconded by Mr. Russell and CARRIED unanimously.

(3) Welfare Department, Code 20WH 460.1, Salaries - \$2,126.64

This item having also been referred to another Committee, the Education and Welfare Committee, which Committee had not been able to meet, MR. RAITERI MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to take it up tonight. Seconded by Mr. Kolich and CARRIED unanimously.

There ensued some discussion on the method of handling requests for additional appropriations when the amount requested is over \$2,000 and another committee other than the Fiscal Committee must pass on it, and has failed to meet. Mr. Lucove read from the Rules on page 4, Rule No. 10. It was agreed that even though the Committee Chairman is out of town, the Committee in question should arrange to meet in his absence so there would be no loss of time involved.

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of item #3. Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Mr. Bradbury questioned the method of using monies left over in salary accounts for the purpose of salary grade changes. He said he thought it should not be necessary to bring these questions before the Board when there was enough money in the account to take care of a change in classification to a higher bracket.

Mr. Huizinga explained that this question had been discussed in a meeting of the Fiscal Committee and there had been a difference of opinion. He said the reasons why the Board of Finance has not seen fit to allow department heads to use monies available in the salary account to be applied to a reclassification, was because they wished to retain control of expenditures.

MR. MURPHY requested a clarification of the procedure, saying he failed to understand why it was necessary to come before the Board of Finance requesting funds for salary grade changes when this money was already available in the salary account of the department in question.

Mr. Huizinga said it was because the Board of Finance had set up that procedure in order to control expenditures more easily.

MR. NOLAN: "I am just wondering if Mr. Bradbury knows these departments can transfer amounts within their own department?"

MR. BRADBURY: "There has always been transfers between different accounts in a department when there is money available in one account and a deficiency in another account."

MR. FREDERICKS: "I am a little doubtful as to the effectiveness of the method of the Board of Finance' control. If that method of procedure was followed in all our departments it would result in additional costs being thrown over into the following year. However, I think we should not deprecate administrative control by the Board of Finance."

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Mr. Raiteri suggested that the Board vote on the appropriation itself, or else refer it back to Committee and have the Fiscal Committee meet with the Board of Finance. Mr. Nolan said he agreed with Mr. Raiteri.

MR. HUIZINGA: "It is not necessary to appropriate these funds because they are already in that account. If this money is not appropriated, it will be returned to the Surplus Fund at the end of the year. Perhaps we should ask the Board of Finance to enlighten us in the method of procedure."

MR. RHOADES: "I am disturbed by this situation, because it is an effort to upgrade the employees in the Welfare Department. If a move is made to recommit, perhaps it would give the Fiscal Committee a chance to meet with the Board of Finance. I think the increases should be granted and should have been granted a long time ago. It is a very difficult situation."

MR. RAITERI MOVED that this be re-committed to Committee, with the recommendation that they meet with the Board of Finance in order to clarify the procedure. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks.

Mr. Nolan requested that Mr. Raiteri withdraw his motion in order that an opinion be obtained from Mr. Hanrahan, Corporation Counsel, who was present. This was agreed to by Mr. Raiteri and the seconder.

Mr. Hanrahan explained that when the classification plan was adopted there was grave concern that the Personnel Department and the department heads could readjust salaries and reclassify jobs, as they were not sure just how much power the Personnel Commission has. He said that once a classification is made or changed there is grave concern whether or not in the following year it could be changed, and it was then decided that it go first to the Personnel Department and Board of Finance. He said it was difficult to hire personnel unless you can promise them that their salary will stay the same.

MR. RAITERI: "In other words, the appropriating board should be notified when there is an up-grading or an emergency. In computing your tax, your surplus will offset additional appropriations."

MR. RHOADES: "I still think that a joint meeting between our Fiscal Committee and the Board of Finance to get into agreement between all the parties concerned is a good thing."

VOTE taken on item #3, and Motion LOST, 16 in favor and 17 opposed. (Mr. Kelly was out of the room, having been excused)

MR. RHOADES MOVED that the Fiscal Committee request a meeting with the Board of Finance. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

#### Legislative & Rules Committee:

Mr. Raiteri presented the following report of his Committee:

#### REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE Meeting of April 30, 1956

A meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee was held at 8:00 P.M., Monday, April 30, 1956, in the Board of Representatives Office, City Hall. Chairman Raiteri presided. Messrs. Baker, Nolan, Plotkin and Russell were also present. Mr. McLaughlin was absent.



The following subjects were discussed with committee action as noted:

1. Letter dated April 27, 1956, from the Mayor, requesting authorization for him to sign all agreements for reimbursement from the State of Connecticut pertaining to Flood Relief. The Committee recommends adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut and it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of Stamford, Connecticut be and is hereby authorized to sign all agreements on behalf of of said City with the State of Connecticut for reimbursement from said State pertaining to Flood Relief matters.

2. Letter dated March 15, 1956 from the Acting Mayor, requesting permission of the Board of Representatives for the City to enter into a lease arrangement with the State Fish & Game Commission as a prerequisite to the stocking of fish in the Rippowam River. This is a repetition of similar leases in previous years. The Committee recommends that such permission be granted.

3. Letter dated April 4, 1956, from the Acting Mayor, transmitting an offer from Mr. Thomas ~~Whittaker~~ to purchase a city-owned lot on Lee Street. Because of a previous offer from another party, which offer is still outstanding, the Committee requests this matter be re-submitted, pending further clarification.

*Correction:*  
Mr. Thomas Richter  
(Living on Whittaker  
St.)  
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4. Proposed resolution to confirm and approved award by the Commissioner of Finance of various purpose bonds of the City of Stamford. The Committee recommends adoption of the proposed resolution, copy of which is attached:

RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE AWARD BY THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE OF VARIOUS PURPOSE BONDS OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD.

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED that there is hereby approved and confirmed the award by the Commissioner of Finance to Messrs. Harriman, Ripley & Co., Inc., Smith, Barney & Co., Kidder, Peabody & Co., F. S. Moseley & Co., and Charles W. Scranton & Co. of New York, N. Y. at \$100.519 and accrued interest to the date of delivery, of the \$1,256,000 aggregate principal amount of various purpose bonds of the City of Stamford, dated February 1, 1956, authorized at the meeting of this Board of Representatives held January 3, 1956 by Resolution No. 206, and offered at the public sale held March 13, 1956; said bonds to bear interest at the rate of 2.4% per annum, payable semi-annually.

5. Letter dated March 15, 1956 from the Acting Mayor, transmitting an offer from Mr. Andrew Hagymasi, Jr. to purchase a city-owned lot shown as Lot #91 on Map #2 of Burwood

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Heights (Keith Street) for the sum of \$325. The Committee recommends passage for publication of a proposed Ordinance, authorizing sale of said lot:

**ORDINANCE RE SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY TO MR. ANDREW HAGYMASI, JR.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD that in conformity with Section 488 of the Stamford Charter and notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 31 of the Code of General Ordinances of Stamford, the sale to Mr. Andrew Hagymasi, Jr., residing at 19 Silver Street, of the following property, viz: that property designated as lot #91, on Map #2 of Burwood Heights as filed in the City Clerk's office, for not less than the sum of five hundred and twenty-five dollars, is hereby authorized, subject to approval by the Board of Finance, approval of the Mayor having already been granted.

The Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to act for the City and to execute all documents necessary to transfer title to such property.

This Ordinance shall take effect from the date of its enactment.

6. Letter dated March 15, 1956, from the Acting Mayor, asking approval of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to contract with the State for necessary changes to existing sanitary sewer facilities involved in construction of the Connecticut Turnpike. The Committee recommends adoption of the proposed resolution as set forth in the letter referred to above:

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, at a duly warned meeting held May 7, 1956, that the Mayor of the City is hereby authorized to enter into, on behalf of the City, a certain contract with the State of Connecticut for the re-location, re-construction, or adjustment of the existing sanitary sewer facilities involved in the construction of the Connecticut Turnpike in the City of Stamford, subject to approval by the Board of Finance.

7. Letter dated March 15, 1956 from the Acting Mayor, asking approval of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreements with the State for the expenditure of state highway funds for the restoration of flood damaged highways and bridges. The Committee recommends adoption of the proposed resolution as set forth in the letter referred to above:

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, at a duly warned meeting held on May 7, 1956, hereby authorize the Mayor to enter into agreements in the name of and on behalf of the City of Stamford with the State Highway Commissioner for



the expenditure of such funds as may be allotted and approved by the Finance Advisory Committee, for expenditure in the City of Stamford, from funds appropriated to the Highway Department under Section N 151 through N 156 of the 1955 Supplement of the General Statutes from the Flood Fund.

8. Letter dated March 19, 1956 from Board of Representatives member, Alan H. Ketcham, transmitting a petition signed by property owners on Wofsey Road, requesting a change of street name from Wofsey Road to Alpine Street. The Committee recommends passage for publication of a proposed Ordinance changing the Street name as requested, subject to prior acceptance of Wofsey Road as a City street.
9. Final passage of proposed Ordinance "To Provide for the Impounding and Sale or Other Disposition of Personal Property left on the Streets and Public Places in the City of Stamford" (see Page 1161 of Minutes of April 2, 1956). The Committee recommends adoption of the Ordinance as passed for publication.
10. Letter dated March 28, 1956, from Morris Weissman, enclosing copy of letter to the Mayor with respect to offer to purchase a city-owned lot on Fourth Street. The Committee recommends that this matter be referred to the Mayor with the recommendation that the lot in question be listed for sale at public auction as provided in the Charter and Chapter 31 of the Code of General Ordinances.
11. The matter of the dedication by the existing owners of a strip of land on Cross Road, to permit the widening of said street. While this matter was referred to the Committee for action, no supporting papers were transmitted. The Committee feeling that such widening would be in the best interest of the City voted to recommend acceptance of the offer to dedicate, in order that the Board of Representatives might take action if the supporting papers were available at the Board meeting.
12. Request for approval of Park Commission Rules. The Committee recommends that a letter be sent to the Park Commission with copies to the Mayor, the Corporation Counsel, the Superintendent of Parks and the Superintendent of Recreation, stating the feeling of the Board of Representatives that immediate action should be initiated to revise the Code of General Ordinances to reflect the creation of the new Park Commission and requesting a proposed draft of one new comprehensive Ordinance to replace several individual existing Ordinances.
13. Letter dated April 9, 1956 from the Planning and Zoning Director (see below) referring to the Board of Representatives the appeal of property owners from the decision of March 7, 1956, of the Zoning Board, approving the application of the First Stamford Corporation for an amendment to the zoning map with reference to a parcel of land on Blachley Road. Also received by the Committee were a copy of the minutes of the Zoning Board meeting of March 7, 1956 (see below) at which the application was approved, maps of the

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area, and the transcript of the public hearing on the application.

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Mr. George V. Connors, President  
Board of Representatives  
City of Stamford, Connecticut

Re: Application of First Stamford Corporation to change to the R-3 Multiple-Family Residence District, the following described property now in the R-7½ One-Family Residence District: Bounded Northerly by land of the State of Connecticut acquired by said State for the Thruway; Easterly by the rear line of premises fronting on Hearthstone Court; Southerly by land now or formerly of Daycroft School; and Westerly by Blachley Road.

Dear Mr. Connors:

In accordance with Section 552.2 of the Stamford Charter, the above captioned subject is hereby referred to the Board of Representatives for its action as a result of a petition filed with the Zoning Board, signed by the owners of 20% or more of the privately owned land located within 500' of the above area. Said petitioners being the opponents of said proposed amendment to the Zoning Map, approved by the Zoning Board on March 7, 1956 following due Notice and Hearing on February 8, 1956.

Also, in accordance with Section 552.2, the Zoning Board transmits herewith the following written findings, recommendations, reasons and supplementary information in connection with the Board's action in disapproving the above described application:

1. Two copies of the excerpts of the Minutes held on March 7, 1956, when the Zoning Board approved the foregoing application.
2. Two maps, which by their titles are self-explanatory and which are prepared for the purpose of contributing to a better understanding of the problem.
3. The transcript of the hearing taken and prepared by the Stenotypist.

We shall be happy to supply any additional information requested.

Very truly yours,

WALTER A. WACHTER,

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Enclosures

Planning & Zoning Director

**MINUTES OF THE ZONING BOARD MEETING HELD ON MARCH 7, 1956**

**PRESENT:** Messrs. Joseph T. McCue, Jr., Chairman  
Harold Frankel, Co-Chairman  
Stearns E. Woodman, Secretary  
Fred C. Noble  
John J. Hogan  
Walter A. Wachter, Planning & Zoning  
Director

The Chairman opened the meeting, and discussion was given to the proposed application of the First Stamford Corporation to amend the Zoning Map as described below and for which a hearing was held on February 8, 1956.

Change to the R-5 Multiple-Family Residence District, the following described property now in the R-7½ One-Family Residence District:

Bounded NORTHERLY by land of the State of Connecticut acquired by said State for the Throughway; EASTERLY by the rear line of premises fronting on Hearthstone Court; SOUTHERLY by land now or formerly of Daycroft School and WESTERLY by Blachley Road.

As a result of the Board's study and discussion given to the above matter, the Board voted unanimously to approve said application for the following reasons:

1. The Board is of the opinion that because of the property in question being located immediately adjacent to the Connecticut Turnpike now under construction, that the impact of said turnpike will be of such nature as to make multi-family uses more appropriate than single-family uses in certain areas abutting the turnpike.
2. The Board considers that such change would encourage the appropriate use of land, taking into consideration the character of the surrounding area and thereby makes it expressly suitable for uses allowed in a R-5 District.

Upon motion, being duly seconded, the meeting was then adjourned.

WALTER A. WACHTER,  
Planning & Zoning Director

The Committee recommends that the Board of Representatives approve the proposed amendment. After careful review of the documents referred to above, the Committee unanimously concurs in the decision of the Zoning

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Board for the reasons given in their Minutes.

14. Proposed Ordinance Relating to the Control of Dogs (see below). The Committee requests that this matter be resubmitted to permit a conference with the Chief of Police and the Dog Warden to bring about effective enforcement of the State laws on the subject. If this cannot be accomplished, the Committee will then submit their recommendations to the Board with respect to any necessary local legislation.

NOTE: Copies of this proposed Ordinance were mailed to all members of the Board previously, so will not be incorporated in the Minutes because of length.

15. Proposed Ordinance "Relating to the Acceptance of Roads as City Streets". On Tuesday, April 24th, the Legislative and Rules Committee and the Planning and Zoning Committee were invited to attend a meeting of the Planning Board to reach conclusions on this subject following the several discussions which have taken place over the past months. The proposed Ordinance embodies the combined thinking of those present and sets down all the principles which the Board of Representatives has advocated. The Committee strongly recommends that under suspension of the rules and in consideration of the fact that the season for road construction and acceptance action is now upon us, the Board of Representatives pass for final adoption the proposed Ordinance.

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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E. B. BAKER, Clerk

APPROVED:

C. Raiteri, Jr., Chairman

MR. RAITERI MOVED for the adoption of the following resolution, in accordance with his committee recommendations; seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously:

(1) RESOLUTION NO. 216:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut and it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of Stamford, Connecticut be and is hereby authorized to sign all agreements on behalf of said City with the State of Connecticut for reimbursement from said State pertaining to Flood Relief matters.

(2) Lease - State Fish and Game Commission - Stocking of fish in Rippowam River.

MR. RAITERI MOVED for approval of the lease in the above matter Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously

(3) Offer to purchase city-owned lot on Lee Street.

Mr. Raiteri explained that because of a previous offer on this property,



clarification would have to be obtained from the Corporation Counsel before proceeding further. MR. FREDERICKS MOVED to re-commit to committee. Seconded by Mr. Hearing and CARRIED.

(4) MR. RAITERI MOVED for the adoption of the following resolution, in accordance with the committee recommendations; seconded by Mr. Nolan.

RESOLUTION NO. 217:

RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE AWARD BY THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE OF VARIOUS PURPOSE BONDS OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD.

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED that there is hereby approved and confirmed the award by the Commissioner of Finance to Messrs. Hartman, Ripley & Co., Inc., Smith, Barney & Co., Kidder, Peabody & Co., F. S. Mosley & Co., and Charles W. Scranton & Co. of New York, N. Y. at \$100.519 and accrued interest to the date of delivery, of the \$1,256,000 aggregate principal amount of various purpose bonds of the City of Stamford, dated February 1, 1956, authorized at the meeting of this Board of Representatives held January 3, 1956 by Resolution No. 206, and offered at the public sale held March 13, 1956; said bonds to bear interest at the rate of 2.4% per annum, payable semi-annually.

MR. FREDERICKS: "Has the language in this resolution received the approval of the Corporation Counsel?" He was informed by the Corporation Counsel who was present, that this was the case

VOTE taken and CARRIED unanimously:

(5) Proposed Ordinance for publication re sale of city-owned lot to Andrew Hagymasi, Jr.

MR. RAITERI MOVED for approval for publication of the following Ordinance: Seconded by Mr. Baker.

ORDINANCE RE SALE OF CITY-OWNED  
PROPERTY TO MR. ANDREW HAGYMASI, JR.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD that in conformity with Section 483 of the Stamford Charter and notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 31 of the Code of General Ordinances of Stamford, the sale to Mr. Andrew Hagymasi, Jr., residing at 19 Silver Street, of the following property, viz: That property designated as Lot #91, on Map #2 of Burwood Heights, as filed in the City Clerk's office, for not less than the sum of five hundred and twenty-five dollars, is hereby authorized, subject to approval by the Board of Finance, approval of the Mayor having already been granted.

The Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to act for the City and to execute all documents necessary to transfer title to such property.

This Ordinance shall take effect from the date of its enactment.

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Mr. Plotkin spoke in regard to the proposed Ordinance and said that under the provisions of Section 488 of the Charter the Board was empowered to pass the Ordinance, subject to approval by the Board of Finance.

MR. TOPPING MOVED that the Board get an opinion from Mr. Hanrahan, the Corporation Counsel. Seconded by Mr. Baker and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. HANRAHAN: "Your Ordinance is written in compliance with the Charter and the only thing that the Board of Finance has to do is to approve the sale by public auction."

VOTE taken on publication of above Ordinance and CARRIED unanimously.

(6) MR. RAITERI MOVED for adoption of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Hearing; and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 218:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO CONTRACT WITH STATE  
RE SANITARY SEWERS AFFECTED BY CONNECTICUT TURNPIKE

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, at a duly warned meeting held May 7, 1956, that the Mayor of the City is hereby authorized to enter into, on behalf of the City, a certain contract with the State of Connecticut for the re-location, re-construction, or adjustment of the existing sanitary sewer facilities involved in the construction of the Connecticut Turnpike in the City of Stamford, subject to approval by the Board of Finance.

(7) MR. RAITERI MOVED for adoption of the following resolution, in compliance with the Committee recommendations. Seconded by Mr. Findlay and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 219:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER IN AGREEMENTS  
WITH STATE FOR EXPENDITURE OF STATE HIGHWAY FUNDS FOR  
RESTORATION OF FLOOD DAMAGED HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, at a duly warned meeting held on May 7, 1956, hereby authorize the Mayor to enter into agreements in the name of and on behalf of the City of Stamford with the State Highway Commissioner for the expenditure of such funds as may be allotted and approved by the Finance Advisory Committee, for expenditure in the City of Stamford, from funds appropriated to the Highway Department under Section N 151 through N 156 of the 1955 Supplement of the General Statutes from the Flood Fund.

(8) Proposed Ordinance, for publication, to change name of Wolfsey Road to Alpine Street.

Upon motion of Mr. Raiteri, duly seconded, it was unanimously agreed to re-submit the above ordinance to Committee. Mr. Raiteri explained that the committee had expected the Planning and Zoning Committee to bring in a report on this matter, and



for this reason was asking that this be kept in Committee.

(9) MR. RAITERI MOVED for final adoption of the following Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Baker and CARRIED, 29 in favor and 5 opposed.

ORDINANCE NO. 53 SUPPLEMENTAL

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOUNDING AND SALE  
OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY LEFT ON THE  
STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD.

*Detected by Mayor*

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD, THAT:

Section 1: Definitions: (a) When used in this Ordinance "street" shall include a street, avenue, road, alley, lane, highway, boulevard, concourse, driveway, culvert and cross walk, and every class of road, square, place or municipal parking field used by the general public. (b) When used in this Ordinance the word "person" shall mean and include a natural person of either sex, corporations, partnerships, associations, joint stock companies, societies and all other entities capable of being sued.

Section 2: It shall be unlawful for any person, his agent or employee, to leave or to suffer or permit to be left, any vehicle other than motor vehicle, or any cart, wagon, box, barrel, bale of merchandise or other movable property either owned by him or in his possession, custody or control, upon any street, sidewalk or municipal parking field, excepting, however, that this section shall not apply to materials lawfully placed at the curbs or side of streets for collection by the Bureau of Sanitation.

Section 3: The Chief of Police shall remove or cause to be removed any of the items of property listed in Section 2 of this Ordinance, when found upon any street, sidewalk or municipal parking field and shall take same, or cause same to be taken to property or premises of the City of Stamford, where same shall be held until redeemed or sold, as hereinafter provided.

Section 4: Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be liable for an forfeit and pay a penalty of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars for each violation and it is further ordained that the violations of any provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute disorderly conduct and the person so violating the same shall be and is hereby declared a disorderly person. This is in addition to any fees for redemption of impounded property or costs of sale chargeable to an owner or person entitled to possession of impounded property as hereinafter provided.

Section 5: Whenever the Chief of Police shall receive any property containing identification of ownership or right to possession, a notice shall be sent by ordinary mail to such person advising that such property is held by the Chief of Police and advising the amount necessary to redeem.

Section 6: Such property may be redeemed by the owner thereof at any time prior to the sale, dismantling, destruction or disposal thereof and he shall be entitled to receive such property upon tendering the sum of Five (\$5.00) Dollars, plus the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar per day, commencing the third day, Sundays excluded, after the property is removed to the date of redemption. In addition, the person seeking to redeem shall be required to pay the cost of advertising the sale thereof, if any. No property shall be delivered to a person seeking to redeem unless proof, establishing to the satisfaction of the Chief of Police, such person's ownership or right to possession is submitted. Any delivery to a person apparently entitled thereto, shall be a good defense to the City of Stamford against any other person claiming



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to be entitled thereto, but if the person to whom delivery is made is in fact not entitled thereto, the person to whom the same ought to have been delivered may recover the same with interest and costs from the person to whom the same shall have been delivered.

Section 7: Where any such property remains in the custody of the Chief of Police for a period of fifteen (15) days after removal and with respect to which no person has presented to the Chief of Police proof establishing to his satisfaction such person's ownership or right to possession as hereinabove stated, the Chief of Police shall give public notice in a newspaper circulated daily in the City of Stamford, advising that at a specified place and time, not less than five (5) days after such notice is published, such property will be sold at public auction for the best price he can obtain. A general description in such notice of the property to be sold shall be sufficient. Said sale shall be conducted by the Chief of Police or any person designated by him.

Section 8: In the event that said property shall remain unsold at public auction, the Chief of Police may offer said property for sale at a subsequent public auction held pursuant to this Ordinance or he may dismantle, destroy or otherwise sell or dispose of such property. Any such sale or other disposition of such property pursuant to this Ordinance shall be without liability on the part of the City of Stamford to the owner of such property or other person lawfully entitled thereto or having an interest therein.

Section 9: Immediately after property is redeemed, the Chief of Police shall pay over to the municipal treasury the amount received for redemption, costs and expenses of the article redeemed, together with an itemized statement thereof. Immediately after a sale or other disposition of such property, the Chief of Police shall pay over to the municipal treasury the proceeds of sale or other disposition of such property, with an itemized statement of the article sold, the price received, and the costs and expenses of sale. The amounts so paid to the municipal treasury shall be retained and credited to the General Fund to cover the cost of removing and storing the property and of the disposition thereof.

Section 10: The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to any property which may come into the possession or custody of the Chief of Police pursuant to any other Ordinance, law or regulation.

This Ordinance to take effect upon enactment.

- (10) Request to purchase city-owned lot on Fourth Street by Oscar A. Newman, through counsel, Morris Weissman, in letter of March 28, 1956.

Mr. Raiteri said it was the feeling of the Committee that the offer was too low and recommended it be referred to the Mayor with the recommendation it be listed for sale at public auction as provided in the Charter and Chapter 31 of the Code of General Ordinances, and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

- (11) Quit Claim Deed from Stamford Hall Company to City of Stamford for purpose of widening Cross Road.

Mr. Raiteri said the Committee recommended acceptance of the offer, but inasmuch as action had already been taken, the Committee could only concur in the action.

Mr. Baker MOVED to hear from Mr. Hanrahan for an explanation as to why action had been taken without referral to the Board. Seconded by Mr. Topping.

Mr. Hanrahan said that the Planning Board had accepted the deed and the first thing



he knew about it was when the deed was sent to him.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED that the Board accept the offer to dedicate the strip of land adjacent to Cross Road. Seconded by Mr. Baker and Mrs. Peatt, and CARRIED. Mr. Frederick abstaining from voting, giving personal interest as his reason.

(12) Request for approval of Park and Beach Rules and Regulations. (See March 3, 1956 Minutes - pages 1115, and 1116)

Mr. Raiteri stated that the Park Commission has withdrawn their additions and corrections that were originally submitted.

MR. RAITERI MOVED that a letter be sent to the Park Commission, with copies to the Mayor, Corporation Counsel, Superintendent of Parks and Superintendent of Recreation, stating the feeling of the Board of Representatives that immediate action be initiated to revise the Code of General Ordinances to reflect the creation of the new Park Commission and requesting a proposed draft of one comprehensive ordinance as a replacement of the several existing Ordinances. Seconded by Mr. Nolan and CARRIED unanimously.

(13) Appeal from Zoning Board decision, by property owners, re application of First Stamford Corporation for zoning change to permit erection of apartment house, Blachley Road

Mr. Raiteri said it was the recommendation of his committee that the Board of Representatives approve the decision of the Zoning Board for the reasons given in the Minutes of the Zoning Board of March 7, 1956 and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Nolan.

MR. MURPHY: "Just to clear the record - could you bring out the reasons why this change was opposed?"

MR. RAITERI: "It was thought that the added tax on the water facilities would cause a drop in the water pressure and also the additional children coming into the area would overtax the school facilities. However, this was found not to be the case, because when the new Thruway goes through there will be new water mains installed, which will overcome that objection, and also because of the Thruway, many families will have to move out of that area which will offset the children moving into the area."

MR. FREDERICKS: "Am I correct in assuming that the appeal by the owners was timely, but the referral of the Zoning Board was not?"

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED to hear from the Corporation Counsel. Seconded by several voices and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. HANRAHAN: "I would say yes, because their appeal was referred to the Zoning Board in plenty of time and the only reason the Zoning Board did not refer it to the Board of Representatives within the allotted time was because of pressure of work."

MR. TOPPING: "On these cases of referrals, I understood that each member of the Board was to be furnished with a copy of the transcript of the hearing and other pertinent papers."

VOTE taken on Mr. Raiteri's motion to approve the decision of the Zoning Board. CARRIED, 20 in favor and 14 opposed.

(14) Proposed Ordinance, for publication, on control of dogs.

Note: Copies of this proposed Ordinance were mailed to all members of the Board, so will not be incorporated in the Minutes because of length.

MR. RAITERI MOVED that this matter be re-committed to Committee in order that a meeting can be held with the Chief of Police and the Dog Warden. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED unanimously.

(15) Proposed Ordinance Relating to the Acceptance of streets.

MR. RAITERI MOVED for suspension of the rules in regard to publication of the proposed Ordinance before adoption. Seconded by Mr. Murphy and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. RAITERI MOVED for adoption of the following Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Nolan and CARRIED unanimously:

ORDINANCE NO. 34 SUPPLEMENTAL

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE  
ACCEPTANCE OF ROADS AS CITY STREETS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD that:

Section 1. ACCEPTANCE BY BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES: Roads constructed within the City of Stamford may be accepted as City streets by the Board of Representatives upon petition therefor by the owner or owners thereof.

Section 2. CERTIFICATION BY CITY ENGINEER: Prior to acceptance by the Board of Representatives such roads must be certified by the City Engineer as having been constructed in accordance with specifications approved by the Planning Board.

Section 3. RESTRICTIONS ON ACCEPTANCE, NOVEMBER -MARCH INCLUSIVE: No road, construction of which is completed after the last day of October of any year, shall be approved for acceptance before the first day of April of the next succeeding year.

Section 4. RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS: No performance bond shall be released by the Planning Board until the street or streets covered by said performance bond have been accepted by the Board of Representatives, except that in the case a developer desires to continue the street or streets in a private status, it will be necessary, before final approval of the subdivision by the Planning Board, for the developer to assure the Planning Board, in writing, that each deed to every lot in the subdivision will contain an agreement to the effect that the purchaser understands that the street upon which his lot abuts is to be kept a private street, in which case prior acceptance of said street or streets by the Board of Representatives shall not be a prerequisite for release of performance bond.

Section 5. AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS: Any road, petition for acceptance of which has been formally presented to the Board of Representatives, after certification of said road by the City Engineer, shall be deemed to have been accepted as a city street

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if final action on the petition for acceptance is not taken by the Board of Representatives within sixty days of its receipt by the Board.

Section 6. REPEALER: Part of this Ordinance shall constitute repeal of any existing Ordinances relating to the acceptance of roads as city streets.

Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment.

(16) West Main Street - Urban Renewal Project

MR. RAITERI MOVED for suspension of the rules to consider the following from the Urban Redevelopment Commission. Seconded by Mr. Nolan and CARRIED unanimously: (See page 982 of Nov. 14, 1955 Minutes)

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

Urban Redevelopment Commission  
159 Main Street

May 4, 1956

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

Dear Mr. Connors:      Re: West Main Street Urban Renewal Project

At the November 14, 1956 meeting of the Board of Representatives, the Board adopted Resolution No. 205 which authorized the undertaking of surveys and plans for the West Main Street Urban Renewal Project.

Pursuant to an application made to the Housing and Home Finance Agency and in accordance with said Resolution, the Housing and Home Finance Agency on April 12 forwarded to the Urban Redevelopment Commission a letter indicating steps to be taken to execute a contract for the planning advance, the application having been approved. The understanding with the Housing and Home Finance Agency at that time was that a Resolution of the Urban Redevelopment Commission would be adequate for the execution of the contract by the Chairman of said Commission. However, on May 3 after this procedure had been followed and the contract documents forwarded to the Housing and Home Finance Agency, we were advised that to properly execute the contract documents, it would be necessary for the Board of Representatives to adopt the Resolution which is attached hereto.

We therefore, respectfully request the Board of Representatives to act upon this Resolution at the May 7, meeting. We regret that we were obliged to make this request in haste, but trust that the above explanation makes clear the reasons for submitting the Resolution and contract at this late date. We wish to point out that if the Board does not act upon the Resolution at the May 7 meeting, we will be delayed a month in getting our work under way to undertake the

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necessary surveys and plans in this project.

A copy of the proposed contract has already been transmitted to your Board.

Very truly yours,

Mark Harris, Executive Director

Enclosures

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mr. Raiteri introduced the following resolution as submitted by the Urban Redevelopment Commission:

RESOLUTION NO. 220:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN OFFER OF THE UNITED STATES  
TO MAKE AN ADVANCE OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO  
THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, TO AID IN  
FINANCING THE COST OF CERTAIN SURVEYS AND PLANS  
FOR URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT NO. CONN. R-10

WHEREAS, under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended and supplemented, the United States of America (herein called the "Government") has tendered to the City of Stamford, Connecticut (herein called the "Local Public Agency") an offer, hereinafter mentioned, to make an advance of Federal funds to the Local Public Agency to aid in financing certain surveys and plans for an urban renewal project, designated Project No. Conn. R-10, in the urban renewal area described therein; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Agency has given due consideration to said offer.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, as follows:

Section 1. The offer of the Government to the Local Public Agency, dated April 12, 1956, designated "Contract for Planning Advance", Contract No. Conn. R-10 (A), consisting of Parts I and II, under and subject to the provisions, terms and conditions of which, the Government would make an advance of Federal funds to the Local Public Agency to aid in financing the cost of certain surveys and plans for an urban renewal project, designated Project No. Conn. R-10, situated in the City of Stamford, Connecticut, is hereby in all respects accepted.

Section 2. The Local Public Agency agrees to abide by all of the provisions, terms and conditions of said offer.

Section 3. The Mayor of the Local Public Agency is hereby authorized and directed forthwith to send to the Housing and Home Finance Agency, two certified copies of the proceedings of the Local Public Agency in connection with the adoption of this Resolution, together with two certified copies of this Resolution, and such further documents or proofs in connection with the acceptance of said offer as may be requested by the Government.

Section 4. The Mayor of the Local Public Agency is hereby authorized to file requisitions, together with necessary supporting documents, with the Government, from time to time as Advance funds are required, requesting payments to be made to the Local Public Agency on account of the advance provided for in said offer, and to do and perform all other things and acts required to be done or performed in order to obtain such payments.



Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Fredericks called attention to the previous resolution on this matter contained on page 932 of the Minutes and said the language in the previous resolution was different. After considerable discussion Mr. Plotkin MOVED to hear from Mr. Mark Harris, Executive Director of the Urban Redevelopment Commission. Seconded by Mr. Georgoulis and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Harris addressed the Board. He explained the previous resolution mentioned by Mr. Fredericks, as being the application, which was approved by the Board on November 14, 1955, being Resolution No. 205, but that this present resolution referred to the contract, which must have the approval of the Board also.

MR. RAITERI MOVED for adoption of Resolution No. 220. Seconded by Mr. Baker and CARRIED unanimously by a vote of 34 in favor.

Health & Protection Committee:

Mr. Milano, Chairman, read the following report of his Committee:

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE  
Report, Meeting held April 25, 1956

The Health and Protection Committee met on Wednesday, April 25, 1956 at 8:30 P.M. at the Safety Center. All members of the Committee were present.

(1) Reference letter of Jan. 26, 1956 from Clover Hill Residents

In regards to a petition received from Clover Hill residents Group, the committee recommends that this Board forward a letter to the Flood Control Committee, requesting immediate action to be taken to help correct this condition.

(2) Reference letter of Feb. 14, 1956 from Mr. Fredericks, enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Peter Coughter, dated Feb. 6, 1956

The Committee met with Mr. Aaron Chase, Superintendent of Highways, in regards to a Fire Hydrant being placed on the extension of Deacon Hill Road, which has not been accepted, and he suggested that Mr. Coughter, or Mr. Fredericks contact the Turn-of-River Fire Chief in regards to this matter. If he deems it necessary, he will notify the Mayor and the Public Works Department to install it. The Committee recommends this suggestion.

(3) Reference resolution presented by Mr. Irving Snyder, Representative, 1st District, at Feb. 20, 1956 Steering Committee meeting and referred to this Committee.

In regards to this resolution, the Committee feels that this resolution should be referred to the Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor; our reasons to refer this resolution were that the Chamber of Commerce probably have a cost-of-living index of various communities, or that the Mayor may request that the Chamber of Commerce acquire this information.

181- (4) Reference resolution introduced by Vincent J. Vitti, Representative,

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3rd District, at April 2, 1956 meeting (See page 1175 of Minutes)  
and referred to this Committee.

The Committee met with members of the Safety Board in reference to this resolution regarding the naming of the new Police Building in honor of the late Mr. Flemming Rutledge, and they are of the opinion that they do not wish to establish a precedent by naming Police and Fire Department buildings after deceased public officials. Our Committee discussed this matter further and are of the opinion that we neither give a favorable or unfavorable recommendation to this resolution, for we felt that this resolution should not have come before us, but should be presented to the entire Board itself, without recommendation from the Health and Protection Committee.

JOSEPH P. MILANO, CHAIRMAN  
 FRANK W. LONGO  
 STEPHEN E. KELLY  
 ROBERT LEWIS  
 JOHN L. DEFOREST

#### Health & Protection Committee

MR. MILANO MOVED that the Board approve the recommendation of his Committee in regard to the petition from the Clover Hill Residents Group - to forward a letter to the Flood Control Committee, requesting immediate action be taken to help correct this situation. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

In regard to item (2) on the above Committee report, Mr. Milano explained it was the recommendation of the Committee that either Mr. Fredericks or Mr. Coughter contact the Turn-of-River Fire Chief, who could, in turn request the Mayor and the Public Works Department to take care of this request.

Regarding item (3) on the above Committee report, MR. MILANO MOVED that the following resolution, as submitted by Mr. Snyder, be referred to the Chamber of Commerce. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 221:

##### COST-OF-LIVING INDEX REGARDING RESIDENTS OF CITY OF STAMFORD.

WHEREAS, it appears that residents of Stamford are in many instances required to pay a higher price for every day necessities than residents of adjoining and other Fairfield County communities, and

WHEREAS, no apparent reason for the discrepancy is apparent,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives request an investigation of the comparative prices of the items used for determining the "Cost-of-Living" index as charged Stamford residents, as compared to those charged residents of adjoining communities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that where unfavorable comparisons exist, an attempt be made to obtain an explanation to be reported back to the residents of Stamford.

In regard to item (4) considered by the Committee, with reference to proposed resolution introduced by Mr. Vittl on naming the new Police Headquarters at the

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corner of Hoyt and Bedford Streets in memory of the late J. Flemming Rutledge, Mr. Milano said it was the recommendation of his Committee that this be considered by the entire Board.

After considerable discussion by various members of the Board, it was decided to observe the recommendations of the Chairman to bring this up again later in the meeting under "New Business".

Planning and Zoning Committee:

Mr. Connors read the following letter from Mr. Edward C. Czupka, Chairman of this Committee, submitting his resignation as Chairman:

29 Woodland Place  
Stamford, Conn.

April 10, 1956

Mr. George V. Connors, Pres.  
Board of Representatives  
56 Houston Terrace  
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Connors:

I hereby resign as Chairman and Committee member of the Planning and Zoning Committee of the Stamford Board of Representatives.

Effective date of resignation to be the 7th day of May, 1956, Board of Representatives' meeting.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Committee members for their splendid cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Edward C. Czupka

cc: George Georgoulis,  
Majority Leader

MR. RHOADES: "May I suggest that one of the veteran Republican members of the Board be appointed as Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee?"

Parks & Recreation Committee:

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

The Parks and Recreation Committee of the Board of Representatives met in the Law Library of the Town Hall on Tuesday, May 1, 1956 at 8:00 P.M., with all members present. The meeting had been scheduled for the previous week, but due to the fact that some of the members who are also on other committees who met the same night, there were not enough members present to make up a quorum and the Chairman called the meeting for May 1st.

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The Lions Club of Stamford is planning to sponsor the Cristiani Bros. Circus on Monday, May 28th, 1956. They request the use of the McGee Avenue grounds for this show, and, as in the past, all money raised from the proceeds of the Circus will be used for the Lions Civic activities and Charities in Stamford.

Your Committee approves the granting of this request, subject to the approval of the Chief of Police, and the posting of the necessary bonds with the Corporation Counsel, the proper insurance coverage, and the clearing of any debris from the grounds before the Circus leaves town.

The Council of the North Stamford Congregational Church requests permission to hold a block dance in front of Saunders Store, at the intersection of Cascade Road and North Stamford Avenue on Saturday evening, June 16, 1956, and your Committee recommends that this request be granted.

Under date of April 26, 1956 a letter, addressed to Mr. George Connors, President of the Board of Representatives, was referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee, signed by Mr. Moe Tunick of Tunick Bros. They wish to acquire the entire use of McGee Avenue grounds from May 1st to July 10th for the display of their trucks which they would like to auction at the State Armory.

We have commitments for the use of this land in May and others are coming in for the use of the land, which were filed in time to become a part of this Agenda. Your Committee, after considering this request, voted to disapprove it, and among the reasons being the fact that the use of the land for a Circus or a local Carnival site would have to be denied to the taxpayers of Stamford; also the fact that this request failed to get in before the Steering Committee meeting and would require the use of the land before tonight's meeting of the Board and also at a time when use was being made of this land by another organization.

Stephen E. Kelly, Chairman  
Frank Longo  
Edward Wynn, Jr.  
William Hearing  
Jack McLaughlin  
Salvatore Giuliani  
Charles Gilbert

Mr. Kelly spoke in reference to beach stickers for taxpayers of the City and the method to be employed to see that these were distributed. He mentioned that these were mailed out last year by the Tax Collector, being enclosed with tax bills,

MRS. PEATT MOVED to hear from Mr. Edward Connell, Superintendent of Parks and Trees, who was present. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Connell addressed the Board. He said the Park Commission would like to handle this matter in their own way and not have the stickers mailed out by the Tax



Collector.

Mr. Lewis stated that for the reason that dredging operations had begun, perhaps it would be impossible to use these areas.

Mr. Huizinga said he failed to see what the dredging operations had to do with sending out stickers.

Dr. Lilliendahl said: "What is the point of having these stickers if we can't let the people use the benches?"

MR. FREDERICKS: "Does the Board of Tax Collectors need the permission of this Board to send out the stickers? I fail to see where it is up to this Board to tell the Park Commission how to run their business."

MR. CONNELL: "I think perhaps, Mr. Fredericks, that this point might be brought up and that is the matter of charging a fee, to which there may be some objection. The Park Commission would have to be governed by this Board, as they look favorably on charging an annual fee of \$1.00 which would probably have to have the approval of this Board."

MR. RHOADES: "How soon would that get to us?"

MR. CONNELL: "I think we might be guided by the opinion of the Corporation Counsel on this, as the Park Commission would like to find out if this is a legal procedure."

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED this entire matter be referred to the Park Commission to decide what they wished to do. Seconded by Mr. Rhoades and CARRIED unanimously.

#### Personnel Committee:

Mr. Raiteri asked for clarification as to the status of this Committee in regard to the Chairmanship. Mr. Connors informed him that Mr. Eugene Barry had re-considered his decision to resign and would remain as the Chairman of this Committee.

#### Education and Welfare Committee:

Mr. Macrides, Chairman, stated that there had been no meeting of this Committee, but there would be a meeting tomorrow night to consider budget items.

#### Housing Committee:

Mr. Longo, Chairman, presented the following two reports of committee meetings:

##### Meeting of April 24, 1956

The Housing Committee met at the City Hall Tuesday evening, April 24, 1956, at 8:00 P.M. The following members were present: Mr. Kolich, Mr. Rybnick, Mrs. Zuckert and Mr. Longo. Mr. Snyder was absent.

As you all know, there is a pressing problem before the Housing Committee, due to the construction of the Thruway. There is a problem to re-locate about 150 families who just can't find a place to live. We spent close to two hours trying to think of ideas and ways to help these poor unfortunate families.

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We have a little time to do it in, as you might have read in our local newspaper about it. The State Attorney General's office is about ready to carry through with eviction proceedings against occupants of State condemned buildings here in Stamford.

I was talking to several families living in the path of the Thruway and they told me that they now have until May 10th to leave the premises.

Frank Longo, Chairman  
Housing Committee

#### Meeting of May 3, 1956

The Housing Committee met at the Mayor's office, Thursday evening, May 3rd at 8:00 P.M. Present were the following members: Mr. Rybnick, Mr. Kolich, Mrs. Zuckert and Mr. Longo. Mr. Snyder was absent.

Mr. Mark Harris, Executive Director of the Urban Redevelopment Commission was the guest speaker. He outlined to us all about the workable program. This program has been turned over to this Committee by the Steering Committee of the Board of Representatives.

Frank Longo, Chairman  
Housing Committee

Mr. Longo said he had a letter which was sent to Mr. Connors from Mayor Quigley, explaining the workable program to effectively deal with the problems of slum and blight within the community, which had been referred to the Housing Committee. He read the letter, which mentioned that this program would be principally an executive and administrative function, requiring the cooperation of several municipal agencies and departments, and that the Mayor had requested the following personnel to cooperate with the Board of Representatives in the preparation of a workable program and to render whatever assistance the Board might require:

Mark Harris, Executive Director, Urban Redevelopment Commission  
Walter A. Wachter, Director of Planning and Zoning  
Arthur V. Swinnerton, Building Inspector  
Dr. James J. Costanzo, Health Commissioner  
Robert Demms, Executive Director, City Housing Authority  
William J. Densky, Fire Marshall  
Arthur DiSesa, Assistant Corporation Counsel

Mr. Longo said he was planning on calling another meeting of the Housing Committee sometime later this month.

#### PETITIONS

- (1) PETITION NO. 211: Lions Club request to hold Circus May 28, 1956 on Magee Ave. grounds.

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of this request. Seconded by Mr. Rybnick.

Mr. Huizinga spoke in opposition, saying he did not believe the Board should go on record as being in favor of Circuses and Carnivals coming to Stamford, as so many of



them in the past had created quite a problem.

After some further discussion, a vote was taken and CARRIED that this request be granted, 2 voting in opposition to the request.

- (2) Play area on Cove Island for children who would normally be served by the K. T. Murphy School.

MR. KELLY said this request was being withdrawn and would be handled through the cooperation of the Park Commission by letter.

- (3) PETITION NO. 212: Request from North Stamford Congregational Church to hold block dance Saturday, June 16, 1956

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of this request. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

- (.) PETITION NO. 213: Request from Tunick Bros. for use of Magee Avenue grounds from May 1, 1956 to July 10, 1956 for display of vehicles and equipment preparatory to holding an auction sale.

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of the Committee's recommendation on this request that it be refused for the reasons given in the report of the committee. Seconded by Mrs. Peatt and CARRIED unanimously.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

- (1) Letter dated April 16, 1956 from Alanson Fredericks, 18th District Representative, re Rent Control Ordinance, passed by the Board at the March 28, 1956 meeting.

Mr. Fredericks spoke in explanation of this letter. He said he had asked originally for the Mayor to request a written opinion from the Corporation Counsel as to the legality of the procedure to be followed which resulted in the enactment of the Rent Control Ordinance.

MR. NOLAN: "Mr. Fredericks is out of order, because the time for the request was at the time the Ordinance was passed." He asked for a ruling of the Chair.

MR. CONNORS: "It has to be brought up at the regular meeting."

MR. FREDERICKS: "I am not asking if the procedure which we followed is legal."

MR. NOLAN: "Mr. Fredericks' question is about something that is past - the question is not germane."

MR. IACOVO: "How can this man be out of order when this particular item is on our agenda?"

MR. FREDERICKS: "I believe any member, under the Charter, has a perfect right to ask for an opinion from the Corporation Counsel."

MR. PLOTKIN MOVED to proceed with the next item on the agenda. Seconded and LOST by a vote of 16 in favor and 18 opposed.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED that the Board request the Corporation Counsel as to whether or not the Rent Control Ordinance was passed in accordance with our rules and in accordance with the provisions of the Charter. Seconded by Mr. Topping.

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MR. MACRIDES: "What is the purpose of this request?"

MR. FREDERICKS: "There are several reasons for this. We have a unique situation here, whereby the Mayor himself is not sure of its legality. When this was first brought up and first acted upon by this Board, it was moved for publication and that motion was defeated. When you call a Special Meeting, you can only bring up those specific matters which are covered in the "Call". Then, there was a special meeting of the Steering Committee at which time Mr. Hanrahan and Mr. DiSesa were present, at which time they gave an opinion as to the right of a Legislative Body to enact a Rent Control Ordinance. I think we should have the benefit of the Corporation Counsel's written opinion as to whether or not we acted legally. If this was not legal, then we should pass an ordinance that is legal. I don't want to see the members of the Rent Control Board subjected to a Civil action; if we have done something wrong, let us find it out now, and, if it is wrong, let us pass a proper ordinance."

MR. GEORGOULIS: "I believe at the time this Ordinance was passed, that Mr. Rhodes was acting under your authority."

MR. FREDERICKS: "Yes, that is correct."

MR. GEORGOULIS: "At the landlord's meeting the question was brought up then and Judge Mead advised them. I believe this point is being brought up now only to confuse us."

MR. PLOTKIN: "The Corporation Counsel and the Assistant Corporation Counsel were both here when this question was brought up when we passed the Ordinance."

MR. HUIZINGA: "I agree with Mr. Plotkin to a degree. Why are we so afraid to bring this question up again? If we believe this is all right, then why should we object to getting a written opinion from the Corporation Counsel?"

MR. TOPPING: "It is much better to find out now if we were right than to find out when it is too late to rectify matters."

MR. MURPHY: "I would like either a verbal opinion from the Corporation Counsel or in writing."

MR. FREDERICKS: "This opinion would require time for study by the Corporation Counsel."

VOTE taken on Mr. Fredericks' motion by a rising vote. CARRIED, 18 in favor and 16 opposed.

(2) Letter dated April 18, 1956 from Senator Prescott Bush was read expressing his thanks for the Board's endorsement of Senate Bill S. 3272.

(3) Letter dated April 18, 1956 from Senator William A. Purtell, was read, also thanking the Board for their endorsement of the same Bill.

MR. BAKER MOVED that the reading of next two items, Nos. 4 and 5 on the Agenda being public notices from the Public Utilities Commission, be dispensed with, inasmuch as the time limit for action on these has already passed. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

(6) Mr. Connors read the following carbon copy of letter; and upon motion of Mr. Raiteri, duly seconded and CARRIED, it was referred to the Legislative and Rules Committee:



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April 4, 1956

Mr. John M. Hanrahan, Corporation Counsel  
City of Stamford, Connecticut

Re: J. M. Wright Technical School  
Smith Street and Schuyler Avenue

Dear Mr. Hanrahan:

I have been instructed to advise you that at its meeting on April 3, 1956 the Planning Board, in reply to your request contained in your letter of March 28, 1956 re: the above captioned subject, unanimously reaffirmed its resolution adopted August 9, 1955 to wit:

RESOLVED, That the Planning Board of the City of Stamford recommends the sale of the J. M. Wright Technical School Property to the Sacred Heart R. C. Church for a school and kindred purposes if and when the new trade school building is constructed.

Very truly yours,

Walter A. Wachter,  
Planning & Zoning Director

STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD

cc: Rev. R. Nadile, Pastor  
Sacred Heart Church

Board of Finance  
Board of Representatives

**NEW BUSINESS**

(See item No. 4 in Health & Protection Committee Report)

Proposed resolution introduced by Vincent J. Vitti, 3rd District Representative at April 2, 1956 meeting of the Board and referred to Health & Protection Committee in regard to naming the new Police Building in honor of the late J. Flemming Rutledge, was brought up again and MR. GEORGOULIS MOVED that it be approved.

MR. DEFOREST: "At a meeting of the Health & Protection Committee the other night, Mr. Donahue, from the Board of Public Safety, requested this not be done."

MR. RAITERI MOVED for a written opinion from the Chairman of the Board of Public Safety as to the reason why this should not be done. Seconded by Mr. Georgoulis.

MR. LEWIS: "The Chairman of the Board of Public Safety thought perhaps a plaque honoring his name might be a better arrangement."

MR. GEORGOULIS withdrew his motion and asked for a written opinion from the Chairman of the Board of Public Safety.

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MR. NOLAN MOVED to TABLE Mr. Raiteri's motion, which was seconded by several voices.

MR. FINDLAY MOVED that the building be called the "Stamford Police Department".

MR. VITTI MOVED to vote on the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Longo.

MR. NOLAN MOVED to refer this to the Public Works Committee.

Mr. Raiteri said he did not think the Board has the authority to name the Police Building.

Mr. Vitti said that all City-owned property can be given names by the Board of Representatives and that it is the practice that has been followed in the past.

Mr. Lewis requested that a letter be written to the Board of Public Safety asking if it is legal for this Board to name the Police building.

MR. VITTI MOVED for adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Longo.

Mrs. Bankowski was excused at this time.

VOTE taken by roll call on resolution to name the new Police Building after the late Mr. Rutledge.

Those voting in favor were: Mr. Connors, Mr. Georgoulis, Mr. Giuliani, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kolich, Mr. Longo, Mr. Macrides, Mr. Milano, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Plotkin, Mr. Raiteri, Mr. Rybnick, Mr. Vitti, Mr. Waterbury and Mr. Wynn, a total of 16.

Those voting in opposition were: Mr. Baker, Mr. Bradbury, Mr. DeForest, Mr. Findlay, Mr. Fredericks, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Hearing, Mr. Huizinga, Mr. Iacovo, Mr. Ketcham, Mr. Lewis, Dr. Lilliandahl, Mr. McLaughlin, Mrs. Peatt, Mr. Rhoades, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Topping, a total of 17.

LOST by a vote of 16 in favor and 17 opposed.

Mr. Georgoulis introduced a request from the Catholic War Veterans Post 1008 to hold a parade and MOVED for suspension of the rules so that this petition might be considered at this time. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks. and CARRIED unanimously.

PETITION NO. 214: Catholic War Veterans, Post 1008, request to hold parade on May 18th and 20th.

Upon MOTION of Mr. Georgoulis, seconded by Mr. Fredericks, that this petition be granted, it was CARRIED unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 P.M.

JOHN C. MACRIDES,  
Clerk,  
Board of Representatives

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