

A regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut was held on Monday, August 6, 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 Rabbi Joseph H. Ehrenkranz of the Congregation Agudath Shalom.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 33 present and 7 absent. Mr. Plotkin and Mrs. Bankowski arrived later, changing the roll call to 35 present and 5 absent. The absent members were: Vincent Vitti, Eugene Barry, Edward Czupka, John Lilliendahl and Jack McLaughlin.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of July 2, 1956.

MR. RHOADES called attention to the bottom of page 1286 (Re Ordinance #56) to remarks made by him and said he would like added his further remarks at that meeting which were:

"Mr. Rhoades suggested that Mr. Wachter watch for the future possibility of an un-named street that might be named in honor of Mr. Wofsey."

MR. RYBNICK called attention to the minutes of the Housing Committee on page 1296. He said his name had been omitted as having attended the meeting of this committee and asked that the minutes be corrected to include his name as one of those present.

MR. NOLAN MOVED for acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting of July 2nd, as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Georgoulis and CARRIED unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Steering Committee:

Mr. Connors read the following minutes of his Committee meeting:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT Meeting held July 23, 1956

The Steering Committee of the Board of Representatives met in the Mayor's office, City Hall, Monday, July 23, 1956 at 8:10 P.M.

The following members were present: George Connors, Chairman; John Macrides, Joseph Iacovo, Alanson Fredericks, Norton Rhoades, Rutherford Huizinga, William Kaminski, Thomas Topping (as Substitute for Mr. Vitti who is ill), Stephen Kelly, George Georgoulis, Joseph Milano, Clement Raiteri, Helen Peatt and Robert Lewis.

The absent members were: Vincent Vitti, absent because of illness, and Irving Snyder.

The following communications were presented:

- (1) Letter dated July 20, 1956 from Mr. John Allison, Chairman, Urban Redevelopment Commission re Pacific-Hawthorne Urban Renewal Area, requesting authorization to submit application to Federal Urban Renewal Administration for an advance of funds to prepare surveys and plans and submitting resolution for adoption by the Board.

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Referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE.

- (2) Letter dated July 20, 1956 from Alan H. Ketcham, 18th District Representative, enclosing complaint from R. G. Williamson, Long Ridge Road, on flooding conditions from adjoining property causing damage.

Referred to PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

- (3) Letter dated July 18, 1956 from Helen K. Field re beaches at east and west ends of Fairview Avenue on Shippan being closed down by Health Department.

Referred to PARKS & RECREATION, LEGISLATIVE & RULES and HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEES.

- (4) Letter dated July 23, 1956, from Stamford Small Boatowners' Association complaining of shut-down of fishing privileges for fishermen accustomed to using city-owned beach property in Shippan Point area.

Referred to PARKS & RECREATION, LEGISLATIVE & RULES and HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEES.

- (5) Letter dated July 18, 1956 from Corporation Counsel, giving opinion requested by Board at July 2nd meeting re parking charges at public beaches levied by order of Park Commission.

Referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE for immediate action and to the CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE for future action.

- (6) Letter dated July 18, 1956 from R. A. Neuwien, Superintendent of Schools, requesting the Charter Revision Committee to look into the possibility of a change in the Stamford Charter to give power to the Board of Representatives to override elimination of Capital Projects by City Administration.

Referred to CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE.

- (7) Letter dated July 13, 1956 from Walter A. Wachter, Planning & Zoning Director, acknowledging notice of action taken at July 2nd Board meeting re consideration of a new land use category, which they referred to the Planning Director for study.

Ordered noted and filed.

- (8) Letter dated July 17, 1956 from U. S. Senator Prescott Bush, enclosing copy of Public Law 685 re Federal flood control law.

Ordered placed on Agenda under Communications.

- (9) Letter dated July 16, 1956 from Corporation Counsel re pension for Probation Officer in City Court, recently transferred to State Control and position terminated.

Referred to PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

- (10) Letter dated July 17, 1956 from Mayor Quigley regarding request to purchase small portion of City dump property by Attorney representing

Stamford Drive-In Theater in order to straighten out a boundary line.

Referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE.

- (11) Letter dated July 20, 1956 from Business Manager of Local 1069, international Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, re underpass on Pacific Street at location of new Thruway and railroad and urging favorable consideration to this project.

Ordered filed.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, upon motion of Mr. Fredericks, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE V. CONNORS

Chairman, Steering Committee

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Fiscal Committee:

MR. KAMINSKI presented the following Minutes of his committee meeting:

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The regular monthly meeting of the Fiscal Committee was held Monday, July 16th, 1956 at 8:00 P.M., in the Mayor's office, City Hall.

Members present were: Mrs. Doris Zuckert and William Kaminski.

Absent members were; Messrs. Rutherford Huizinga, William Brett, Edward Wynn, Jr. and Charles Bradbury.

The following four items were considered by the two members present, with the decision that they all be recommended for approval by the entire body.

- (1) Mayor's letter of June 14, 1956 - Request from Police Chief Joseph Kinsella

This request is for \$1,250., Code 430.17A for Gasoline and Oil, which represents amounts encumbered during the month of June, fiscal year 1955/56.

- (2) Mayor's letter of June 21, 1956 - Request from Personnel Director, Mr. John F. McCutcheon

This request is for \$800., Code 731.22 for Mimeograph Machine with service contract and supplies for same.

This would be an additional appropriation for 1956/57 fiscal year.

- (3) Mayor's letter of June 6, 1956 - Request from Trustees of Fire Pension Fund

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This is in regard to pension for CAPTAIN FRANK J. FOX, as of July 1st, 1956 for \$3,330., which amount represents two-thirds of his annual salary.

- (4) Mayor's letter of June 29, 1956 - Request from Mr. Joseph McCue, Chairman of Zoning Board & Mr. William Pflugner, Chairman of Zoning Board of Appeals

Requesting an additional appropriation of \$325., for Advertising, which amount was encumbered during 1955/56 fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Kaminski, Chairman
Fiscal Committee

- (1) Police Department - \$1,250., Code 430.17A, Gasoline & Oil (Mayor's letter June 14, 1956)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert.

MR. BRADBURY called attention to Sec. 619.1 of the Charter re "Appropriations not to be exceeded." He asked if this was the actual amount of the over-expenditure in this account as of June 30th.

Mr. Kaminski explained that this could only be an estimated amount and it was impossible to know in advance the exact amount of expenditures.

Mr. Bradbury replied that if there was an over expenditure, the provisions of Sec. 619.1 of the Charter were being violated.

VOTE taken on item #1 above and CARRIED, 31 in favor and 2 opposed.

- (2) Civil Service Department - \$800., Code 731.22 Mimeograph Machine, Service Contract and Supplies. (Mayor's letter of June 21, 1956)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of this request. Seconded by Mr. Georgoulis.

After some discussion in which Mr. Bradbury again questioned whether or not this had been included in the 1955/56 budget, he stated that the Minutes of the Board of Finance did not indicate whether it belonged to the 55/56 fiscal year or the 56/57. He said: "If this machine has been purchased, the Charter has been violated."

Mr. Kaminski said it was his understanding that this was an item for the 1956/57 budget.

MR. BRADBURY: "Then the meeting of the Board of Finance would have had to be held in 1955/56."

VOTE taken on item #2 above and CARRIED, 25 in favor and 8 opposed.

- (3) Trustees, Fire Pension Fund - PENSION for CAPTAIN FRANK J. FOX, \$3,330. (Mayor's letter of June 6, 1956)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of this item. Seconded by Mr. Milano.

Mr. Bradbury asked if this were for the 1955/56 budget or for the 1956/57 budget.

MR. KAMINSKI: "It is distinctly states in the Mayor's letter that this request for Capt. Fox' retirement is as of July 1, 1956, which would naturally be the fiscal year starting July 1st, 1956 and would be in the 1956/57 budget."

MR. RHOADES: "We were informed at the Caucus that all four of the items on the Agenda under Fiscal Committee were not in violation of Charter provisions."

Mr. Lewis arrived at this time.

VOTE taken on item #3 above and CARRIED by unanimous vote of 34 in favor.

(4) Zoning Board & Zoning Board of Appeals - \$325., Code 550.4, Advertising (Mayor's letter of June 29, 1956)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of this request. Seconded by Mr. Rbynick.

MR. BRADBURY: "I would like to point out that this requested appropriation originated on June 28th, 1956 -- three days before the end of the budget period. I wonder whether we are having a little bit of poor planning here."

Mrs. Zuckert explained the reasons why these items have to be passed on so late and said the auditors gave a period of three months grace to cover this sort of thing.

VOTE taken on item #4 and CARRIED, 33 in favor and 1 opposed.

Legislative & Rules Committee:

MR. RAITERI presented the following report of his committee:

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE
Meeting of July 26, 1956

A meeting of the Legislative and Rules Committee was held Thursday evening, July 26, 1956, at Avignone's Restaurant. The meeting convened at 8:15 P.M. with Chairman Raiteri presiding. Messrs. Baker, Nolan, Plotkin & Russell were present. Mr. McLaughlin was absent.

The following items considered and conclusions reached as noted:

1. Letter of July 20, 1956 from the Chairman of the Urban Redevelopment Commission (see Att. 1) requesting approval of an attached resolution authorizing the Commission to apply to the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency for an advance of funds to undertake surveys and plans for an urban renewal project in the Pacific Hawthorne Area. Since this phase of the project would entail no expense or obligation to the City, the Committee unanimously recommends adoption of the proposed resolution.

Note: Since each member has been provided a copy of the letter and resolution, it is not necessary to read it.

2. Letter of July 17, 1956 from the Mayor requesting approval of the sale of a parcel of city owned land to the Stamford Drive-In Theater. The Committee requests that this matter be referred back to Committee for clarification through conference with the prospective purchaser.

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3. Steering Committee discussion in which the Mayor was reported to have stated to Messrs. Huizinga and McLaughlin of the 20th District that an ordinance needed to control the littering of streets had been pending in the Legislative and Rules Committee since the previous Board. The Committee has no record of such a pending item and refers the Mayor to Chapter 25 Section 5 of the existing Ordinances which the Committee feels will, with proper enforcement, provide the desired control.
4. Letter of July 12, 1956 from the Board to the Corporation Counsel and his reply of July 18, 1956 (see Atts. 2 & 3) with reference to Parking Charges at Public Beaches. The opinion of the Corporation Counsel indicates that the limits of authority of the Park Commission are not clearly defined and reaffirms the opinion of the Board that a comprehensive ordinance should be prepared to clarify the situation. The Legislative and Rules Committee will take steps, in collaboration with other Boards and Committees, to prepare such an ordinance for Board action to establish policies, rules and regulations for subsequent seasons.
5. Complaints of small boat owners re; the lack of mooring spaces in the Stamford area. The Committee will undertake to investigate the availability of city owned property for this purpose. In this connection, the Committee requests authority from the Board under provisions of Section 204 of the Charter to review the present status of the Hallowe'en Yacht Club.
6. Complaints regarding the operations within the City of mobile food dispensers and the possibility that they constitute violations of Sanitary and Licensing Ordinances. The Committee recommends that letters be sent to the appropriate departments requesting enforcement of the applicable ordinances.
7. The matter of a City contract for the dredging of certain waters in the vicinity of Cove Island. This matter was considered at the July meeting and referred to Committee for further study. The Committee has reviewed this matter with the appropriate departments and unanimously recommends that the Board approve the the proposed action.

The Committee adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Approved

C. RAITERI JR.
Chairman

E. B. BAKER
Clerk

- (1) Urban Redevelopment Commission - Pacific-Hawthorne Urban Renewal Area. Re: Advance of Funds for surveys and plans.

MR. RAITERI mentioned that each member of the Board had received a copy of the following letter and it would not be necessary to read it.

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CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT
Urban Redevelopment Commission
159 Main Street

July 20, 1956

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

Dear Mr. Connors:

In a letter to the Board of Representatives dated November 8, 1955 pertaining to the West Main Street Project, the Urban Redevelopment Commission stated that it "continues to recognize that one of the major blight problems in Stamford is the area to the rear of the downtown commercial district, behind the Main and Atlantic Street frontages, centering on Pacific Street. The redevelopment and renewal problems in this area are far more complex in terms of carrying out a program under the requirements of the Housing Acts of 1949 and 1954 and obtaining Federal aid for such a project. However, discussions with Housing and Home Finance Agency officials concerning a project for this area have been held and we believe that within the next several months we will have formulated the plans necessary to authorize an application for a survey and planning advance".

This Commission is now prepared to submit an application to the Federal Urban Renewal Administration for an advance of funds with which to prepare surveys and plans for an urban renewal project in the area bounded by Atlantic, Main and Elm Streets and the Connecticut Turnpike, to be known as the Pacific-Hawthorne Urban Renewal Area.

It is particularly appropriate for this Commission to commence preliminary planning work in this area now because of the determination on the part of the Planning Board, in cooperation with certain civic groups, to undertake a broad survey of the economy of our City.

It is intended that the survey and planning activities of the Urban Redevelopment Commission, while limited in this project to the Pacific-Hawthorne area, supplement the study of the Stamford Economic Survey. It is essential, of course, that the urban renewal plan for this area be consistent with the findings of the Stamford Economic Survey, to the extent that the latter is accepted by the community, and to the extent that a renewal project of the nature indicated by the Survey is legally, economically and administratively feasible.

Accordingly, we submit herewith a proposed resolution to authorize this Commission to apply to the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency for an advance of funds to undertake surveys and plans for an urban renewal project in the Pacific-Hawthorne Area, described more particularly in the resolution itself.

There are three important considerations to be emphasized in requesting your Board to approve this resolution.

- 1 - The advance of funds by the Federal Government does not have to be repaid unless a project is actually carried out. Nor is any

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obligation incurred by the City or the Urban Redevelopment Commission except to prepare surveys and plans for the urban renewal area.

- 2 - In addition to advancing funds for plans and surveys, the Federal Government pays 2/3 of the net cost of the project, (including all administrative and planning costs) while the City may pay for its 1/3 share of the project cost in the form of necessary public improvements in the renewal area.
- 3 - The Urban Redevelopment Commission will consult with all City Boards, during the planning stage, making no commitments without the advance approval of the Board of Representatives, the Planning Board and the Board of Finance, as well as the Mayor and the Executive Departments. Particular attention will be given to the studies of the Stamford Economic Survey.

The Urban Redevelopment Commission respectfully requests that the Board of Representatives give early consideration to this resolution.

Very truly yours,

John Allison, Chairman
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Copy to each member of Board of Representatives

MR. RAITERI MOVED for adoption of the following resolution; seconded by Mr. Milano and CARRIED by unanimous vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 231

REQUEST FOR RESERVATION OF CAPITAL GRANT FUNDS, APPROVING THE UNDERTAKING OF SURVEYS AND PLANS FOR AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT, AND THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ADVANCE OF FUNDS.

WHEREAS, under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, and the Housing Act of 1954, the Housing and Home Finance Administrator is authorized to extend financial assistance to localities in the elimination and prevention of the spread of their slums and urban blight through the planning and undertaking of urban renewal projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Stamford, Connecticut Urban Redevelopment Commission prepare surveys and plans in order to undertake and carry out an urban renewal project of the character contemplated by Section 110 (c) of said Title I, in that certain area, proposed as an Urban Renewal Area, situated in the City of Stamford, County of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the West side of Atlantic Street where said West side of Atlantic Street is intersected by the Northerly right-of-way of the Connecticut Turnpike; thence Northerly along the West side of Atlantic Street to a point formed by the intersection of the West side of Atlantic Street and the extension of the North side of that part of Main Street which lies East of Atlantic Street; thence Easterly along the extension of the North side of Main Street and along the North

side of Main Street and the North side of Elm Street to the Northerly right-of-way of the Connecticut Turnpike; thence Westerly along said Northerly right-of-way of the Connecticut Turnpike to the place of beginning.

WHEREAS, the above-cited Federal law requires as a condition to the execution of a contract for a loan and capital grant for an urban renewal project that the locality present to the Housing and Home Finance Administrator a workable program, as set forth in Section 101 (c) of said Title I, for utilizing appropriate public and private resources to eliminate and prevent the development or spread of, slums and urban blight, to encourage needed urban rehabilitation, to provide for the redevelopment of blighted, deteriorated, or slum areas or to undertake such other feasible community activities as may be suitably employed to achieve the objectives of such a program; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that contracts for loans and capital grants for urban renewal projects will require, among other things, (1) the approval of the urban renewal plan by the governing body of the locality in which the project is situated; (2) the provision of local grants-in-aid which may consist of donations of cash, land, demolition or removal work, and the installation, construction or reconstruction of streets, utilities, parks, playgrounds or other improvements or the provision of other public buildings or facilities; and (3) the development of a feasible method for the relocation of families displaced from the urban renewal area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford:

Section 1. That the proposed Urban Renewal Area described above is a slum, blighted, deteriorated or deteriorating area appropriate for an urban renewal project and that the undertaking by said Urban Redevelopment Commission of surveys and plans for an urban renewal project of the character contemplated by Section 110 (c) of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended and supplemented, in the proposed Urban Renewal Area described above, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That the financial assistance provided under said Title I to assist urban renewal projects is needed and that the Housing and Home Finance Administrator is hereby requested to reserve for an urban renewal project in the proposed Urban Renewal Area described above Federal capital grant funds in an amount sufficient to enable the City of Stamford, Connecticut Urban Redevelopment Commission to finance the undertaking of the project.

Section 3. That it is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of urban renewal projects with Federal financial assistance under Title I, including the requirements of said Title I respecting the workable program mentioned above, and that it is the sense of this body (a) that a feasible method for the relocation of families displaced from the urban renewal area, in conformity with said Title I, can be prepared, and (b) that local grants-in-aid, consisting of donations of cash, land, demolition or removal work, and the installation, construction or reconstruction of streets, utilities, parks, playgrounds or other improvements or the provision of other public buildings or facilities, necessary for carrying out in the Urban Renewal Area the urban renewal objectives of said Title I in accordance with the urban renewal plan, can and will be provided in an amount which will not be less than one-third of the net project cost and which together with the Federal capital grant, will be generally equal to the difference between gross project costs and the proceeds or value of project land sold, leased or retained for use in accordance with the urban renewal plan.

Section 4. That the filing of an application by the City of Stamford, Connecticut Urban Redevelopment Commission for an Advance of funds from the United States of America in an amount sufficient to enable the said Urban Redevelopment Commission

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to prepare surveys and plans for an urban renewal project or projects in the urban renewal area described above and referred to as the Pacific-Hawthorne Urban Renewal Area is hereby approved, and that the Chairman of the Urban Redevelopment Commission is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such Application with the Housing and Home Finance Administrator, and to provide such additional information and to furnish such documents as may be required by said Administrator, and to act as the authorized representative of the City of Stamford, Connecticut Urban Redevelopment Commission.

/s/ George V. Connors
President, Board of Representatives

(2) Parking Charges at Public Beaches

The following letter, copies of which have been sent to all members of the Board, which gives the Corporation Counsel's opinion, as requested by this Board at the July 2, 1956 meeting (See page 1295 of Minutes) was discussed and upon MOTION OF MR. RAITERI, seconded by Mr. Iacovo, it was unanimously CARRIED that this matter be referred back to the Legislative and Rules Committee for further study:

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONN.

July 18, 1956

Board of Representatives

Dear Board Members:

Re: Parking charges at Public Beaches

With reference to your inquiry of July 12, 1956 as to the legality of the charges for a beach sticker imposed by the Park Commission, I submit the following:

Special Act #47 of the 1955 General Assembly creating the Park Commission, under Section 7, provides that -

"The Park Commission shall determine all park policies for the City of Stamford except as may otherwise be determined by the Board of Representatives."

It further provides that-

"It shall establish such rules as are necessary for the proper use and maintenance of the parks outside the recreation areas under the jurisdiction of the Board of Recreation, for the proper maintenance of all recreation areas not under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education.....".

Whether or not the decision to charge \$1.00 for a parking permit can be regarded as "Park Policy" or as a rule necessary for the proper use and maintenance of parks is the real question at issue. If it is a question of park policy, it would appear that the Board of Representatives would be in a position to countermand the Park Commission determination.

1956 However, if it falls within the realm of rules necessary for the

proper use and maintenance of parks, then it is questionable whether the Board of Representatives may make a determination of the issue.

The difficulty in the whole matter is there is no provision in the Park Act providing for the method of enforcing such rules as may be made by the Park Commission. Consequently, in the absence of any such provision, it would appear that the best practice to follow would be to have the rules determined to be necessary for the proper use and maintenance of the parks, incorporated into an ordinance by the Board of Representatives in a fashion similar to that which was done in the case of the Board of Recreation and the Hubbard Heights Golf Course.

Very truly yours,

John M. Hanrahan,
Corporation Counsel

(3) Mobile Food Venders Violation of Ordinances

MR. RAITERI stated that there had been many complaints in regard to the violation of sanitary and licensing ordinances by mobile food venders and MOVED that this matter be referred to the Police Department and Health Department with the request that these ordinances be strictly enforced. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously

(4) Halloween Yacht Club - Complaints of small boat owners re location of mooring spaces in Stamford area.

MR. RAITERI stated that there had been several complaints received in regard to the lack of mooring spaces for Stamford residents at this club and asked that the Board give approval to the Committee to go ahead with a review of the status of the Halloween Yacht Club under the provisions of Sec. 204 of the Stamford Charter and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Waterbury.

MR. RHOADES: "Is it not a fact that the Legislative and Rules Committee are made up of an equal representation of both political parties of three each?"

He was assured that this was true, and at the request of Mr. Topping, the Clerk read the following excerpt from the Charter, page 20, Sec. 204.2:

"Power to Investigate Administration: The Board of Representatives shall have power, by a two-thirds vote of its entire membership, to investigate any officer, department or agency, and shall have access to all data kept by any officer, department or agency, and shall have power to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of data at any meeting of the Board of Representatives or any committee thereof, and for that purpose may issue subpoenas which shall be signed by the President of the Board. The investigation may be conducted by a committee appointed by the Board for the purpose, provided that not more than half of the members of such committee shall be members of the same political party."

VOTE taken on Mr. Raiteri's motion as above stated and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

(5) Cove Island Dredging and Improvement - Resolution to amend 1956/57 Capital Projects Budget. (See Mayor's letter of June 26, 1956)

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MR. RAITERI MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Rybnick

RESOLUTION NO. 232

COVE ISLAND DREDGING AND IMPROVEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD, that in accordance with the action of the Planning Board of the City of Stamford, the Capital Projects Budget for the year 1956-1957 be hereby amended by the addition thereto of the item known as

"The removal of dam and existing jetty, dredging of pond and harbor, construction of rip rap jetty, removal of bridge, and construction of a causeway in place thereof; also the filling in of low areas and stock-piling of excavated materials".

and that there is hereby authorized the expenditure of \$000.00 for said item.

Coast Guard and the
MR. FREDERICKS: "Have the Army Engineers issued a permit and all the necessary licenses for this work to proceed?"

MR. RAITERI: "The final approval will have to be given by a Federal agency and this will not be given until after they have been given the O.K. to go ahead. The only reason why this was not O.K'd before was because one of the bidders said he was not given 7 days in which to prepare a bid. As a matter of fact, he was given 8 days in which to prepare a bid. When this was brought before the Board at our last meeting it was proper at that time and it is proper now. The reasons why these people can bid so low is because they have a contract with the Thruway. One of the bidders required a seven year stockpile on Cove Island. It is important that we pass this as soon as possible, as time is of the essence."

MR. FREDERICKS: "As I recall, Darien has not acted as yet. Will they be affected?"

MR. RAITERI: "No, it is just a Stamford project."

MR. TOPPING: "Did the committee go into the question as to whether the city can sell this material? Do they have any rights in it?"

MR. RAITERI: "It was looked into by the Corporation Counsel. It would all have to have Federal government approval. As the thing now stands, it has been legally approved."

MR. KAMINSKI: "Had the contractors not needed this material we would have had to pay for this work."

MR. RHOADES: "May I ask a question? The dredging is to be done on the landward side of Cove Island?"

MR. RAITERI: "If they don't get enough material they may have to come into Cove Island."

There was considerable discussion at this point and Mr. Raiteri was questioned at some length by the various board members.

MR. RHOADES: "Would this interfere with the use of Cove Island beach, and would this work tend to muddy the beach and make it unfit for swimming?"

MR. RAITERI: "It is on the opposite side and I see no reason why it should interfere with the use of the beach."

MR. GEORGOULIS: "I would like to speak on this. At the present moment, as things now stand, it will not cost the City any money and will tend to fill in Cove Island. We have the plans for which we appropriated the money - it will be used for moorings and will make a pleasant available spot for the Fish and Game Association and will be a great improvement at no cost to the City. I think this is most desirable and if we delay, it will cost us thousands of dollars, because we may lose the only available contractor that has use for this fill."

VOTE taken on item #5 above - Resolution No. 232, and CARRIED by unanimous vote in favor of this resolution.

MR. FREDERICKS: "The Legislative and Rules Committee should be commended in the way they handled this matter."

(6) Stamford Drive-In Theater, Magee Avenue (Mayor's letter July 17, 1956)

MR. RAITERI MOVED that this matter be referred back to committee. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

(7) Littering of City Streets

MR. RAITERI MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to bring this on the floor. Seconded by Mr. Baker and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Raiteri explained that at a recent meeting in the Mayor's office the question came up in regard to an ordinance which the Mayor thought was pending in the Legislative and Rules Committee. Mr. Raiteri explained there was no such ordinance pending, but perhaps the Mayor was thinking about an ordinance which is already on the books, namely, Chapter 25, Sec. 5 of the Code of General Ordinances.

MR. RAITERI MOVED that the secretary be requested to send a letter to the Mayor, calling his attention to this existing ordinance, which deals with this subject. Seconded by Mr. Rhoades and CARRIED unanimously.

(8) Ordinance No. 57 Supplemental - Re littering of city streets with dust, dirt and stones.

MR. RAITERI moved for suspension of the rules in order to bring this matter up. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

MR. RAITERI presented the following committee report:

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE
Meeting of August 2, 1956

A meeting of the Legislative and Rules Committee was held Thursday evening August 2, 1956. The meeting convened at 8:30 P.M. with Chairman Raiteri presiding. Also present were Messrs. Baker, Nolan and Russell. Messrs. Plotkin and McLaughlin were absent.

Principal item of discussion was Ordinance No. 57 Supplemental which became effective July 22, 1956 and was the basis of several summonses during the

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subsequent period. After lengthy consideration of the subject, the Committee unanimously decided to present the following resolution for adoption by the Board of Representatives:

WHEREAS: Ordinance No. 57 Supplemental being an ordinance restricting the littering of streets with dust, dirt and stones was enacted by the Board of Representatives at the request of and in the form suggested by the Mayor in his letter of May 8, 1956; and

WHEREAS: To date, no provision has been made for observance of this ordinance by city-owned vehicles; and

WHEREAS: It is not considered equitable or just to enforce the provisions of this ordinance against privately owned vehicles and to ignore the violations of the ordinance by city-owned vehicles.

BE IT RESOLVED and it is hereby resolved: That the Board of Representatives does herewith call upon and enjoin the Mayor to insist upon impartial and complete enforcement of this ordinance; and further

That the Board calls upon the Mayor to take immediate steps to make possible the observance of the ordinance by city-owned vehicles through the provision of the necessary covers; and further

That the Board calls upon the Mayor to take such steps as he deems advisable and necessary to suspend enforcement of this ordinance until such time as city-owned vehicles are brought into complete compliance.

Adopted the 6th day of August 1956.

Other items on the Committee agenda were discussed with no action taken for presentation to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:
GAL RAITERI, JR., Chairman

ELLIS B. BAKER
Clerk

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MR. RAITERI MOVED for adoption of the resolution incorporated in the above committee report. Seconded by Mr. Rhoades.

After some discussion, Mr. Raiteri was requested to read again the 8th paragraph of the committee report. This was done.

MR. LEWIS: "I feel that the committee has done a very good job in bringing this ordinance into being, but I also think our City trucks should comply with our City ordinances, and there should be no exceptions. However, I see no reason why this ordinance should have to be rescinded just in order to get our City trucks to comply with the ordinance."

MR. LEWIS MOVED to amend the resolution by striking out the 8th paragraph.

Mr. Raiteri objected to this amendment and refused to accept it.

MR. KAMINSKI: "I think we should dispense with the publication and it should read: 'Ordinance to terminate within 60 days, or time to be determined by the Mayor'."

MR. FINDLAY: "I pointed this out at the time the ordinance was passed. I pointed out that the ordinance would not work. If you can re-word this ordinance and make it enforceable it would be much better."

MR. TOPPING: "I live on Lenox Avenue which is the main terminus and exit of a great many of these trucks supplying the towns of Darien and Stamford. These people who object to this ordinance should stand on my street and see the overloaded trucks that we see every day, spilling dirt and stones everywhere."

MR. KETCHAM: "This ordinance was passed by the Board in good faith and I can see no reason for discussing it now."

MR. NOIAN: "Next Thursday night our committee is going to meet with the contractors' associations to try and make up a workable ordinance. If we are creating a hardship for the city, then perhaps we are creating a hardship also for the contractors."

Mr. Lewis said he thought this ordinance should stay on the books.

MR. KAMINSKI: "We cannot suspend an ordinance by a resolution. If that were the case, it could lead to a great many abuses."

MR. RAITERI: "We are not trying to suspend the ordinance - we are just asking the Mayor to lay off for awhile."

MR. KAMINSKI: "In any event we are trying to set aside an ordinance that has already been passed."

MR. HUIZINGA: "We are only asking the Mayor to suspend the enforcement of the ordinance. I personally think that last paragraph could be stricken from the resolution. Let's take care of this verbally and not incorporate things like this in our minutes."

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED to amend the resolution by striking out the following words:

".....and further

That the Board calls upon the Mayor to take such steps as he deems advisable and necessary to suspend enforcement of this ordinance until such time as city-owned vehicles are brought into complete compliance."

Seconded by Mr. Topping.

MR. RAITERI refused to accept this amendment.

MR. RHOADES: "At least ten arrests have been made in violation of this ordinance. We should go to the Public Works Department and all city departments and see if we cannot work out a way for them to comply with the provisions of the ordinance."

MR. TOPPING: "Let's keep this ordinance on the books and let the Legislative and Rules Committee investigate it further."

Mrs. Bankowski arrived at this time.

MR. GEORGOULIS: "I would like to call upon the Legislative and Rules Committee to withdraw this resolution."

MR. RAITERI: "Do you realize it will be another month before we are back in this room, and do you propose to put all these contractors through the expense of

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purchasing canvas covers for their trucks and then later on, change the ordinance?"

MR. IACOVO MOVED to recommit this resolution to Committee. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga.

VOTE taken on Mr. Iacovo's motion and LOST by vote of 16 in favor and 18 opposed. Mrs. Bankowski refrained from voting, as she had arrived late and was not familiar with what had occurred before her arrival.

MR. HUIZINGA: "This question we are debating this evening is only a question of enforcement and can be ironed out by having a verbal arrangement with the Mayor and the Police Department."

MR. RAITERI: "We feel enforcement should be suspended by the Mayor until the City can purchase canvas covers for their own trucks."

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that the Board designate the Chairman to make known to the Mayor the feelings of the Board in regard to this matter.

Discussion ensued on Mr. Frederick's amendment.

Mr. Chase, who was present, was questioned as to the number of city trucks involved. He stated that there were 20 trucks that would probably require covers. He was asked how long it would take to get covers. He replied: "A couple of days or so."

MRS. PEATT: "I think we need this ordinance very badly and if the city wants it, then they should comply with its provisions."

VOTE taken on Mr. Fredericks' amendment to the resolution and CARRIED by a vote of 18 in favor and 16 opposed.

MR. RAITERI MOVED that the resolution be withdrawn.

MR. GEORGOULIS MOVED to recommit. Seconded by Mr. Macrides. VOTE taken and LOST by 7 in favor and 27 opposed.

VOTE taken on the following resolution, as amended, and CARRIED by a vote of 28 in favor and 7 opposed:

RESOLUTION NO. 233

Enforcement of Ordinance No. 57 previously enacted and passed by the Board of Representatives at the July 2, 1956 meeting.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 57 Supplemental, being an ordinance restricting the littering of streets with rust, dirt and stones was enacted by the Board of Representatives at the request of and in the form suggested by the Mayor in his letter of May 8, 1956; and

WHEREAS, to date, no provision has been made for observance of this ordinance by city-owned vehicles; and

WHEREAS, it is not considered equitable or just to enforce the provisions of this ordinance against privately owned vehicles and to ignore the violations of the ordinance by city-owned vehicles.

BE IT RESOLVED and it is hereby RESOLVED: That the Board of Representatives does herewith call upon and enjoin the Mayor to insist upon

impartial and complete enforcement of this ordinance; and further

That the Board calls upon the Mayor to take immediate steps to make possible the observance of the ordinance by city-owned vehicles through the provision of the necessary covers.

MR. FREDERICKS brought up the question of a letter written by the Clerk of the Board. Mr. John Macrides, in reply to a letter from Mr. Alphonse Jachimczyk, dated July 27, 1956, in regard to investigation of authenticity of petitioners' signatures in referrals from Planning and Zoning. He stated that he took exception to the last part of Mr. Macrides' reply and suggested in the future that all replies of this sort should be checked first with the President of the Board and the Majority and Minority Leaders before being sent out. Mr. Connors informed Mr. Fredericks that he had given permission for Mr. Macrides to reply to the letter in question.

Appointments Committee:

Appointment of GEORGE T. DEENIHAN, 23 Leeds Street, Democrat, as a member of the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, term expiring December 1, 1960.

MR. GEORGOULIS read the Committee report on Mr. Deenihan's qualifications and stated that the Committee unanimously recommends his confirmation, and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Brett.

Ballots were passed out by the Tellers, Mary Bankowski and Thomas Topping.

Result of vote: Appointment APPROVED by vote of 34 in favor and 1 opposed.

Mr. Connors spoke in reference to the forthcoming picnic of the Board while the ballots were being counted and announced that the picnic would be held on August 12th, starting at noon at Webster Givens' farm; that the Chairman of the Picnic Committee was Mrs. Peatt and the members should get in touch with Mrs. Peatt to obtain reservations.

Public Works Committee:

MR. TOPPING presented the report of his Committee, read by him at the July 2nd meeting (left out of July Minutes because it was not given to the Secretary). At his request, it is being incorporated in the Minutes.

Public Works Committee

Meeting held on June 27th at 8:00 P.M. Members present: Anthony Kolich, Alan Ketcham and Thomas Topping.

The following petitions were acted upon:

- (1) A letter from the Coolidge Avenue residents, as follows:

(No date)

"Subject: Town property bordering Carter and
Levine property on Coolidge Avenue.

Approximately two years ago, a hazardous situation existed on the town property bordering the Levine and Carter property on Coolidge Avenue. The bank had started to wash away, ex-

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posing the roots of two large trees. This was reported to the town officials and immediate action was taken by cutting down the trees. Home owners in the entire neighborhood were relieved when the trees were taken down. Now, we have other problems which we would like the town officials to take action on. The erosion has increased. Water washes down the hill, causing the Moe property and the Austin driveway across from us to be flooded with every rainfall. Soil and rocks are left in the street. We would like for the town to cut into the hill and install some type of retaining wall and gutter. This gutter should be made to enable the water to reach the storm sewer at the intersection on Treat Avenue. These improvements would not only eliminate the erosion and flooding problems but would widen Coolidge Avenue a few feet at a very narrow spot as you would see when the situation is investigated.

Because there may be some kind of ledge on the bank, we do not expect the impossible, but would appreciate the town officials doing the best they can to clear up these problems by making the necessary improvements.

Steven A. Carter"

The Chairman contacted Mr. Chase and was informed that work of this nature is a Capital Project, which has already been submitted to the Board of Finance and turned down.

(2) Dale Place and Toms Road. Regarding shrubbery and undergrowth on corner. Mr. Chase has cut this shrubbery and trimmed the corner.

(3) Wire Mill and High Ridge Road, re undergrowth and Shrubbery. This is State-owned property and the City has no jurisdiction.

(4) A letter from Mr. Caffery, 259 Cove Road, regarding high curb. This was not acted upon, pending further investigation.

(5) The petition presented last month, regarding Scofield town dump was deferred for further investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Topping, Chairman,
Public Works Committee

Mr. Topping presented his report of meeting held July 30, 1956, as follows:

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Meeting held July 30th at 8:00 P.M. Members present were: Anthony Kolich, Alan Ketcham and Thomas Topping. The following items were discussed and acted upon:

(1) Letter from R. G. Williamson, Long Ridge Road, re flood conditions from adjoining property.

The committee voted to refer this to the Flood and Erosion Control Board, because it does not consider this City-owned property.

(2) Letter from Carroll A. Caffrey, re high curb on Cove Road.
The Committee voted to refer this to the Engineering Department for possible cutting down of curb and sidewalk.

(3) Harvard Avenue & Ardmore Road - Bad Dust Conditions.
This condition has been corrected by the Utilities Company paving the openings.

(4) Arden Lane and Clay Hill Road. Mr. Charles White, the City Engineer, reported that the developer agreed to pave the corner of Arden and Clay Hill with black top. The City Engineer also reported that although the bond had been released, he had not recommended the acceptance of Arden Lane. The paving has been completed and these roads are in as good a condition as we can expect to get them. Further action on these roads rests with the Planning and Zoning Committee.

(5) Pacific Street Underpass. The Chairman talked with Mr. Greenbaum, President of the Retail Merchants Council and he informed me that a poll taken among 100 industries and commercial interests showed that 97 favored the underpass.

The Planning Board approved this work in 1954, and on August 2, 1954 on motion of Mr. Kaminski, this Board voted to go on record as approving the action of the Planning Board and the Mayor in respect to connecting Pacific Street under the New Haven Railroad.

As we all know, time is of the essence, and unless action is taken on this construction at the earliest possible moment, there will be no possibility of getting this underpass. The Committee voted to ask the Board to approve the following resolution, directed to the Mayor:

RESOLVED, this Board of Representatives hereby respectfully requests the Mayor to take all necessary action immediately to assure that before the Thruway can be constructed as a fill across Pacific Street, the Highway Commission can be assured that the City of Stamford will cause the underpass under the New Haven Railroad at Pacific Street to be constructed, and I so move.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Topping, Chairman
Public Works Committee

(1) Complaint from R. G. Williamson, Long Ridge Road - Flooding conditions from adjoining property.

MR. TOPPING MOVED that this be referred to the Flood and Erosion Control Board. Duly seconded and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

(2) Complaint from Carroll A. Caffrey - Bad Road condition in front of house, preventing use of driveway.

MR. TOPPING MOVED that this be referred to the Engineering Department for possible cutting down of curb and sidewalk. Duly seconded and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

(3) Harvard Avenue & Ardmore Road - Complaint from residents re bad dust condition.

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MR. TOPPING explained that this had already been taken care of by the utility companies concerned.

(4) Arden Lane & Clay Hill Road

MR. TOPPING read from his committee report on this and stated that further action on acceptance of these roads now rests with the Planning and Zoning Committee.

(5) Pacific Street Underpass at Railroad and Thruway.

MR. TOPPING read from his committee report on this and MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Nolan and Mr. Kolich and CARRIED by unanimous vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 234

RESOLVED, this Board of Representatives hereby respectfully requests the Mayor to take all necessary action immediately to assure, that before the Thruway can be constructed as a fill across Pacific Street, the Highway Commission can be assured that the City of Stamford will cause the underpass under the New Haven Railroad at Pacific Street to be constructed.

Mr. Topping read the following two letters in regard to this matter:

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RETAIL MERCHANTS' COUNCIL
of the
STAMFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Telephone Davis 4-7371

308 Atlantic Street

Stamford, Connecticut

June 1, 1956

Mr. Neuman E. Argraves
Commissioner of Highways
State Capitol Building
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Argraves:

The present plans for the Turnpike construction in our City call for the blocking of Pacific Street at the Highway.

Pacific Street, now blocked by the Railroad, is an important traffic artery, which Stamford badly needs. The south end of Stamford is constantly being built up by industry and the bottlenecks at Pacific Street militate against this industrial build-up. A study of our streets and industrial and business distribution will show the tremendous importance of this traffic artery to our City.

Every civic organization known to the writer has urged the cutting through of Pacific Street at the Railroad, and on August 2, 1954, our Board of Representatives at the instance of our Mayor, Thomas F. J. Quigley, adopted the following resolution:

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"The Mayor expressed the feeling that this opening at Pacific Street should be done when the Thruway is being built, but that the City of Stamford should be allowed to take advantage of such an opening when physically able to do so.

"William Kaminsky MOVED that the Board of Representatives go on record as approving the action of the Planning Board, and the Mayor in respect to connecting Pacific Street by a viaduct under the railroad, and their actions as taken up with the State Highway Commissioner in a request for a viaduct under the Thruway at that point, seconded by Doris Zuckert. CARRIED."

Unless the new Turnpike overpasses Pacific Street, it will forever preclude the possibility of making Pacific Street a through street. We feel that this will be a great injustice to the City of Stamford and will cause incalculable future harm.

We feel certain that it will simply be a question of time before Pacific Street is cut through at the Railroad, if the possibility of doing this is not eliminated by the Turnpike construction.

You have stated that you will give consideration to an overpass at Pacific Street if the City expresses an intent to cut through at the Railroad.

The quoted resolution of the Board of Representatives, and the expressions of our Mayor and Civic Groups show this intent.

We earnestly request your favorable consideration of this matter which is of such importance to Stamford.

Sincerely yours

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/s/

Louis Greenbaum

President, Retail Merchants' Council
of the Stamford Chamber of Commerce

Copy to: Governor Abraham Ribicoff

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
State Highway Department
State Office Building, Hartford 15, Conn.

P.O. Box 2188
Hartford, Connecticut
June 15, 1956

Mr. Louis Greenbaum, President
Retail Merchants' Council of the
Stamford Chamber of Commerce
308 Atlantic Street
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Greenbaum:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of June 1st, in which you discuss Pacific Street in Stamford.

The question of providing a Turnpike overpass at Pacific Street has been given very serious consideration for several months passed, with the

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final decision being that there would not be a grade separation provided at this time.

It is noted that you state: "Unless the new Turnpike overpasses Pacific Street, it will forever preclude the possibility of making Pacific Street a through street." I am sure you will realize that the provision of an underpass for Pacific Street at the railroad offers a much greater problem than the provision of a future underpass at the Turnpike.

In reviewing previous correspondence in this regard, I find that a letter was directed to the Honorable Thomas F. J. Quigley, Mayor of Stamford, on August 17, 1954, in which the previous State Highway Commissioner made the following statement: "I will for myself make this commitment: So long as I am commissioner I shall hold myself ready to build the desired Greenwich-Killingly Expressway underpass whenever the City of Stamford, or the New Haven Railroad, or both, working cooperatively, provide an underpass beneath the New Haven Railroad tracks at the site in question." It is my feeling that the position taken at that time was a sound one and as I review the happenings, it was predicated on a desire not to expend Turnpike monies for a grade separation structure at this time which would have questionable future use. While it would be disrupting to Turnpike traffic to construct the bridge at a future date, it certainly is not an impossibility and I feel that it could be accomplished in stages with a minimum disruption to traffic.

In conclusion, therefore, I wish to state that when the City is prepared to proceed with the provision of an underpass at the railroad, I hereby indicate my willingness to cooperate in the provision of a grade separation structure at the Turnpike.

Very truly yours,

cc: Governor Abraham Ribicoff

/s/ Newman E. Argraves
State Highway Commissioner

Mr. Topping spoke about the Mayor's letter on this subject, copies of which were all sent to members of the Board, and said we will have to wait until action has been taken by the Board of Finance.

Health & Protection Committee:

MR. MILANO, Chairman, presented the following joint committee report:

The Health and Protection Committee met with the Legislative and Rules Committee and the Parks and Recreation Committee at the Safety Center on Wednesday, July 25, 1956, in a joint meeting of all committees, in reference to letters received from the Fish and Game Association, small boat owners and Mrs. Helen K. Field.

After a lengthy discussion, the joint committee recommended that a letter be forwarded to the Mayor, asking him to lift the no parking restriction at the end of Fairview Avenue so that these parking areas could be used by fishermen only and not for bathing purposes, and that signs be posted so stating. It was also recommended that a letter be sent to Mrs. Field, stating that until such time as sanitary facilities and life guards are provided, the Health Department orders shall have to be enforced.

Joseph P. Milano, Chairman

MR. MILANO presented the following committee report:

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee met with Captain Herbert of the Police Department in reference to a motion made by Bill Kaminski as to why out of town vendors were allowed in our parks and a local resident vendor was kept out. Captain Herbert assured this committee that he had no knowledge of this taking place, nor that there were any special privileges given to any vendors.

Joseph P. Milano,
Chairman
Health & Protection Committee

Re: Blocking of Beaches at East and West ends of Fairview Avenue, Shippan

MR. MILANO MOVED that a letter be written to the Mayor, asking him to lift the no parking restrictions at the end of Fairview Avenue so that these parking areas could be used by fishermen only, but not for bathing purposes, and that signs be posted so stating. Also, that a letter be written to Miss Field, informing her that until such time as sanitary facilities and life guards are provided, the orders of the Health Department will have to be enforced. Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

A great deal of discussion ensued at this point.

MR. SNYDER MOVED that this matter be referred to a special investigatory committee so that they can delve into both sides of the question, investigate, and report back to this Board. He added that this should include all areas and be city-wide and include the uses, abuses and nuisances on all city-owned property, and means of enforcement. Seconded by Mr. Milano.

Mr. Milano then withdrew his motion in order that a vote could be taken on Mr. Snyder's motion.

MR. HUIZINGA and MR. FINDLAY stated that they did not agree that this matter should be held up until a report comes back, which would hold the matter in abeyance until the September meeting.

MR. TOPPING: "If this is closed to fishermen, then it should also be closed to bathers." He observed that people were still using these waters to bathe in, regardless of the boulders in their way.

MR. RAITERI said he thought the fishermen should be allowed to fish while this investigation was going on.

MR. GEORGIOULIS said there was plenty of room at Cove Island for at least 200 fishermen and that fishing licenses had been issued for much less than that number.

MR. FREDERICKS said he thought it might be possible to vote on two motions - one to form the investigatory committee and another on removing the boulders.

MR. KAMINSKI said he thought if that beach were going to be closed, then Dyke and Southfield Park should also be closed.

MR. BRETT said he did not think the boulders have stopped violations, but it was of tremendous help to the police in their enforcement of law and order. He said a great many incidents are happening there that are of a very serious nature to residents of

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nearby homes and there should be some way to control these incidents and to protect the homes and nearby residents from nuisances and other crimes being committed.

After a great deal of discussion a VOTE was taken on MR. SNYDER'S MOTION and CARRIET by a vote of 34 in favor and 1 opposed.

After some further discussion, Mr. Huizinga withdrew his motion.

MR. MILANO MOVED that a letter be written to the Mayor to open the East Section of Fairview Avenue at Shippan Point area so that these parking areas can be used by fishermen only and not for bathing purposes, and that signs be posted so stating. Seconded by Mr. Waterbury.

MR. RAITERI MOVED to AMEND by adding the words: "that the boulders be removed".

MR. LEWIS MOVED to AMEND by adding: "that the Police Department be instructed to patrol and keep this area free from nuisances."

In regard to this, Mr. Kelly read the following letter sent to him by the Fish and Game Association:

FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION
P. O. Box 2, Stamford, Connecticut

July 16, 1956

Parks and Recreation Committee
Board of Representatives
City Hall
Stamford, Conn.

We are writing to your committee with the hope that the problem of use of city-owned property in the Shippan Point area of Stamford may be returned to the citizens of Stamford. We are representing all the fishermen and not just members of our association.

First, there is a large parking area at the east end of Fairview Avenue that has been used by fishermen for some time. Last year we worked out a very amiable agreement between Mayor Quigley and Police Chief Kinsella whereby our association printed and issued stickers approved by the Police Chief that allowed parking in this area for fishing purposes at any time. Suddenly, without notice the first part of this month, large boulders were placed across the entrance to this area barring parking. Naturally, this stopped fishing due to the fact that nearly all streets in Shippan are posted against parking at any time.

As stated by Dr. Costanzo, Health Commissioner, he has no objection to fishermen using the beaches for fishing purposes. Chief Kinsella has stated that the blocking off of this parking area is to discourage swimming and that he does not object to fishing. However, this does not alleviate the parking problem for fishermen. If swimming is the only objection, then a sign, so stating, should be placed at the beach and swimmers could be checked by our regular police patrol cars that are always in the area. Logically, we do not ban driving on the highways in order to stop accidents. We make regulations and expect people to abide by them.

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As we stated above, there are several pieces of city-owned property in Shippan. The end of Shippan Avenue, the end of Stamford Avenue, the west end of Fairview Avenue, a strip just south of the Stamford Yacht Club, and a strip on Rogers Road. The use of all this public property by the citizens and taxpayers of Stamford is banned due to the fact that all streets adjoining these locations are posted with "No Parking" signs; and, incidentally, these signs are paid for by the taxpayers.

Our city is in great need of all types of recreation, and we feel the facilities of your Board should be used to open up every avenue possible to increase use of all city property for any kind of recreation they may afford. There is no other section of Stamford where so many of the streets are banned to parking for the people who have to pay for the maintenance of them.

We hope that you will give this matter your attention at the next meeting of the Board of Representatives; and that the fishermen, at least, may again use this property to pursue this sport. Our arrangement with the Mayor and Police Chief worked out satisfactorily, and we hope it can be continued at the earliest possible moment.

Very truly yours,

Peter Pia, First Vice-President
STAMFORD FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION, INC.

VOTE taken on Mr. Milano's motion, as amended, and CARRIED by a vote of 29 in favor and 6 opposed.

MR. MILANO MOVED that a letter be written to Mrs. Field, stating that until such time as sanitary facilities and life guards can be provided, that the Health Department orders shall have to be enforced. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

Planning and Zoning Committee:

(1) Clay Hill Road

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for acceptance of this road. Seconded by Mr. Ketcham.

MR. RAITERI called attention to the violation on Ordinance No. 54 re acceptance of roads.

VOTE taken on acceptance of Clay Hill Road and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

MR. RUSSELL brought up the question as to whether the Planning Director and the Planning and Zoning Boards are living up to the provisions of Ordinance No. 54. He MOVED to hear from Mr. Hanrahan, the Corporation Counsel, who was present.

MR. HANRAHAN explained that the bonds contain certain conditions and when these conditions have been met and the specifications of the City Engineer have been complied with, the bonds have to be released. He said the ordinance itself would have to be incorporated into the bond in order to hold up the release of the bond. He went on to further explain the reasons why bonds are released before the road has come before the Board of Representatives for acceptance as a city street.

952 (2) Arden Lane

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MR. KETCHAM MOVED for acceptance of Arden Lane as a City street. Seconded by Mr. Russell and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

Parks and Recreation Committee:

MR. KELLY, Chairman, presented the following committee report:

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A letter addressed to Mr. Robert B. Nolan, Chairman of the Park Commission, by Mr. Norman Miller, President of the Stamford Chamber of Residences, was referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Inasmuch as the contents of this letter concerns only the Park Commission and is to be answered, (or has already been answered) by Mr. Nolan, I would like to move that this letter be placed on file as informational matter and would like to return the pictures which were turned over to me, to our Secretary for return to the sender, or to be kept in our files for future reference.

Two letters were received. One, from Peter Pia, Vice President, Stamford Fish and Game Association (Note: This letter was read by Mr. Kelly under Health & Protection - see above) who are requesting that the areas in the Shippan section of Stamford, which are city-owned, and have been open for the use of fishermen up until about a month ago, by an agreement between Mayor Quigley, Police Chief Kinsella and the Stamford Fish & Game Association, and include the end of Shippan Avenue, the end of Stamford Avenue, the East and West ends of Fairview Avenue, a strip just south of the Stamford Yacht Club and a strip on Rogers Road, be opened as soon as possible, so that all fishermen in the City of Stamford may once again be permitted the pleasure and recreation that is and has been so vital to them in the past. This has been referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee and the Health & Protection Committee for action. For the Parks & Recreation Committee, I would like to ask the Board's approval and MOVE that the request be granted.

Re: Letter from Helen K. Field

A letter dated July 18th from Helen K. Field, re beaches at east and west ends of Fairview Avenue being opened for bathing. The Committee feels that the Board or the Secretary should write a letter to Mrs. Field and inform her that until such time as the city sees fit to provide the necessary sanitary facilities, as required by the State Law, there is nothing that can be done to reopen these areas for bathing, and I so MOVE.

Re: Letter from Mrs. Dorothy F. Pierson, re condition of flag in Central Park

MR. KELLY read the following letter in regard to the above complaint:

85 Dean Street
Stamford, Conn.

July 28, 1956

Mr. Robert B. Nolan
Chairman, Park Commission
City of Stamford, Conn.

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Dear Sir:

Letter from Mrs. Dorothy F. Pierson, of 122 Hoyt Street, City, re tattered condition of American Flag in Central Park, was referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee of the Board of Representatives.

Inquiry to Police Department resulted in information that the Police Department assigns the men to raise and lower the flag daily, but replacement of flag is a function of the Park Commission.

Will you kindly take this under consideration for the proper action and disposal by the Park Commission?

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Stephen E. Kelly, Chairman
Parks & Recreation Committee

(Note: Letter forwarded to Mr. Connell for investigation)

Education, Welfare & Government Committee:

MR. MACRIDES, Chairman, presented the following report:

The Committee on Education, Welfare & Government met at the offices of Macrides & Zezima at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 31, 1956. Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Macrides were present. Mr. Brett, Dr. Lilliendahl and Mr. Czupka were absent.

There was no business which required immediate reporting out of committee, so, while several matters were discussed, no report will be made.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Macrides, Chairman

Housing Committee:

MR. LONGO, Chairman, presented the following committee report:

HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT

The State Commission on Housing called a meeting July 19th at 2:00 P.M. in the City Court Room in City Hall.

Present at the meeting were: State officials, Mayor Quigley, members of the Town and City Housing, Mrs. Zuckert, Mr. Kolich and I.

We discussed the critical housing situation in Stamford and Mayor Quigley told the Housing Commission that our local housing authorities should be empowered to set their own income limitations on families housed in public projects, as they are more aware of conditions in our City than State authorities.

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I agree with the Mayor on this issue, as long as there is a critical housing shortage in our City, especially since we have so many families in need of places to live. Many families are in the path of the Thruway and can't get into housing projects because they are either a little below or above the present income limitations set up by State officials.

Frank Longo, Chairman
Housing Committee

HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Housing Committee met Thursday, August 2nd at the Trailer Site on Magee Avenue at 7:00 P.M. Present were: Mrs. Zuckert Mr. Kolich Mr. Rybnick and I. Mr. Snyder was absent. Previously, I had made an appointment with Mr. Chase to meet with our Committee to show us around the area.

We toured the area with Mr. Chase and think Mr. Chase has done a wonderful job. Contrary to what we expected. We found the Trailers were neat and compact. Some accommodate four people, some 6.

Each has a refrigerator, gas stove, sink, plenty of closets, complete bathroom, with shower stalls and a gas heater. We were told the mattresses were all sterilized before occupancy.

Outside the area a fence has been erected, enclosing all the trailers. There are six street lights. The sewer, water and gas has been connected to these trailers. They have a special place for disposing their garbage and have garbage pick-up every day. There are play areas for children and grass all around the area.

Ten of the trailers are now occupied. Ten more will be ready this week and the last ten will be ready for occupancy next week.

The Committee spent about 1½ hours at the site. We talked with some families, as we were quite disturbed by what we had read in the Advocate about this site, and they seemed satisfied with the arrangements there.

I went again Friday and Saturday evenings at 10:30 P.M. and stayed about an hour in the area and could not detect any foul odors, and saw no rats, mice or lice or water bugs running around. In fact, when we were there, quite a few other people, having read the article in "On the Square" were curious and came to see the spot. They toured the trailers with us and voiced their opinion that it wasn't half as bad as they were led to believe from the paper.

In view of the circumstances, and as this is a temporary arrangement, we feel the Mayor and all persons connected with this project have done a satisfactory job.

Frank Longo, Chairman
Housing Committee

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that the Housing Committee report be approved as read. Seconded by Mr. Nolan and CARRIED unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

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- (1) Letter dated August 3, 1956 re surveying and preliminary planning, Pacific Street Underpass, was referred to the FISCAL COMMITTEE.
- (2) Letter dated August 6, 1956 presenting name of JOHN J. CARRIGAN, Democrat, of 63 Sherman Street, to be appointed to the SEWER COMMISSION as a replacement for Michael J. Sweeney, term expiring December 1, 1959. This was referred to the APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE.
- (3) Letter dated August 6, 1956 presenting name of DR. DANIEL SABIA, 202 Stillwater Ave., Democrat, for appointment to the BOARD OF TAX REVIEW, term to expire on December 1, 1960. Referred to APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE.
- (4) Letter of August 6, 1956 presenting name of EDWARD H. BENESON, Riverbank Road, as a replacement for Joseph Dombroski on URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. Term to expire on August 7, 1960. Referred to APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE.
- (5) Letter dated August 6, 1956, presenting name of FRANK X. LENNON, 261 Glenbrook Road, to be re-appointed as a member of the URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. His term to expire on August 7, 1961. Referred to APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE.

PETITIONS

The following petition was referred to the PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

August 6, 1956

Mr. George V. Connors
56 Houston Terrace
Stamford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Connors:

We, the undersigned, residents and homeowners on Culloden Road, request that investigation and correction be made of drainage problem on our section of this street. A strong rainfall will, in fifteen minutes, cause a flood in this area, covering street, sidewalks, flooding our yards and cellars. The last shower occurred during early morning of July 27th, which happened to be garbage collection day. The flooding water tipped garbage receptacles, strewing rubbish all over the street and in our yards. This constant flooding of our section of this street has weakened some of our foundations, causing our cellars to flood and we've been advised that, although we make repairs to cellars, continued constant flooding will cause re-occurrence of this condition.

We would appreciate your giving this matter your early attention.

SIGNED

George T. Beirne
William H. Webb
Vincent P. Griffin
William Kelly
John J. Dinen
George W. Peaston
Rose Munrow
John Poinsky
Grace T. Murphy

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

- (1) Letter dated July 17, 1956 from Senator Prescott Bush, sending copy of Public Law 685 and explanation, being the outcome of his Bill S. 3272, was read and ordered filed.
- (2) Letter dated July 31, 1956 from Shippan Point Association, opposing any relaxation of the present no-parking restrictions at the street end beaches at Fairview Avenue in Shippan. This was referred to the PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE, LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE. The Secretary was ordered to send a copy to the Special Investigatory Committee on beaches, their uses and abuses, etc., to be named by the President.
- (3) Letter dated July 30, 1956 from Mrs. William E. Barry, Weed Circle, Stamford, enclosing correspondence in regard to Cove Pond and dredging of harbor, etc. Secretary instructed to send a letter acknowledging receipt and thanking her.
- (4) Letter dated July 16, 1956 from David Downey, regarding injury to his property by high school students. Referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE and HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.
- (5) Letter dated July 24, 1956 from Fred C. Burfeind regarding petition from residents on BLUEBERRY DRIVE previously sent to the Board on the need for storm sewers. Referred to PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE and HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.
- (6) Letter dated July 31, 1956 from Mr. Gibbs Lyons, Co-Chairman, Stamford Economic Development Committee, urging adoption of the resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Commission to apply to Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency for advance of funds. (This has already been approved, being Resolution No. 231 under Legislative & Rules Committee - see above) Ordered filed.
- (7) Carbon copy of letter from Corporation Counsel to Planning & Zoning Director, dated July 24, 1956, in regard to Ordinance No. 51, regulating width of city streets.

MR. HUIZINGA: "Do I understand, from the Corporation Counsel's opinion that the Planning and Zoning Boards do not have to comply with the restrictions imposed by this Ordinance?" Mr. Huizinga said he objected to the Planning Board's waiver of the restrictions imposed by this ordinance.

MR. RHOADES MOVED to hear from Mr. Hanrahan, Corporation Counsel, in regard to this. Seconded by Mr. Hearing and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Hanrahan explained that roads do not have to be 49½ feet in width unless they are accepted as city streets. He agreed that the ordinance was in conflict with the rules and regulations of the Planning Board.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED that this be referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee, to bring back a report. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED that the Board meet on Tuesday, September 4, 1956, because of the Labor Day holiday. Seconded by several and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED for adjournment at 11:45 P.M. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

August 6, 1956

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George V. Connors

George V. Connors, President
Board of Representatives

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