

A regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Conn. was held on Monday, January 7, 1957 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 8:20 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Rev. Thomas R. Mancine, Assistant Pastor, Sacred Heart Church.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 36 present and 4 absent. The absent members were: William Brett, Salvatore Giuliani, Paul Plotkin, and John Lilliendahl.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of December 3, 1956.

MR. BAKER MOVED for acceptance of the Minutes. Seconded by Mrs. Bankowski and CARRIED unanimously.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

##### Steering Committee:

Mr. Connors, Chairman, presented the following committee report:

#### STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT Meeting held December 17, 1956

The Steering Committee of the Board of Representatives met in the office of the Commissioner of Finance, City Hall, at 8:20 P.M., December 17, 1956. The following members were present: George V. Connors, Chairman; Clement Raiteri, Jr., John Macrides, George Georgoulis, William Kaminski, Vincent Vitti, Joseph Milano, Robert Lewis, Rutherford Huizinga, Stephen Kelly, Norton Rhoades, and Joseph Iacovo. Mr. Topping was also present, although not a member of the Steering Committee. The absent members were: Alanson Fredericks, Irving Snyder and Helen Peatt.

The following communications were acted upon:

- (1) Letter dated Dec. 17, 1956 from Mayor Quigley, enclosing copy of letter to him, dated Dec. 17, 1956 from the First Presbyterian Church of Stamford, regarding offer from the church to convey certain strips of land to the City to further the considered use of land on northeast corner of Hoyt and Bedford Streets for park purposes.

Ordered filed.

- (2) Letter dated Dec. 14, 1956 from Paul Plotkin, 9th District Representative, enclosing proposed resolution regarding Planning & Zoning decision appeals and suggested method of handling same.

Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee.

- (3) Letter dated Dec. 11, 1956 from A. N. Jorgensen, President of University of Connecticut, thanking the Board for their support in regard to the establishment of a branch of the University campus to be located in Stamford.

Ordered filed.

- (4) Letter dated Dec. 11, 1956 from the Board of Tax Review, notifying members of the Board of Representatives of their meeting dates for receiving applications for

January 7, 1957

revisions of assessments on List of Sept. 1, 1956.

Ordered placed on Agenda under Communications.

- (5) Carbon copy of letter dated Dec. 11, 1956 from the Corporation Counsel to The American Homes Construction Co., Inc. regarding default on performance bond.

Referred to Public Works Committee.

- (6) Petition from 15 residents of Willowbrook Road, a private road, for retention of name.

Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee and secretary directed to send a copy of petition to the Planning & Zoning Director, requesting that a reply be sent to Mr. Raiteri giving a report on this.

- (7) Letter dated Dec. 6, 1956 from Planning & Zoning Director concerning petition from Citizens Committee for Improvement of Cove Pond. (Brought up at Board meeting of Nov. 7th by Public Works Committee)

Ordered filed.

- (8) Letter dated Dec. 6, 1956 from Planning & Zoning Director regarding request made to Planning Board to hold up release of bond on Woodridge Drive, assuring that the bond will not be released until the road and drainage requirements have been completed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.

Ordered filed.

- (9) Letter dated Dec. 5, 1956 from A. J. Donahue, Chairman, Board of Public Safety regarding the closing of Precinct Two, and requesting a meeting with the Board of Representatives to discuss this problem.

Referred to Health & Protection Committee to go on agenda for January 7th Board meeting

- (10) Letter dated Dec. 6, 1956 from Planning & Zoning Director, regarding release of bond on Linwood Lane (Vavala Acres).

Ordered filed.

- (11) Letter dated Oct. 25, 1956 from Planning Board Director, explaining their procedure for waiving width of streets in various zones.

Referred to Public Works Committee to be read at January Board meeting.

- (12) Letter dated Dec. 6, 1956 from Planning Board Director, in answer to our memorandum to them concerning petition for restoration of Cove Pond Dam.

Ordered filed.

- (13) Letter dated Nov. 19, 1956 from Robert Herzog of the Stamford Good Government Association, regarding suggestion as to operation hazards in connection with gas transmission lines.

Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee.

- (14) Carbon copy of letter dated Nov. 26, 1956 from the Jr. Chamber of Commerce to

January 7, 1957

1457

The Chairman of the Planning Board, requesting consideration be given to erection of a war memorial on the site of proposed park on northeast corner of Hoyt-Bedford intersection.

Ordered filed.

All Fiscal Committee matters requiring the approval of various other committees was referred to the committees in question for report at the next meeting of the Board.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

George V. Connors, Chairman

Fiscal Committee:

Mr. Kaminski, Chairman, presented the following committee report:

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT  
Meeting held Dec. 27, 1956

The Fiscal Committee met on Thursday, December 27, 1956 at 8 P.M. in the Mayor's office. Members present were Messrs. Huizinga, Wynn and Kaminski.

(1) Acting Mayor's letter of November 19, 1956

The Fiscal Committee recommends approval of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives approve an amendment to the 1953-54 Capital Budget to increase the amount authorized for Capital item "K. T. Murphy School Addition" by the sum of \$13,536.14. Said funds to be obtained by a transfer of surplus bond funds from the Capital item in the 1952-53 Capital Budget, Known as "Belltown Willard (Newfield) School."

(2) Mayor's letter of November 29, 1956

The Fiscal Committee recommends approval of the request for an additional appropriation by the Public Works Department in the amount of \$16,000 covering repairs to the incinerator.

(3) Mayor's letter of December 5, 1956

The Fiscal Committee recommends approval of the Public Works Department request of the following appropriation:

Code 412A.1 Supervisor, Bureau of Highways,	
Salary grade change from 23 to 24.....	\$143.00
Code 412D.1 Automotive Mechanic Foreman,	
Salary grade change from 12 to 14	104.00
Code 414A.1 Laborer changed to Plumber's Helper,	
involves salary change from 5 to 6.	104.00
	<u>\$351.00</u>



January 7, 1957

(4) Mayor's letter of November 30, 1956

The Fiscal Committee recommends approval of an additional appropriation in the amount of \$611.00 for the Public Works Department, covering the following:

Code 414B.1	Incinerator - Treatment Plant,	
	Salaries.....	\$507.00
Code 416.1	Building Department, Salaries.....	104.00
		<u>\$611.00</u>

(5) Mayor's letter of November 29, 1956

The Fiscal Committee recommends approval of an additional appropriation in the amount of \$364.00 for the Classified Employees Pension Fund, covering Code 732.1, Salaries.

(6) Mayor's letter of November 29, 1956

The Fiscal Committee recommends approval of an additional appropriation of \$104.00 for the Hubbard Heights Golf Course Commission, covering Code 413A.1, Salaries.

(7) Mayor's letter of November 29, 1956

The Fiscal Committee recommends approval of a pension for Det. Sergeant John F. Treat, in the amount of \$2,018.45.

(8) Mayor's letter of December 5, 1956

The Fiscal Committee recommends approval of an additional appropriation in the amount of \$130.00 for the Health Department, covering Code 420.1, Salaries.

(9) Mayor's letter of December 6, 1956

The Fiscal Committee recommends approval of an additional appropriation of \$390.00 for the Park Department, covering Code 500.1, Salaries.

(10) Mayor's letter of December 5, 1956

The Fiscal Committee recommends approval of an additional appropriation of \$130.00 for Planning Board, covering Code 520.1, Salaries.

(11) Mayor's letter of December 4, 1956

The Fiscal Committee recommends approval of an additional appropriation of \$260.00 for Civil Service Department, covering Code 731.1, Salaries.

(12) Mayor's letter of December 7, 1956

The Fiscal Committee recommends approval of an additional appropriation in the amount of \$143.00, Office of Corporation Counsel, covering Code 450.1, Salaries.

(13) Mayor's letter of December 6, 1956

The Fiscal Committee recommends approval of an additional appropriation of \$150.00, covering bill of Mr. A. J. Romano, for catering services during flood.

(14) Mayor's letter of October 9, 1956

The Fiscal Committee recommends the re-appropriation of \$18,000 covering the Welfare Department, plans, specifications and inspection for an addition to Sunset Home, to be financed out of current taxes, rather than through a bond issue.

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Kaminski,  
Chairman, Fiscal Committee

MR. KAMINSKI: "I would like to dispense with the preface before each item and will simply move the item itself, because we have such a long agenda tonight."

- (1) \$13,536.14 - Amendment to 1953-54 Capital Budget. Transfer of surplus bond funds from Belltown-Willard (Newfield) School to K. T. Murphy School addition. (See Acting Mayor's letter 11/19/56)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the following resolution: Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously. Mr. Macrides said the Ed. Welfare & Govt. Committee concurs.

RESOLUTION NO. 247

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives approves an amendment to the 1953-54 Capital Budget to increase the amount authorized for Capital item "K. T. Murphy School Addition" by the sum of \$13,536.14. Said funds to be obtained by a transfer of surplus bond funds from the Capital item in the 1952-53 Capital Budget, known as "Belltown Willard (Newfield) School."

- (2) \$16,000 - Department of Public Works - Repairs to Incinerator (See Mayor's letter 11/29/56)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Waterbury and CARRIED unanimously. Mr. Topping said the Public Works Committee concurs in the recommendation.

- (3) \$351 - Department of Public Works - Salary Increases (See Mayor's letters 11/29/56 and 12/5/56)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of this request (for details, see above committee report). Seconded by Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously. Mr. Topping said the Public Works Committee also approves.

- (4) \$611 - Department of Public Works - (See Mayor's letter 11/30/56)  
Salary Increases.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the above request. (For details, see above committee report) Seconded by Mr. Baker. Mr. Topping said the Public Works Committee concurs in the recommendation for approval. CARRIED by unanimous vote.

- (5) \$364 - Classified Employees' Pension Fund - Code 732.1, Salaries (See Mayor's letter 11/29/56)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Vitti and CARRIED unanimously.

- (6) \$104 - Hubbard Heights Golf Course Commission, Code 413A.1, Salaries (See



January 7, 1957

**Mayor's letter 11/29/56**

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the request. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

- (7) \$2,018.45 - Pension, Det. Sgt. John F. Treat- 7 months, effective 12/1/56 (See Mayor's letter 11/29/56)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of this request. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously. Mr. Milano said the Health & Protection Committee concurred in the recommendation for approval.

- (8) \$130- Health Department, Code 420.1, Salaries (See Mayor's letter 12/5/56)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of this request. Seconded by Mr. Waterbury and CARRIED unanimously.

- (9) \$390 - Park Department, Code 500.1, Salaries (See Mayor's letter 12/6/56)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of this request. Seconded by Mr. Baker and CARRIED unanimously.

- (10) \$130 - Planning Board, Code 520.1, Salaries (See Mayor's letter 12/5/56)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of this request. Seconded by Mr. DeForest and CARRIED unanimously.

- (11) \$260 - Civil Service Department, Code 731.1, Salaries (See Mayor's letter 12/4/56)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of this request. Seconded by Mr. Findlay and CARRIED unanimously.

- (12) \$143 - Corporation Counsel's office - Code 450.1, Salaries (See Mayor's letter 12/7/56)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of this request. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED unanimously.

- (13) \$150 - Catering services of Mr. A. J. Romano rendered during flood. (See Mayor's letter 12/6/56)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of this item. Seconded by Mr. Longo and Mr. Rhoades and CARRIED unanimously.

- (14) \$18,000 - Welfare Department. Plans, specifications and inspection, Sunset Home addition (See Mayor's letter 9/9/56 which letter also includes request for Ferguson Library, previously approved at December Board meeting)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of this request. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously. Mr. Macrides said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee also recommends this for approval.

Legislative & Rules Committee:

Mr. Raiteri presented the following committee report:

REPORT OF  
LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 27, 1956

A meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee was held at 8:15 PM, Thursday evening December 27, 1956 at Avignone's Restaurant. Chairman Raiteri presided. All members of the Committee were present as was also Assistant Corporation Counsel DiSesa.

The following items of business were considered and action taken as indicated:

1. Requirement of filing fee with appeals from Planning & Zoning Board

This is a proposal originating with the L & R Committee (1) that petitions for appeal from Planning and Zoning decisions be processed first through the City Clerk for verification of signatures and then to the City Engineer for verification of property requirements before transmittal to the Board of Representatives, and (2) that such petitions would be subject to a filing fee of (amount to be determined later) payable on filing with the Planning or Zoning Board.

The intent of this proposal is to eliminate questions as to sufficiency or validity of the required signatures and to compensate, at least in part, for the expense to the City in checking the petitions, providing adequate copies of the related documents, etc.

After lengthy discussion it was decided to request that the matter be recommitted pending review by the Assistant Corporation Counsel to determine wherein lies the responsibility for validation of such petitions.

2. Willowbrook Lane- Retention of name

Reference Letter of Dec. 10, 1956 from C. W. White, City Engineer transmitting a petition from Thomas Killeen and bearing 17 signatures requesting that the name Willowbrook Lane be retained for the private road which extends from Soundview Ave. to Long Island Sound (Attached as Att. #1).

Investigation of City records disclosed that this is in fact a portion of Willowbrook Avenue which runs from Cove Road to Long Island Sound.

The Committee recommends that a letter be sent to Mr. Killeen with a copy to Mr. White advising that the correct name is Willowbrook Avenue and that the name Willowbrook Lane does not officially exist.

3. Proposed resolution re appeals from Planning & Zoning Board Decisions

Reference Letter dated Dec. 14, 1956, with attachments, from Paul A. Plotkin (attached as Att. #2).

This matter is closely related to item #1 above and the Committee requests that this also be recommitted for further study.

4. Resolution - Sale of City-owned property to State for \$200,000

Reference: Acting Mayor Connor's letter of November 19, 1956 with

January 7, 1957

attachment, a copy of which has been furnished to all Board members (attached as Att. #3).

The Committee recommends adoption of the proposed resolution.

5. Final adoption of Ordinance adopting Code of General Ordinances  
(Attached as Att. #4)

The Committee recommends final adoption of the Ordinance.

6. Final adoption of Ordinance relating to acceptance of roads as City streets (Attached as Att. #5)

This Ordinance rescinds Ordinance #54 Supplemental and adds maintenance bond provision.

The Committee recommends final adoption of the Ordinance as Amended.

7. Resolution requesting State funds, flood area, West Main St. (Attached as Att. #6)

The Committee recommends rejection of the proposed resolution because of tie-in with U. R. C. and because plans thus far proposed are neither feasible nor justifiable.

8. Proposed pension revision, Classified Employees

Reference Letter dated Nov. 30, 1956 from the attorneys for the Classified Employees of the City of Stamford (attached as Att. #7).

The Committee requests that this matter be recommitted pending availability of an actuarial survey on which to base its recommendations.

9. Mansion House, Cove Island

This subject is covered in the report of a joint meeting with the Park Commission.

10. Pension, John Reilly

The Committee requests that this matter be recommitted pending receipt of further information from the Corporation Counsel.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Att.

ELLIS B. BAKER  
Clerk

Approved  
C. L. RAITERI, JR.  
Chairman

(1) Requirement of filing fee with appeals from Planning and Zoning Boards



MR. RAITERI MOVED that this be re-committed to Committee, pending review by the Assistant Corporation Counsel to determine where the responsibility lies for validation of such petitions. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously.

(2) Willowbrook Lane - Request for retention of name.

MR. RAITERI MOVED that a letter be sent to Mr. Thomas Killeen (with whom this request originated) with a copy to Mr. White, City Engineer, advising that the correct name of this street is Willowbrook Avenue and that the name Willowbrook Lane does not officially exist. Seconded by Mr. Baker and CARRIED unanimously.

(3) Proposed resolution re appeals from Planning & Zoning Board decisions.

MR. RAITERI MOVED that the following proposed resolution, submitted by Mr. Paul Plotkin, 9th District Representative, in letter dated Dec. 14, 1956 be re-committed to Committee for further study:

"BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES of the City of Stamford that:

"WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Stamford provides in Section 522.4 and in Section 522.5 for referral to the Board of Representatives proposed amendments to the Master Plan of the City of Stamford, and;

"WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Stamford provides in Section 553.2 for referral to the Board of Representatives proposed amendments to the zoning regulations and in Section 552.2 and in Section 552.3 for referral to the Board of Representatives proposed amendments to the Zoning Map;

"NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all matters under the above sections be heard by the Board acting as a Committee of the Whole, at a public hearing and notice of said hearing be given by publishing in the Stamford Advocate the time, place and purpose of such hearing; that all members of the Board be furnished copies of the hearing before the Planning Board, or Zoning Board, or both, as the case may be; and that the petitioners to the Board of Representatives shall, at the time of filing their petition pay a filing fee in an amount to be determined by the Board of Representatives."

Mr. Raiteri's motion was seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously.

(4) Sale of City-owned property to State for \$200,000 for Stamford & Darien Turnpike (See Mayor's letter 11/19/56, and Corp. Counsel's letter 9/24/56.

MR. RAITERI MOVED for adoption of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Baker.

RESOLUTION NO. 248

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to take all necessary action and execute and deliver all appropriate and necessary documents, to transfer the following listed City-owned property to the State of Connecticut for highway purposes; in exchange for the total sum of \$200,000:

January 7, 1957

3.7 acres - Courtland Park.....	\$150,000.00	
.06 " - Brookside Drive bordering the Noroton River, under water.....	500.00	
1.95 " - Brookside Drive, Darien, substantially under water.....	4,500.00	
1/4 " - Lot, west side of Lockwood Avenue.....	5,000.00	
48 sq. ft. Northeast corner Elm Street School yard.....	500.00	
168 Sq. Ft. Southeast corner Rice School yard.....	750.00	
Lots with a frontage of 208 feet on east side of Greenwich Avenue, together with six old frame dwellings thereon:		
Land.....	\$12,978.00	
Buildings.....	25,772.00	38,750.00
Grand total of		\$200,000.00

MR. MURPHY said that he had noticed six dwellings which occupy land located on Greenwich Avenue and wondered if the houses go to the City when the leases ran out.

The Corporation Counsel, who was present, was asked to explain the procedure. He said there were a couple of damage claims, the outcome of which would have to be determined later as they were rather obscure and involved.

MR. MURPHY: "Would these people have to sue the City to be reimbursed?"

MR. HANRAHAN: "Not necessarily so. It could be taken out of the proceeds."

VOTE taken on Resolution No. 248 and CARRIED unanimously.

(5) Final adoption of Ordinance adopting Code of General Ordinances.

MR. RAITERI MOVED for the final adoption of the following Ordinance, which was approved for publication at the December 3, 1956 Board meeting. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously:

ORDINANCE NO. 59 SUPPLEMENTAL

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF ROADS AS CITY STREETS

ORDINANCE NO. 59 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.

221083



**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, and a proper bond has been furnished for the maintenance of said street or streets for a period of one year in accordance with specifications approved by the Planning Board, 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 if final action on the petition for acceptance is not taken by the Board of Representatives within sixty (60) days of its receipt by the Board.

**SECTION 6. Repealer.** Passage 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.

(6) Final adoption of Ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 54 Supplemental relating to acceptance of roads as city streets and substituting amended ordinance in its place.

MR. RAITERI MOVED for the final adoption of the following Ordinance (approved for publication at the December 3, 1956 Board meeting). Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 60 SUPPLEMENTAL

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW CODIFICATION AND REARRANGEMENT OF THE EXISTING ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

ORDINANCE NO. 60 SUPPLEMENTAL

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW CODIFICATION AND REARRANGEMENT OF THE EXISTING ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT:

**SECTION 1.** That the ordinances of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, of a general and permanent nature, as codified in Chapters 1 to 31, both inclusive, are ordained as general ordinances and are adopted as "The Code of General Ordinances of Stamford, Connecticut, 1956."

**SECTION 2.** That all of the provisions of "The Code of General Ordinances of Stamford, Connecticut, 1956" shall be in full force and effect upon the adoption of this Ordinance, and all ordinances of a general and permanent nature, adopted by the



Board of Representatives in force on July 12, 1956, and not contained in "The Code of General Ordinances of Stamford, Connecticut, 1956" are hereby repealed from and after the adoption of this Ordinance, except as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 3. That the repeal provided for in the preceding section of this Ordinance shall not affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred or any contract or right established or accruing before the adoption of this Ordinance; nor shall such repeal affect any ordinance or resolution promising or guaranteeing the payment of money for the city or authorizing the issue of bonds of said city or any evidence of said city's indebtedness, or any contract or obligation assumed by the city; nor shall said repeal affect the administrative ordinances or resolutions of the Board of Representatives, not in conflict or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Code; nor shall it affect any right or franchise conferred by any ordinance or resolution of the Board of Representatives on any person or corporation; nor shall it affect the annual appropriation ordinance; nor shall it affect any ordinance fixing salaries of the city officers and employees; nor shall it affect the Building Code; nor shall it affect the Electrical Code; nor shall it affect the Plumbing Code; nor shall it affect any zoning ordinance of the city; nor shall it affect any prosecution, suit or other proceeding pending, or any judgment rendered on or prior to the adoption of this ordinance; nor shall it affect any ordinance of the city adopted on final passage since the twelfth day of July, 1956.

This ordinance shall take effect upon the date of its enactment.

(7) Resolution requesting State funds, flood area, West Main Street.

By unanimous vote, it was decided to take this item up last, after all other matters have been disposed of under Legislative & Rules Committee.

(8) Proposed pension revision, Classified Employees Pension Plan.

MR. RAITERI MOVED that this matter be re-committed to Committee, pending the availability of an actuarial survey. Seconded by Mr. Baker and Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously.

(9) Mansion House, Cove Island.

Inasmuch as this matter is covered in a separate report of a Joint meeting held with the Park Commission and the members of the Legislative & Rules and Parks & Recreation Committees, Mr. Raiteri presented the following report, for information only:

REPORT OF JOINT MEETING

December 18, 1956

A joint meeting of the Legislative & Rules and Parks and Recreation Committees with the Park Commission was held Tuesday evening, December 18, 1956 in the Mayor's office.

The meeting was convened at 8:15 P.M. with Mr. Raiteri presiding and Mr. Baker acting as clerk.

Those present were:

L. & R. Committee: Messrs Raiteri, Baker, McLaughlin, Russell and Nolan

P. & R. Committee: Messrs Kelly, Wynn, Gilbert and Longo

Park Commission: Messrs Nolan, Sherwood and Scalzi and  
Mrs. Gillespie

Others: Messrs Edward Connell and Edward Hunt

Mr. Raiteri stated that the purpose of the meeting was (1) to discuss several matters, properly the business of the Park Commission, which had come before the Board of Representatives in order that information concerning their present status could be reported to the Board; and (2) to discuss the general basis for procedure by the Park Commission on matters in which the Board of Representatives has an element of responsibility.

The matters discussed were:

1. Mansion House - Cove Island: Reference was made to various charges and counter-statements concerning the possibility of this building being razed.

Mr. Nolan, for the Park Commission, stated that this house, built in 1792, was recognized by the Commission as a fine specimen of old buildings and a landmark in the area. The Commission does not know where the rumors about its being torn down originated. The report from the park consultants, copies of which will be furnished to each Board member, probably by January first, recommends its retention. The Commission has no present plans for razing this building. Its ultimate disposition, will be the subject of later consideration by the Commission and when conclusions are reached they will make recommendations to the appropriate City agencies.

2. Hallowe'en Yacht Club: The Commission has made no formal contact with officials of the Club as yet. This subject was specifically referred to the park consultants and their recommendations will be part of the report to be distributed. The matter will be given careful study and conclusions will be transmitted to the Board for approval.

3. Beach Stickers: These stickers do not permit use of beach facilities but rather permit parking at the beach. 11,383 were sold in 1956 to Stamford residents only. In addition to the control which they provide over parking, the Commission feels that they have a strong psychological effect which develops a sense of partnership in keeping the beach clean and an awareness of what is being offered for their use.

A poll of the Commission showed unanimous feeling that the stickers should be continued on the same basis in 1957.

4. Ordinances: It was agreed that the Park Commission would confer with the Board of Recreation to review the several existing ordinances which refer to use of park areas and to make a joint recommendation for repeal of those not now required, for modification of those which need change and for enactment of others which may now be required to clarify the respective fields of responsibility and to give their

January 7, 1957

rules and regulations the force of law.

5. Relations between Commission and Boards: After a full discussion it was decided that the best method of keeping the Board apprised of commission matters was to establish a liaison by having one or more members of the Parks & Recreation Committee attend Park Commission meetings and report back to the Board on matters of interest to the Board.

It was the consensus of all present that the meeting had been timely, productive and well worthwhile.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

E. B. DAKER  
Clerk

Approved  
C. L. RAITERI JR.  
Chairman

January 7, 1957

(10) Pension, John Reilly

MR. RAITERI MOVED that this matter be re-committed to committee, pending receipt of further information from the Corporation Counsel. Seconded by Mr. Waterbury and CARRIED unanimously.

(11) Proposed abolition of Carnivals, Circuses and Wild West Shows in Stamford by repeal of Articles II and III, Code of General Ordinances.

MR. RAITERI MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to consider the above. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. RAITERI yielded the floor to Mr. Nolan. Mr. Nolan offered the following proposed Ordinance and MOVED for adoption for publication. He stated that land is no longer available in the city for a place to locate these various shows, and that the land the Heliport now occupies, which was formerly available, is the only place large enough to accommodate a Circus.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, that Articles II and III of Chapter 30 in the Code of General Ordinances and which deals with Carnivals, Circuses and Wild West Shows are hereby repealed, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, that no Carnivals, Circuses or Wild West Shows shall be conducted, operated or performed within the City of Stamford.

MR. KELLY said he strongly disagrees with Mr. Nolan that property is no longer available for these Circuses and Shows.

MR. FREDERICKS called attention to Section 12 of Article II on Carnivals. (See page 146 of Code of General Ordinances)



MR. NOLAN: "If, in the future, Mr. Fredericks would read the State statute, he would understand what I mean and we would not be wasting the time of this meeting."

MR. FREDERICKS: "I don't think this Board should move a thing of this sort without first giving it considerable thought and without the members having an opportunity to study it."

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED that this be re-committed to Committee for further study.  
Seconded by Mr. Longo.

MR. NOLAN restated his motion that no Carnivals, Circuses or Wild West Shows be permitted in the City of Stamford. (No seconder)

VOTE taken on Mr. Fredericks' motion and CARRIED.

All matters on the Agenda under Legislative & Rules Committee having been disposed of, Mr. Raiteri took up the following, which had been deferred until last.

(7) Resolution requesting State funds, flood area, West Main Street, Urban Renewal Area.

MR. RAITERI said he would now yield the floor to Mr. Milano, Chairman of the Special Committee, previously authorized to study the Urban Redevelopment Project and the proposed resolution which was presented at the last meeting.

MR. MILANO presented the following report of his Committee:

Majority Report of the Special Committee of the Board of Representatives which was appointed by President George V. Connors, to investigate the Urban Redevelopment Project in the 4th voting district of Stamford's West Side.

Jan. 4, 1957

Fellow members of the Board of Representatives:

After four separate meetings and 16 hours of testimony, pro and con, relative to the merits and demerits of the proposed West Side Urban Redevelopment Project, five of our six members, namely: Chairman Joseph P. Milano of the 3rd District, Gerald J. Rybnick of the 12th District, Clifford Waterbury of the 4th District, Thomas Topping of the 15th District and Jack McLaughlin of the 20th District, are definitely opposed to the proposal as it now stands. Irving Snyder of the First District, is opposed to the plan presented, but favors accepting the offer of the State to earmark funds for a mutually agreed upon plan.

The majority of the Committee voted against the proposal for the following reasons:

- (1) By an actual count, 95% of the people living in this 4th District are opposed to the project as presented, and we honor the opinion of the residents.
- (2) Specifically, the Urban Redevelopment Commission proposal is to tear down a large portion of the buildings in the 58 1/2 acres involved, and erect in their stead six to ten story apartments, with rental costs of \$35 per room. Con-

January 7, 1957

sidering the fact that less than 1% of these people have sufficient income to manage this rent, the 650 families involved would be forced to leave the District, and double up with other families, or be forced to leave the City.

- (3) Considering the fact that we already have 400 families still not housed, as a result of the Thruway, it hardly seems like the right time to put 650 more families on the streets.
- (4) As the Urban Redevelopment Commission's proposal is to house 14,000 families in its six and ten story apartment houses, (more than trebling the present population) the City of Stamford must necessarily build two additional schools in this area. All other facilities, such as sewage disposal facilities, must also be trebled.
- (5) Considering the opinion of Stamford's Planning Director, Mr. Walter Wachter, that ".....Apartment houses cost the City more than they contribute in taxes", we question the wisdom of this additional tax burden.
- (6) Mayor Quigley, in a recent statement relative to the merits of the coming of American Machine & Foundry to the City of Stamford, said: "The fellow who builds the plants, pays the taxes and pays for the government." To our Mayor's thoughts we would like to add that in order to build the plants in the first place, we must be able to house the men and women who work in these plants, and we defeat this possibility when we offer these workers apartments at \$35 per room.
- (7) The money (\$282,500.00) which the State of Connecticut will earmark for the City of Stamford, under a flood relief program for this area, is available to the City of Stamford only if we involve the entire 58 1/2 acres of land in question.

With these several considerations in mind, this Special Committee of the Board of Representatives does hereby **REJECT THE PROPOSAL OF THE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.**

**BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** that the Board of Representatives hereby authorizes the termination of the Urban Renewal Project on Stamford's WestSide, and I so move.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Urban Renewal Committee, Board of Representatives  
 Jack McLaughlin, Secretary  
 Joseph P. Milano, Chairman  
 Gerald J. Rybnick  
 Thomas J. Topping  
 Clifford Waterbury

MR. MILANO MOVED to reject the proposed resolution of the Urban Redevelopment Commission. Seconded by Mr. Waterbury and Mr. Longo.

Mr. Murphy urged that this money not be thrown away and read a prepared statement to this effect.

Mr. Nolan said he concurred with Mr. Murphy and said he thought the resolution

January 7, 1957

1471

itself can do no harm.

VOTE taken on Mr. Milano's motion to REJECT the proposed resolution and CARRIED by a vote of 34 in favor and two opposed.

MR. BAKER introduced the following resolution and MOVED its adoption. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks.

RESOLUTION NO. 249

WHEREAS, at a public meeting of the citizens of a certain section of the City of Stamford, certain allegations were made concerning the policies and practices of the Urban Redevelopment Commission; and

WHEREAS, said allegations were purportedly supported by documented facts; and

WHEREAS, such allegations, if proven to be factual, would seriously impair the effectiveness of the Urban Redevelopment Commission in the undertaking of further projects within the community,

BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, that:

Pursuant to the powers granted to said Board by Section 204.2 of the Stamford Charter, a committee of four members of the Board shall be appointed by the President thereof, with the advice and counsel of the Majority and Minority Leaders thereof, the function of which Committee shall be to make a full and complete investigation into the policies and practices of said Urban Redevelopment Commission to determine whether or not said Commission has acted in a fair and lawful manner in all of its proceedings.

Supplementing the above, it was requested that the following letter from the Chairman of the Urban Redevelopment Commission be introduced:

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

Urban Redevelopment  
Commission  
159 Main Street

January 7, 1957

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

Dear Mr. Connors:

Certain charges have been made which allege unfair and unlawful practices on the part of the Urban Redevelopment Commission in acquiring property and relocating site occupants from the East Meadow Redevelopment Area. These allegations are completely false. The charges are of such a nature that adequate response can only be made by citing the details of

2110



January 7, 1957

the particular cases involved, although fairness to the individuals concerned requires that these case histories should not be opened for public inspection and discussion.

It is important that the Board of Representatives and the public be fully informed of the policies and practices which were, in fact, pursued by the Commission during the course of the East Meadow Project. We, therefore, request that the Board of Representatives, acting in a Committee of the Whole, or in any other manner to be determined by the Board, investigate the charges which have been made and examine thoroughly the relocation and land acquisition practices of this Commission in the East Meadow Project. The public interest requires such an investigation.

We urge that the Board of Representatives act upon this matter at the earliest possible time.

Very truly yours,

John Allison, Chairman  
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mr. Longo was excused at this time.

VOTE taken on Resolution No. 249 and CARRIED by unanimous vote of those present, being 35 in the absence of Mr. Longo.

MR. MILANO MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to introduce a resolution. Seconded by Mr. Georgoulis and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. MILANO MOVED for adoption of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Waterbury.

BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford; that

The Board of Representatives hereby authorizes the termination of the Urban Renewal Project on the West Side.

MR. RAITERI MOVED that the matter be Tabled. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED by a vote of 23 in favor and 12 opposed.

MR. GEORGOULIS voiced the thanks of the Board for the excellent work done by the Special Committee on Urban Redevelopment.

#### Appointments Committee:

MR. GEORGOULIS, Chairman, read the qualifications of each candidate for appointment, as listed below and MOVED for approval of each, which were duly seconded and CARRIED by vote as noted below:

- (1) Appointment, JOHN R. BOYD, Democrat, to BOARD OF TAX REVIEW, term expiring December 1, 1960. CARRIED by vote of 34 in favor and 1 opposed.
- (2) Appointment, WILLIAM W. OGLE, Democrat, to BOARD OF TAX REVIEW. (Replacing Gerald J. Rybnick) Term expiring December 1, 1957. CARRIED by unanimous vote in favor.

- (3) Appointment, PETER J. SILEO, Democrat, to BOARD OF TAX REVIEW, term expiring December 1, 1961. CARRIED by vote of 32 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 ballot void.
- (4) Appointment, HARRY E. TERHUNE, to URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (Replacing Frank X. Lennon). Term expiring August 7, 1961. CARRIED by vote of 33 in favor and 2 ballots void.
- (5) Appointment, Hugh Mathews, Democrat, to PARKING AUTHORITY. (To be reappointed). Term expiring January 1, 1960. CARRIED by vote of 34 in favor and 1 ballot void.
- (6) Appointment, ALEXANDER R. KLAHR, Democrat, to ZONING BOARD. Term expiring December 1, 1961. CARRIED by vote of 31 in favor, 2 opposed and 2 ballots void.
- (7) Appointment, JOHN J. DENHAM, Democrat, to PLANNING BOARD. (To be re-appointed) Term expiring December 1, 1961. CARRIED by vote of 32 in favor and 2 opposed.
- (8) Appointment, MRS. BINDLEY GILLESPIE, Republican, to PARK COMMISSION. (To fill vacancy of John R. Power) Term expiring December 1, 1960. CARRIED by vote of 24 in favor and 11 opposed.
- (9) Appointment, J. WALTER KENNEDY, Democrat, to PARK COMMISSION. Term expiring December 1, 1961. CARRIED by vote of 34 in favor and 1 ballot void.
- (10) Appointment, SALVATORE CATINO, Republican, to SEWER COMMISSION. (To replace Michael J. Sweeney) Term expiring December 1, 1959. CARRIED by vote of 34 in favor and 1 opposed.

Note: Mr. Georgoulis explained that another appointment to the Sewer Commission, Mr. William T. Troy, cannot be considered at this time because the Committee was unable to interview him.

- (11) Appointment, SHERMAN H. BLAKE, Democrat, to BOARD OF TAXATION. (To be re-appointed). Term expiring December 1, 1961. CARRIED by vote of 31 in favor and 4 opposed.
- (12) Appointment, THOMAS BURNES, Democrat, to BOARD OF TAXATION. (To replace Harold H. Rowe) Term expiring December 1, 1958. CARRIED by unanimous vote of 35 in favor.
- (13) Appointment, EDWARD J. FRATTAROLI, Republican, to FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD (To be reappointed) Term expiring December 1, 1961. CARRIED by vote of 33 in favor and 2 void.
- (14) Appointment, ANTHONY W. WALSH, Democrat, to ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. (To be re-appointed) Term expiring December 1, 1961. CARRIED by vote of 28 in favor and 7 opposed.

Note: Mr. Georgoulis explained that the name of Roger O'Connor, to be appointed as a member of the Hubbard Heights Golf Commission had been withdrawn. (See Mayor's letter under communications from Mayor)

- (15) Appointment, FREDERICK M. LIONE, Republican, to PUBLIC WELFARE COMMISSION. (To be reappointed) Term expiring December 1, 1959. CARRIED by unanimous vote of 35 in favor.
- (16) Appointment, SAMUEL M. GOLD, Democrat, to BOARD OF RECREATION. (To be re-



January 7, 1957

appointed) Term expiring December 1, 1961. CARRIED by vote of 34 in favor and 1 opposed.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that the next order of business, namely, Public Works Committee report, be deferred until after the Health & Protection Committee report. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously.

Health & Protection Committee:

Re: Closing of Precinct Two.

MR. MILANO presented the following report of his Committee:

REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING  
REGARDING CLOSING OF PRECINCT 2

Two months ago the Legislative & Rules and Health & Protection Committees met with the Chief of Police in regards to the proposal made by the Board of Public Safety to this Board to Close Precinct Two.

After meeting with the Chief, both committees recommend the approval of the recommendation of the Safety Board that Precinct Two be closed.

The question of the closing of Precinct Two was recommitted to committee to allow time for the Chief of Police to meet with the District Representatives of the country area for more definite information as to the amount of police protection to be provided in the event this Precinct is closed.

With the Board's permission, I would like to call on the Secretary of the Safety Board and Captain Herbert of the Police Department, in the absence of both Chief Kinsella, who is ill, and Commissioner Donahue, who is away at the present time, in order that they may give a full report to the Board in regards to the protection to the outlying districts.

Joseph P. Milano,  
Chairman  
Health & Protection Committee

MR. MILANO MOVED to hear from representatives of the Safety Board, Mr. Joseph Czescik, and Mr. Clement Raiteri, Sr. and Captain Herbert and Lt. Gavigan of the Police Department, in regard to closing of Precinct Two.

Mr. Czescik spoke first. He assured the Board that the people in the area formerly served by Precinct Two will not have police protection curtailed because of the consolidation of police activities under one roof. However, he stressed the need for more manpower. He said that last year they had requested that 32 men be added to the police department, and instead got 4. He said: "We feel that at least 25 more men are needed to adequately handle the work."

Captain Herbert spoke next. He stated that we have better supervision by having a central headquarters and by closing Precinct Two, better economy is maintained.

Lt. Gavigan, from the Records Bureau, spoke next and gave figures compiled by the



Bureau. He said: "Our efficiency has gained by cutting down the supervision in Precinct Two by saving 904 man hours, or 225 man hours a week, or 32 hours per day. We save the labor of four men (approximately) by having the headquarters centralized in one building."

MR. FREDERICKS: "What bothers us in the old Town District is in not having certain patrolmen and certain cars designated specifically for that District."

LT. GAVIGAN: "There was an educational program during the past year and one half which was undertaken in order to familiarize all the men with the District."

MR. RAITERI said it was his understanding that approximately 25% more man hours will be allotted to Precinct Two by closing the old building.

MR. KETCHAM: "The whole Town area comprises 80% of the area in Stamford. It would figure out that 8% of the Police Department is assigned to cover 80% of the City. That does not seem fair to me."

MR. VITTI: "The whole solution is that the Police Department need more men and they also need more money."

LT. GAVIGAN: "From July 20th to August 20th, 1956 the total number of man hours worked in Precinct Two was 3,016. The supervisory man hours was 904. When a Desk Sergeant is on the desk, he replaces a total of 1,730 man hours on patrol. From August 20th to September 20th, 1956 men on actual radio patrol were 2,468 man hours in comparison to 1,730 before Central Headquarters was established."

MR. KETCHAM: "Is the Town area today receiving the same protection as they were during 1951?"

LT. GAVIGAN: "In my opinion they are receiving better protection than they were in 1951 and 1952." He cited figures to prove this fact.

MR. TOPPING: "I am wondering if the Lt. could furnish this Board with the data that he has just given to us verbally. I, for one, would like to be able to sit down at my leisure and study the figures."

MR. KAMINSKI: "It has definitely been proven to us this evening that we are now getting better protection than we were previously. At this point I think we should consider whether it is advisable to close Precinct Two."

MR. HUIZINGA: "There is one point that I want to get across to Cap. Herbert. Before consolidation we had 30 or more men available at Precinct Two. The thing that concerns me is that I want some basic figures to take back to the people that I represent. The people in my District think they are getting less protection than they were previously. We would like to be able to prove to our people that they are getting better protection. We would like to have a written report so we can prove it to our people."

MR. LEWIS: "It might help us to get a definition of a Precinct." He called attention to page 33 of the Charter and said he thought clarification might be given to the Board by the Corporation Counsel. He MOVED to hear from the Corporation Counsel as to what defines the Police Department and a Precinct.

MR. HANRAHAN spoke briefly and said that this was rather difficult to do because almost from the beginning of the Charter the personnel began to change. He said in 1951 the Legislaturc amended the Charter by creating a 40 hour week which also made the need for additional men more acute. He said the two police departments have



January 7, 1957

been merged, making the whole thing available to the entire city to be on call all of the time.

MR. RAITERI, SR. pointed out to Mr. Ketcham that in 1951 there were not as many men on duty in Precinct Two as he claimed.

MR. MILANO said it was the recommendation of the Health & Protection Committee that Precinct Two be closed and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Raiteri.

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED to recommit to Committee. Seconded by Mr. Topping.

VOTE taken on voting on the previous question and LOST, 19 opposed and 16 in favor.

MR. TOPPING said that before he makes up his mind on this question he would like to see the figures from the Police Department.

MR. FREDERICKS called attention to Resolution No. 246 on page 1410 of the November 7, 1956 Minutes in which this information was requested by the Board.

VOTE taken on Mr. Huizinga's motion to recommit to committee. LOST, 17 in favor and 18 opposed.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED the original question. Seconded by Mr. Kaminski.

MR. MURPHY MOVED to lay on the table. Seconded by Mr. Nolan and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

MR. TOPPING MOVED that the data requested from the Police Department be submitted. Seconded by Mr. Hearing and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Vitti, Mr. Barry and Mrs. Bankowski left at 11:55 P.M.

Public Works Committee:

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

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
(Presented at Jan. 7, 1957 Board meeting)

Because of the number of meetings and holidays in the last month, no scheduled meeting of this committee was held. Telephone contacts were made with the following members: Vincent Vitti, Allan Ketcham and Anthony Kolich. They are all in agreement with this report.

All Fiscal matters on the Agenda, also referred to this Committee are recommended for approval.

The Committee received a letter from Mr. Hanrahan re Loveland Road.

Letter from Planning Board re Cove Dam.

Letter from Citizens Committee for Improvement of Cove Pond.

The Public Works Committee requests permission from the Board of Representatives to make a fact-finding study of such a survey as requested by the Citizens Committee, it's findings

January 7, 1957

1477

to be reported to the Board of Representatives at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Topping, Chairman  
Public Works Committee

- (1) Carbon copy of letter dated Dec. 11, 1956 from CORPORATION Counsel re Loveland Road.

MR. TOPPING presented the following letter for information:

C

O

December 11, 1956

The American Homes Construction Co. Inc.  
174 Turner Road  
Stamford, Conn.

The Yorkshire Indemnity Company of New York  
90 John Street  
New York 38, New York

Gentlemen:

I have been instructed to advise you that because of your continued negligence to perform your obligation to the City of Stamford and its Planning Board under the terms of a sub-division and performance bond dated October, 13, 1953, the developer is declared to be in default.

Therefore, unless immediate and satisfactory arrangements are made with the City of Stamford and its Planning Board for the completion of the work under this agreement, in accordance with its terms, I have been instructed to institute an action on the bond and to take such other steps as may be available for requiring the principal personally to complete the agreement obligations.

Very truly yours,

John M. Hanrahan  
Corporation Counsel

JMH:A

- (2) Waivers to street pavement requirements granted by Planning Board.

MR. TOPPING presented the following letter from Mr. Wachter, Planning & Zoning Director for the information of the Board:



January 7, 1957

## CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

October 25, 1956

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

Dear Mr. Connors:

Pursuant to Mr. Topping's suggestion, the following information is sent to you in regard to waivers to street pavement requirements granted by the Planning Board.

Since July, 1954, the Planning Board has not required a minimum pavement width of 30 ft. for subdivisions in the Acre zones; the minimum requirement in such zones being 26 ft., except that waivers have been granted to allow for a 22 ft. pavement depending upon the merits of each request.

On March 8, 1955 the Planning Board adopted another standard to insure equal treatment in acre zones for all developers, by not granting waivers to the 26 ft. pavement width when the average lot size in the subdivision is less than one and one-half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) acre, except in the case of a short dead end street that can definitely not be extended and serving only four to six homes.

On January 10, 1956 the Planning Board established the policy that it would give consideration to requested waivers for 26 ft. pavement in one-half acre zones, only in the case where said requested waivers apply to a dead end street of relatively short length which cannot be extended.

It is suggested that the application for acceptance petitions be modified by adding request for information on any waivers granted. Such information relating to waivers can be confirmed with the City Engineer, since he is notified of such waivers and estimates the performance bond accordingly.

Granting of such waivers is one of several mediums used by the Planning Board to preserve the rural characteristics of our back-country areas.

Very truly yours,

STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD

Walter A. Wachter  
Planning & Zoning Director

WAW:amv  
encl. - 1 copy

January 7, 1957

1479

- (3) Letter from Mr. Wachter, Planning & Zoning Director re Petition concerning restoration of Cove Pond Dam, dated September 4, 1956

MR. TOPPING presented the following letter for information:

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

December 6, 1956

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

Re: Petition concerning Restoration of Cove  
Pond Dam, dated September 4, 1956

Dear Mr. Connors:

The Planning Board has instructed me to advise you that, at its meeting held on December 4, 1956, it reviewed your memorandum dated November 27, 1956, accompanied by copy of the above captioned petition, and the Board assures you it will discuss this matter with the City Engineer in conjunction with the petition of September 25, 1956 for improvement of Cove Pond, also referred to this Board.

Very truly yours,

STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD

Walter A. Wachter  
Planning & Zoning Director

WAW:amv

- (4) Letter from Mr. Wachter, Planning & Zoning Director, concerning petition dated September 25, 1956 from Citizens Committee for Improvement of Cove Pond.

MR. TOPPING presented the following letter for information:

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

December 6, 1956

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

Re: Memorandum referred to the Planning Board  
concerning petition dated September 25, 1956  
from Citizens Committee for Improvement of Cove  
Pond.

January 7, 1957

Dear Mr. Connors:

The Planning Board has instructed me to advise you that, at its meeting on December 4, 1956, it reviewed the above captioned subject, and assures your Board that the matter, with particular reference to paragraph 1A in said petition, will be discussed with the City Engineer, for possible inclusion in the Capital Budget of the next fiscal year.

Very truly yours,

STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD

Walter A. Wachter  
Planning & Zoning Director

WAW:amv

- (5) Letter from Citizens Committee for Improvement of Cove Pond dated Dec. 26, 1956  
(addressed to Mr. Topping)

## CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF COVE POND

Stamford, Connecticut

December 26, 1956

Mr. Thomas J. Topping, Chairman  
Public Works Committee  
Board of Representatives  
28 Lenox Avenue  
Glenbrook, Conn.

Re: Cove Pond - Cove Dam

Dear Mr. Topping:

We refer you to our petition, dated September 25, 1956.

Our Committee has been informed that the State Water Policy Commission has decided to take no further action on the subject until an engineering study has been made and some definite recommendations made concerning it.

It is our understanding that Stamford is holding up the proposal of an independent engineering survey, preferring that a complete study be made by the U. S. Army Engineers.

We respectfully request that you and the other members of the Public Works Committee arrange to see that a survey is made without delay, either by an independent engineering consultant or the U. S. Army Engineers. Continued delay only means further erosion and larger Cove Pond mud flats.

2119 As you undoubtedly know, the Westcott Cove dredging project was in the making for approximately ten years. Therefore,



January 7, 1957

1481

it may take years before Cove Pond becomes the very much needed small boat basin the people of this area have been visualizing since 1938. To permit Cove Pond to continue to waste away for even one more summer would be criminal neglect on the part of our town fathers.

The modified dam proposed by Mr. A. C. Wall of Noroton Manor Property Owners Association, would be inexpensive, would halt erosion and mud flats and, as we understand it, would not hinder complete dredging of the Pond for a small boat basin should a survey favor dredging.

Your report to the Board of Representatives meeting held November 7, 1956, recommended that this year's Capital Budget include repairing and/or rebuilding Cove Pond Dam to retain enough water in the Pond to cover the mud flats at low water. Has this been done?

You also recommended that the 1957 Storm Drain program take in improvement of the present inadequate storm drainage system along Weed Avenue.

What action has been taken by the various boards to which you referred these and the other matters outlined in our petition? If no action has been taken, why?

Very truly yours,

Mrs. William E. Barry  
Secretary

cc to: Mayor Quigley

MR. TOPPING said the Public Works Committee requests permission from the Board to make a fact-finding study, as requested in above letter from the Citizens Committee for Improvement of Cove Pond, the findings of this Committee to be reported to the Board when completed and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Waterbury and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

Mr. Rhoades brought up the question of considering a motion to adjourn to a later date, because of the lateness of the hour, and the volume of business still to be taken care of.

UPON MOTION of Mr. Rhoades, seconded by Mr. Waterbury and unanimously CARRIED, it was decided to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 A.M. to Monday, January 14, 1957 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*George V. Connors*

George V. Connors,  
President  
Board of Representatives