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A regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Conn. was held in the Cafeteria of the Dolan Jr. High School, Toms Road, Glenbrook.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Rev. Raymond E. Burns, of the Albertson Memorial Church.

At this time the President read a letter from the Rev. William D. Handerson, explaining the reason for his absence at the January Board meeting, the reason being the sudden death of his mother.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 38 members present, and two absent. The two absent members were Alanson Fredericks (absent because of a recent death in his family) and Rutherford Huizinga on vacation).

MR. BAKER was recognized at this time in order to present a resolution.

MR. BAKER MOVED for adoption of the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Georgoulis and approved by unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, Mrs. John Price, a long time resident of Stamford, a teacher in the Stamford public school system for many years, and beloved mother of Mrs. Alanson R. Fredericks, wife of the Minority Leader of the Stamford Board of Representatives, has passed to her eternal rest,

BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Representatives extend to Mr. and Mrs. Fredericks their sincere condolences on this sad occasion, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be inscribed on the Minutes of this meeting and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Fredericks.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of January 13, 1958

The following corrections were announced, on the Addendum to the Minutes:

First paragraph, 3rd line: After "Board of Representatives and-----" change the word "to" to "will",

Third paragraph, second line, place a period after the word "required" strike out the word "and"; start a new sentence beginning with "The President-----"

MR. MARCIANO brought up the question as to a discussion by him at the last meeting regarding a traffic light requested by him at the intersection of Manhattan and South Pacific Streets (referred to the Health & Protection Committee and a progress report given - see pages 1788, 1789). He wished to know why no mention was made of his discussion about these streets and the reason why. The President informed him that a search would be made of the records of the meeting by the Clerk.

MR. MURPHY said it was his opinion that it was not part of the Secretary's duties to take down each word that is said and asked if this was correct.

The President informed him that he was correct, but that the Minutes should show that a discussion was held on any topic which comes before the Board.

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The Minutes were APPROVED, as corrected.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

MR. RHOADES announced that the Minority Leader had requested the President assign Mr. William G. Hearing to the Parks & Recreation Committee, leaving the Personnel Committee, and that Jack McLaughlin go from the Parks & Recreation Committee to the Personnel Committee. He stated that this has been done, in accordance with the recommendations of the Minority Leader.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: "Mr. President, when the Minority Leader asked me if I were willing to accept this change, I told him that I was unwilling to do so -- that I wanted to stay on the Parks & Recreation Committee. I have worked on it for the past two years and would very much like to remain on this Committee."

MR. RHOADES said that inasmuch as the Minority Leader was not present, he would hold in abeyance any changes in committees until everyone is completely satisfied.

MR. RHOADES announced the following appointments:

Charter Revision Committee: Appointment of John Nolan, Vice Chairman

Legislative & Rules Committee: Appointment of Rocco Colatrella, Vice Chairman

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STEERING COMMITTEE

Mr. Rhoades, Chairman, presented the following report:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT
Meeting held Jan. 27, 1958

The Steering Committee met in the Mayor's Office, City Hall on Monday, January 27, 1958. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rhoades, the Chairman, at 8:15 P.M.

The following members were present:

Norton Rhoades, Chairman; Thomas Topping, Robert Lewis, Ellis Baker, Doris Zuckert, Clement Raiteri, Jr., John Macrides, William Murphy, Rocco Colatrella, George Connors, Vincent Vitti and Bernard Geronimo.

Mr. Russell was present as a representative from the Planning and Zoning Committee.

The following members were absent:

Alanson Fredericks, Rutherford Huizinga (on vacation) and John Nolan, who was ill.

An Agenda for the meeting was presented to each member to facilitate the order of business.

1. Printing of Committee reports in Minutes

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The question of whether or not it was necessary to print all Committee reports in the Minutes was discussed. The President ruled that a synopsis of a

Committee report would be all that was necessary, unless it was specifically requested by the Chairman of a Committee. However, in the matter of a final report of a special committee, or when there was some disagreement among committee members, with perhaps a minority report, it would then be necessary to print the report in its entirety in the Minutes.

2. 1958-1959 fiscal year Budget requests for operation of Board of Representatives

The President said that, although in the past, the preparation of the Budget request for the coming fiscal year was an administrative function, he had requested the Fiscal Committee to approve it and also that it be presented to the Board for approval. However, because of a deadline that had to be met, the budget request had already been filed with the Commissioner of Finance.

3. Letter dated Sept. 20, 1957 from Irving Snyder, regarding property on Meadow Street (contemplated sale to First National Stores by URC) and blocking of street by railroad spur.

This matter was marked closed and the letter returned to the Secretary for filing by the Chairman of the Legislative & Rules Committee, for the reason that this sale did not go through.

4. Holbrook Estates - Resolution No. 266 (See pages 1732, 1733 of Oct. 7, 1957 Minutes, introduced by Mr. Baker)

The President reported to Mr. Baker a conversation with Mr. Dawless, the Tax Assessor, explaining the question in regard to the ~~ownership~~ *titigation* of streets in the Holbrook Estates.

5. Two committees having the same referrals

As a result of a request from a Committee Chairman, the President ruled that when two Committees are both reporting on the same matter, the result of each Committee's action should be immediately available to the other.

6. Appointments to be re-submitted at the February 3, 1958 meeting

The President informed the Chairman of the Appointments Committee that there would be no need to again present the qualifications of the Mayor's nominations which were presented to the Board at the Jan. 13th meeting.

7. Rent Control Ordinance

Mr. Raiteri said he had arranged for copies to be made of the proposed Rent Control Ordinance and they would be available to all Board members before the February meeting.

8. Richmond Hill Bridge - Suggestion to name it the J. Flemming Rutledge Bridge

Mr. Vitti brought up the question of naming the Richmond Hill Bridge after the late J. Flemming Rutledge. Mr. Vitti was requested to present this request in writing so that it could be referred to the Public Works Committee.

9. Correction to Rules of Board

The correction in the Rules, which were adopted by the Board at their December 9, 1957 Board meeting, by changing the number of members in the Parks & Recreation Committee from 5 to 7 members was ordered placed on the Agenda under

New Business.

10. Correspondence referred to Committees

- (a) Letter dated 1/13/58 from Alanson Fredericks re POLICE PROTECTION IN LAKEVIEW, and enclosing copy of letter from Lakeview Owners' Association. REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE
- (b) Letter dated 1/14/58 from Municipal Employees Association, City of Stamford, outlining amendments to Ordinance known as "Classified Pension Plan". REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE AND FISCAL COMMITTEE.
- (c) Letter dated 1/17/58 from Alanson Fredericks re hazardous flooding conditions on Stanton Drive, enclosing copy of letter from Nicholas Bolanis. REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.
- (d) Letter dated 1/20/58 from Rocco Colatrella (2nd Dist.) enclosing copies of correspondence, opposing change of name of Southfield Park to the J. Flemming Rutledge Park. REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE AND PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE.

11. Membership changes in various Committees

The changes in membership of various Committees was discussed and ordered placed on Agenda as the first order of business.

12. Next Steering Committee meeting

The President announced that the next Steering Committee meeting to take care of matters for the March 3, 1958 Agenda, would be held on Monday evening at 8 P.M., February 17, 1958 in the Mayor's office, City Hall.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Norton Rhoades
Chairman, Steering Committee

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Re: Two committees having the same referrals

MR. NOLAN MOVED that this be referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee to present a rule at the next meeting in regard to this. Seconded by Mr. Longo and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Topping asked if this would be incorporated into the Rules of the Board. The President informed him that this was the purpose of referring it to the Committee and that it must be brought on the floor at a meeting previous to the one at which action is taken, which was the reason for bringing it to the attention of the Board at this time.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

The President read a letter from Mayor Webster C. Givens, withdrawing the name of Mr. Joseph Peltz for consideration as a member of the Park Commission, this having

been requested by Mr. Peltz. The President announced that this name which appears on the Agenda will therefore not be considered.

MR. LEWIS: (Chairman, Appointments Committee) "Mr. Chairman, the Appointments Committee met Thursday, January 30th, at 7 P.M. in the Mayor's office and interviewed the candidates for nomination to the various Boards. The Committee, having gone over the first set of nominations and the second, have arranged to forward to the respective caucuses - the Democratic caucus and the Republican caucus - the findings of the Appointments Committee. This will eliminate a great deal of discussion at the Board meeting because the various findings have already been conformed. However, at this meeting tonight, any representative has the option of bringing up any questions therewith. In accordance with our rules, we will name the candidates in the order in which they appear on our Agenda. It will not be necessary for the Appointments Committee to move for their adoption or a seconder of the motion."

MR. LEWIS asked the President if it would be necessary to read the qualifications of each candidate. He was informed that in the case of the 11 appointments which were voted on at the January meeting, it would not be necessary to again present this information unless requested by a member of the Board.

MR. LEWIS read the qualifications of all candidates whose names were not previously brought before the Board. (At the January 13, 1958 meeting)

MR. LEWIS presented the following nominations by Mayor Givens for various City Boards. The Tellers passed out the ballots for each candidate, in turn, and voting was done by secret ballot.

(1) Hubbard Heights Golf Commission:

Mrs. Babette Ransohoff (R) - Term 1957-1962	VOTE: 37 in favor 1 opposed
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(2) Personnel Commission:

Henry F. Nolan (D) - Term 1957-1958 (Replacing Mr. Rice)	VOTE: 36 in favor 2 opposed
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(3) Personnel Commission: (Note: There is one vacancy on Personnel Commission, to be filled by employees' selection)

Thomas C. Barker (R) - Term 1957-1960 (Replacing Mr. Sotire)	VOTE: 36 in favor 2 opposed
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(4) Planning Board:

Joseph P. Zone (D) - Term 1957-1958 (Replacing Frank Barrett)	VOTE: 33 in favor 5 opposed
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(5) Planning Board:

Jack Flaherty (R) - Term 1957-1962	VOTE: 19 in favor 19 opposed
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The President said by the above vote, the confirmation of the appointment was DENIED.

(6) Board of Recreation:

2586 Frank Zezima (R) - Term 1957-1962 (Replacing Mrs. Penfield)	VOTE: 35 in favor 3 opposed
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(7) Board of Taxation:

James Bingham (R) - Term 1957-1962
(Replacing Paul Klinkowski)

VOTE: 19 in favor
17 opposed

(8) Board of Tax Review:

Raymond G. Cushing (R) - Term 1957-1962
(Replacing William Ogle)

VOTE: 34 in favor
4 opposed

(9) Public Welfare Commission:

Joseph W. Siladi (R) - Term 1957-1960
(Replacing Edward Wojciechowski)

VOTE: 34 in favor
3 opposed

(10) Zoning Board:

Stearns Woodman (R) - Term 1957-1962 (Reappointment)

VOTE: 27 in favor
11 opposed

(11) Zoning Board of Appeals:

Courtland Jones (R) - Term 1957-1962
(Replacing Dr. McGourty)

VOTE: 14 in favor
22 opposed

The President declared this appointment LOST by the above vote.

(12) Flood & Erosion Control Board:

Richard Morris (R) - Term 1957-1962
(Replacing W. Gardner Edwards)

VOTE: 32 in favor
6 opposed

(13) Board of Recreation:

Mrs. Dorothy Lorenzen (R) - Term Expiring 1958
(Replacing Edward N. Powell, resigned)

VOTE: 36 in favor
2 opposed

(14) Sewer Commission:

Raymond Arnow (R) - Term 1957-1962 (Reappointment)

VOTE: 38 in favor
(Unanimous)

(15) Building Committee:

Louis J. Bacco (Ind) - Term 1957-1959
(Replacing Arthur Mitchell)

VOTE: 38 in favor
(Unanimous)

(Note: Term runs concurrently with that of Mayor)

(16) Parking Authority:

Alfred H. Barrett (R) - Term 1/1/58-1961
(Replacing William Druehl)

VOTE: 37 in favor
1 opposed

(17) Flood & Erosion Control Board:

Gerald Kolinsky (D) - Term Expiring 1959
(Replacing George L. Hickey, resigned)

VOTE: 33 in favor
5 opposed

FISCAL COMMITTEE

In the absence of the Fiscal Committee Chairman, Mr. Cummings, Vice Chairman, presented the report of the Committee

MR. CUMMINGS: "The regular monthly meeting of the Fiscal Committee was held in the Mayor's office at 8 P.M., January 21, 1958. Representatives Topping and Kolich were absent."

MR. CUMMINGS: "The Fiscal Committee wishes to express its feeling that some items have been arbitrarily reduced in the course of regular budget procedures. While we agree with the motives of economy and caution evident in some reductions in the past, we do feel that in some cases where supplementary appropriations are annually re-occurring, the full amounts requested should be passed without reduction. In this group of appropriations items Nos. 6 and 7 are of such a nature."

MR. CUMMINGS presented the following requests for additional appropriations:

- (1) \$6,240.71 - Dept. Public Works - Code 412F., Street Lighting (See Mayor's letter Oct. 10, 1957)

MR. CUMMINGS said the above request had been approved by the Committee and he MOVED for approval. Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

MR. TOPPING: "The only item on this request for lights that I would find fault with is Mitchel Street, which is not a city-owned street. Therefore I object to the item of \$33.15 allocated for this street, until this street has been accepted. Otherwise, this allocation is all right as far as I'm concerned."

MR. TOPPING MOVED to amend by striking \$33.15 off the total amount requested. Seconded by Mr. Milano.

MR. RHOADES suggested that the proper motion would be to move for approval of the amount, minus the \$33.15. Mr. Topping accepted the suggestion and corrected his motion accordingly.

MR. KELLY objected to the amendment for the reason that in the past lights have been provided for many streets not city accepted streets. He said he saw no reason to take this one item out and was in favor of voting for the request as a whole. He said as the motion now reads the \$33.15 could be taken off any item covered by this appropriation and would not necessarily mean the deletion of Mitchel Street.

MR. GERONIMO called attention to Mr. Topping's report and said he believed there should be a correction in regard to this item.

MR. TOPPING said his Committee report had been prepared by Mr. Ketcham, because he had been absent from this meeting. He quoted from the report: "The Committee again requests more detailed information as to number of lights, type of lights, and location of lights to be installed, which as yet has not been received." He explained that this information had not been available to the Committee because there was only one copy of the report, and requested that the Commissioner of Public Works explain these items in more detail, and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Connors and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. MAGUIRE, Commissioner of Public Works, came forward at this time.

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Mr. Topping explained that detailed information was requested on all streets to be supplied with lighting.

MR. MAGUIRE asked the members which items they were most concerned with, as his report was very lengthy and would consume a considerable period of time to go through each item.

MR. NOLAN objected to taking up the time of the Board in going through a lengthy report and suggested that it should have properly been taken up by the Committee.

After further discussion as to which items were to be reported on, a MOTION was made by MR. GERONIMO, which was seconded by Mr. Baker, that the whole matter be referred back to Committee for further study.

MR. KELLY said he objected to having this appropriation delayed further, because there were many cases in which it was most necessary to have proper street lighting, especially as a protection for women coming home from work late at night, and people coming home late from various night meetings. He said prowlers were reported in this neighborhood and the residents needed the protection of lights.

MR. MACRIDES pointed out that in all appropriations over \$2,000 it was necessary to have a report from two different committees and in this case there was only one committee report favoring the appropriation. He said if action was to be taken at this time, it would require a committee meeting on the spot in order to come to an agreement.

MR. CONNORS presented a letter from Mayor Quigley dated December 5, 1955, sent to Mr. Kelly, asking him to find out where lighting was most needed in the Cove area. He said this was prepared in accord with recommendations of the Lighting Company, a plan which was made up for the city some two years ago, for the safety of traffic and residents. He objected to deferring this matter any longer.

Considerable discussion ensued on this matter. MR. MAGUIRE pointed out that this lighting program was of vital interest to all of Stamford and it should not be postponed any longer.

MR. NOLAN rose to a point of order and said he would like to see the debate limited to the matter on the floor, namely the re-committal to committee.

MR. GERONIMO said he would withdraw his motion to enable action to be taken tonight.

MR. ROCHE MOVED for a 5 minute recess so the Public Works Committee could meet with Mr. Maguire and come in with a recommendation, concurred in by all its members. Seconded by Mr. Baker and CARRIED unanimously.

The recess being over, the President called the meeting to order.

VOTE taken on Mr. Topping's motion to amend the original motion by deleting \$33.15 from the total appropriation requested. LOST (no member rose in approval of the motion).

VOTE taken on MR. CUMMINGS' MOTION for approval of \$6,240.71 for Dept. Public Works, Code 412F., Street Lighting and CARRIED by a vote of 36 in favor and 1 opposed.

(2) \$15,000.00 - Dept. Public Works - Code 412A.6A, Snow Removal (See Mayor's letter of 1/6/58)
(REDUCED by Board of Finance)

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MR. CUMMINGS MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Baker.

MR. TOPPING said the Public Works Committee concurred in the recommendation, and read from his committee report.

VOTE taken on item #2 above and CARRIED unanimously.

- (3) \$140.80 - Park Department - Code 500.1, Salaries (Reclassification, Park Worker, Grade 5, Range Step 3, to Chief Clerk, Grade 7, Step 2) (See Mayor's letter 1/2/58)

MR. CUMMINGS said the Committee approved the above request and MOVED for approval. Seconded by Mr. Rybnick and CARRIED unanimously.

- (4) \$10,000.00 - Employees' Hospital & Medical Account - Code GG-488 (See Mayor's letter 9/13/57)

MR. CUMMINGS said the Committee approved of the above request and MOVED for approval.

MR. MACRIDES said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee recommended approval. and seconded the motion which was CARRIED unanimously.

- (5) \$475.00 - Board of Representatives - Code 200.4A, Printing (Additional copies of Charter)
(See Mayor's letter 12/11/57)

MR. CUMMINGS MOVED for approval of this request, saying it had been approved by his Committee. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

- (6) \$800.00 - Dept. Public Works - Code 410.5 - Administration, Telephone (See Mayor's letter 12/12/57)

MR. CUMMINGS stated this was approved by his committee and MOVED for approval. Seconded by Mr. Baker and CARRIED unanimously.

- (7) \$2,500.00 - Dept. Public Works - Code 414B.12 - Maintenance of Equipment
(See Mayor's letter 1/9/58)

MR. TOPPING said the Public Works Committee approved this request.

MR. CUMMINGS MOVED for approval, this also being approved by his Committee. Seconded by Mr. Fortunato and CARRIED unanimously.

- (8) \$400.00 - Dept. Public Works - Code 414C.12 - Maintenance of Equipment, Pumping Stations (See Mayor's letter 1/9/58-
(Same letter as No. 7 above)

MR. CUMMINGS said the committee recommended approval of this request and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Baker and Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

- (9) \$137.00 - Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals (See Mayor's letter 1/9/58)

Code 550.5 Telephone-----	\$40.00
Code 550.11A Printing Maps & Books-----	97.00
Total-----	\$137.00

MR. CUMMINGS MOVED for approval, saying it was the committee's recommendation.
2540 Seconded by Mr. Connors and CARRIED unanimously.

(10) Board of Representatives' proposed Budget, 1958-1959 fiscal year

MR. CUMMINGS: "The Committee also considered the proposed Budget of this Board in the amount of \$11,272.00 for the ensuing fiscal year (1958-1959) and recommends its approval in toto." Mr. Cummings MOVED for approval. Seconded by several voices and CARRIED unanimously.

(11) Classified Employees Pension Plan

- * MR. CUMMINGS: "A letter from Mr. Andrew M. Thorpe, President of the Municipal Employees Association was thoroughly discussed. The letter requests certain amendments to the Ordinance known as "Classified Employees Pension Plan" which will further aggravate the generally unsound condition of the city's pension plans. Recognizing that some action must be taken, your Fiscal Committee recommends that the President of the Board write to the Mayor, requesting a meeting of this Fiscal Committee, the Board of Finance, the Commissioner of Finance and the Mayor, at which meeting this group will endeavor to find some method for placing existing pension plans of the city on a more sound actuarial basis, and thereby prepare a more solid foundation for extended benefits, without further delay."

MR. RHOADES asked Mr. Cummings regarding the above recommendation on the matter of writing a letter to the Mayor and asked him if he wished to have this considered in the form of a motion.

- * MR. CUMMINGS: "Yes, and I so MOVE."

MR. TOPPING: "And I heartily second that motion."

MR. VITTI: "I would also like to include in that, inviting the Teamster's representatives to that same meeting, which represents about 70% of the city employees."

MR. RHOADES: "I think that perhaps that should be considered as an amendment to Mr. Cumming's motion, if he would be willing to accept it. It would not be necessary to vote on it."

MR. CUMMINGS: "I would accept that if the letter were to concern only this letter of Mr. Thorpe's. However, I would like an expression of opinion from the Board before accepting that, as to whether or not this particular letter should be directed to all of the city's pension plans at this time. If so, then I don't believe that sentence would be particularly appropriate, since the other pension plans in question concern the Fire Dept., Police Dept., etc."

MR. VITTI said it was his opinion that all interested city departments should be invited to the meeting.

MR. RHOADES asked if there was a seconder to Mr. Vitti's amendment. Mr. Longo said he would second the amendment.

VOTE taken on Mr. Vitti's amendment. CARRIED. (several no votes)

- * VOTE taken on Mr. Cummings's motion. CARRIED unanimously.

MR. CONNORS: "With reference to that meeting - would you think that the Personnel Committee should also be invited to that meeting?"

MR. RHOADES: "As I understood the language in the suggested letter, it includes everyone who has any remote connection with this matter whatever. This was the

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President's interpretation of it, and it would appear to be Mr. Cummings' too. I would assume that they would be, Mr. Connors. Yes."

(12) Letter dated January 31, 1958 from Mayor Webster C. Givens, re financing of bonds to take care of Capital Projects, current fiscal year - 1957-1958

MR. CUMMINGS MOVED for suspension of the rules to bring the following letter to the attention of the Board. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously:

MAYOR'S OFFICE

January 31, 1958

Board of Representatives
Stamford, Conn.
Mr. Norton Rhoades, President
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the requirement in Section 630 of the Charter, as amended, I hereby request that your Honorable Board authorize the issuance of general obligation coupon bonds under the corporate name and seal and upon the faith and credit of the City of Stamford to finance all of the capital projects contained in the capital budget for the current fiscal year, as amended, which are to be financed with funds raised by borrowing, except the Urban Renewal Project. The capital projects contained in said budget, as amended, which are designated to be financed by bonds and which are the subject of the within request, are as follows:

Department of Public Works:

Sanitary Sewer Construction

Balance Center Street
Scofield Avenue Area

\$100,000.00

Storm Drains Construction

Springdale \$ 60,000.00
North Glenbrook 100,000.00

160,000.00

Street Construction

Broad Street Extension

75,000.00

Incinerator Construction

Construction of New Incinerator

300,000.00

Park Commission

Cove Island - Roads - Paths

25,000.00

Board of Education:

Northeast Area School Site 90,000.00

Additional Secondary School

Site Preparation & Plans 70,000.00

Ryle School addition 120,000.00

Fire Code Compliance 132,360.00

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West Hill, Stillwater,		
Roxbury School Site	\$ 75,000.00	
Roxbury School Addition	<u>187,000.00</u>	<u>\$674,360.00</u>
Total-----		\$1,334,360.00

The Corporation Counsel will present to your Honorable Board a draft of a suggested resolution, the form of which has been cleared with bond counsel, and which may be used if your board decides to act favorably upon the within request.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Webster C. Givens,
Mayor.

MR. RHOADES explained that this request would have had to be given to both the Fiscal Committee and to the Legislative & Rules Committee for recommendation to the Board.

MR. RHOADES: "The President therefore has asked Mr. Raiteri, the Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee to read the resolution. This resolution must be read in its entirety. Otherwise, the members of the Board will not know what they are voting on; a bonding counsel might very well be concerned as to whether it was legally passed by this Board."

MR. RAITERI read the following resolution in its entirety and MOVED for its approval. Seconded by Mr. McLaughlin. A rising vote taken and CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 269

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$1,334,360 BONDS TO FINANCE
CAPITAL PROJECTS IN 1957/1958 CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 630 of the Charter, as amended, this Board has received a written request from the Mayor, approved by the Board of Finance, to authorize bonds to finance all of the capital projects contained in the capital budget for the current fiscal year, as amended, as are to be financed with funds raised by borrowing except the Urban Renewal Project included in the amendment to said budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. There be and hereby is authorized, under and pursuant to the Charter of the City of Stamford and any other general or special statute thereto enabling, the issue and sale from time to time of general obligation, coupon serial bonds of the City of Stamford in an aggregate principal amount of One Million Three Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$1,334,360.00) for the purpose of paying for capital projects, consisting of the several public improvements or other municipal works of a permanent character or for improving land taken for the purposes of such improvements or municipal works, all as hereinafter more fully described. Each of said capital projects is included in the duly adopted capital budget for the current fiscal year, as amended, and reference is hereby made to said capital budget for a more complete description of the particular projects hereinafter designated. The said Capital Projects and the extent to which they are to be financed with the proceeds of the bonds herein authorized are as follows:

Department of Public Works

Sanitary Sewer Construction		
Balance Center Street		
Scofield Avenue Area		\$100,000.00
Storm Drains Construction		
Springdale	60,000.00	
North Glenbrook	<u>100,000.00</u>	160,000.00
Street Construction		
Broad Street Extension		75,000.00
Incinerator Construction		
Construction of New Incinerator		300,000.00
Park Commission		
Cove Island - Roads - Paths		25,000.00

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Northeast Area School Site	90,000.00	
Additional Secondary School		
Site Preparation & Plans	70,000.00	
Ryle School Addition	120,000.00	
Fire Code Compliance	132,360.00	
West Hill, Stillwater,		
Roxbury School Site	75,000.00	
Roxbury School Addition	<u>187,000.00</u>	<u>674,360.00</u>
Total		\$1,334,360.00

2. Said bonds shall be issued in the name of an upon the full faith and credit of the City of Stamford and shall be issued as three or more separate bond issues and in the manner and in the principal amount that the Board of Finance may determine from time to time, including without limitation the determination of the form, date, date of payments of principal and interest, manner of issuing, by whom signed and all other particulars and said Board of Finance, or, if authorized by the Board of Finance, the Finance Commissioner, may determine the rate of interest to be paid on said bonds, provided, however, that the bonds to finance the sewer projects shall be as follows: one issue in the amount of \$100,000 for sanitary sewers; one issue in the amount of \$160,000 for storm sewers.

3. Each of the capital projects hereinbefore described and contained in the capital budget for the current fiscal year, as amended, is hereby confirmed as a duly authorized capital project of the City of Stamford.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That with respect to any issue of bonds hereinbefore authorized, there be and hereby is authorized, under and pursuant to Section 365d of the 1955 Supplement to the Connecticut General Statutes, the city charter and any other enabling authority in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, but within such limitations, if any, as may be imposed by resolution of the Board of Finance, the making of a temporary loan or loans by the issue and sale from time to time, as funds may be required, of a temporary

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note or notes of the City of Stamford in anticipation of the money to be received from the sale of each such bond issue and the renewal of the same by the issue and sale of a temporary renewal note or notes, provided, however, that the aggregate principal amount of temporary notes or renewal notes at any one time outstanding shall never exceed the principal amount of the bond issue in anticipation of which such notes were issued and provided, further, that the date, maturity, rate of interest or discount, the form, manner of sale and other particulars of such temporary notes or renewal notes shall, within such limitations as may be imposed by law or by resolution of the Board of Finance, be determined by the Commissioner of Finance with the approval of the Mayor.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

MR. RAITERI, Chairman, read the report of his committee. He stated that the Committee met the evening of January 21, 1958; that the following were present at the meeting:

Messrs. Baker, Colatrella, DeForest, Russell, Raiteri and Mr. Arthur DiSesa, Assistant Corporation Counsel.

Regulation of Rent and Housing Accommodations

MR. RAITERI: "The Committee discussed at length the Superior Court case in Bridgeport, in which Judge Frank Covello ruled in favor of the City of Stamford regarding its regulation of rent and housing accommodations.

"At the suggestion of Mr. DiSesa it was decided to make changes in Section 4 of the Ordinance to eliminate some conflict which exists between this Section and Section 13.

"The Committee unanimously agreed that an emergency housing shortage still exists, as evidenced by the trailer camp on Magee Avenue, the waiting lists for public housing, the condemnation of 170-172 Lawn Avenue for a moderate rental project, and the impact of the Thruway which has not completely worn off. The report of the Fair Rent Board further points up the need for stabilizing measures."

MR. RAITERI said copies of the proposed Ordinance were mailed to all members of the Board with the Agenda.

MR. RAITERI said his committee commended Mr. DiSesa, Assistant Corporation Counsel, for his fine work in behalf of the city in helping draft the Ordinance and defending it in Superior Court.

MR. RAITERI MOVED adoption for publication of the following proposed Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Kelly:

ORDINANCE NO. -- SUPPLEMENTAL

REGULATION OF RENT AND HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

1. FINDING AND DECLARATION OF NECESSITY

It is declared: That as a result of the lack of construction of private rental housing accommodations during the period of World War II and as a result of the construction of the State Thruway, it is hereby found and declared that there exists a shortage of rental housing accommodations, which shortage has and will lead to unreasonable increases in rent to the resulting injury to the public health, safety and welfare of the City.

2. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Ordinance, the term "housing accommodation" shall mean any building or part thereof, occupied or suitable for occupancy as a place of abode, with any land or buildings appurtenant thereto and any services, furniture and facilities supplied in connection therewith; "rent" shall mean any consideration, including any bonus, benefit, or gratuity, demanded or received for the use or occupancy of any housing accommodation.

3. FAIR RENT BOARD

Upon passage of this Ordinance, the Mayor shall appoint a Fair Rent Board, consisting of six persons, three of whom shall be recommended for appointment by the Majority Leader of the Board of Representatives and three of whom shall be recommended for appointment by the Minority Leader of said Board. The Commissioner of Finance shall furnish such Board with such necessary clerical assistance as they may need for the purpose of maintaining its records.

4. REGULATIONS

Said Board may make orders and regulations necessary to carry out its duties under this Ordinance and for the purpose of preventing unreasonable increases in rents and the resulting injury to the public health, safety and welfare. Such regulations shall provide for the making of individual adjustments in cases in which the rent is deemed to be inequitable, having due regard to the investment of the property owner, increases in property maintenance, taxes, or other applicable costs.

5. ADJUSTMENT OF RENTS

In any case where increases in rent are considered excessive by the tenants, they may apply to the Board for relief within thirty (30) days of written notice of said increase. Pending a determination of the Rent Board, the tenant shall continue to pay the rent in existence immediately prior to notice of said increase. The Board may determine the rent effective as of the date of such notice.

6. STUDIES AND HEARINGS

The Board may make studies and conduct hearings for the purpose of obtaining any information it considers necessary for the administration and enforcement of this Ordinance. For such purpose it may require any landlord or tenant, or any agent or employee of any landlord or tenant, to furnish, under oath, any information required by it and may require the production of any records or other documents and may inspect housing accommodation. Such Board may, for such purposes, administer oaths and issue subpoenas. The Board shall not disclose any information so obtained if a request for confidential treatment is made by the person furnishing such information, unless such Board determines that the withholding thereof is contrary to the public interest.

7. PROTEST TO BOARD

Any person affected by any order or regulation of the Board, may file a protest, setting forth his objections thereto, with written evidence in support of such objections. Statements in support of such order or regulation may be received by the Board. As soon as possible after such filing, the Board shall grant or deny such protest, provide for a hearing thereof, or provide an opportunity to

present further evidence in connection therewith. If the Board denies such protest, in whole or in part, it shall inform the protestant of its reasons therefor. If the Board fails to grant or deny such protest within thirty (30) days after such protest is filed, it shall be deemed to be denied.

8. APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by any such decision of the Board may, within thirty (30) days, appeal to the Court of Common Pleas, or to any Judge thereof, when said Court is not in session, and said Court or such Judge shall review the findings of the Board in such case. Pending any such appeal to the said Court, or said Judge, the orders or regulations of the Board shall be in effect.

9. EVICCTIONS

So long as the tenant continues to pay the rent to which the landlord is entitled, the landlord shall have no substantive right to recover possession of, and no tenant shall be removed from, any housing accommodations by action to evict or to recover possession, by exclusion from possession or otherwise, nor shall any person attempt such removal or exclusion from possession, notwithstanding that such tenant has no lease or that his lease or other rental agreement has expired or otherwise terminated and regardless of any contract, lease, agreement or obligation heretofore or hereafter entered into which provides for entry of judgment upon the tenant's confession for breach of the covenants thereof, or which otherwise provides contrary hereto, unless:

- (a) The tenant who had a written lease or other written rental agreement, has refused upon demand of the landlord to execute a written extension or renewal thereof for a further term of like duration, but not in excess of one year, for a rent not in excess of the rent as prescribed by Sec. 5, but otherwise on the same terms and conditions as the previous lease or agreement, except so far as such terms and conditions are inconsistent with this Ordinance; or
- (b) The tenant has unreasonably refused the landlord access to the housing accommodation for the purpose of inspection or of showing the accommodation to a prospective purchaser, mortgagee or prospective mortgagee, or other person having a legitimate interest therein; provided such refusal shall not be ground for removal or eviction if such inspection or showing of the accommodation is contrary to the provisions of the tenant's lease or other rental agreement; or
- (c) The tenant has violated a substantial obligation of his tenancy, other than an obligation to pay rent, and has continued, or failed to cure, such violation after written notice by the landlord that the violation cease, or is committing or permitting a nuisance, or is using or permitting, a use of the housing accommodations for an immoral or illegal purpose; or
- (d) The tenant's lease or other rental agreement has expired or otherwise terminated, and at the time of termination the occupants of the housing accommodations are sub-tenants or other persons who occupied under a rental agreement with the tenant, and no part of the accommodation is used by the tenant as his own dwelling; or
- (e) The landlord seeks in good faith to recover possession for the immediate purpose of demolishing the housing accommodation, or of substantially altering or remodeling it in a manner which cannot practicably be done with the

tenant in occupancy and the plans for such alteration or remodeling have been approved by the proper authorities, if such approval is required; or

(f) The landlord owns or has acquired the right to buy the housing accommodations and has an immediate compelling necessity to recover possession of such accommodation for use or occupancy as a dwelling for himself or for members of his immediate family, or has served during the period of the war emergency in the armed forces of the United States and in good faith seeks possession for his own occupancy; or

(g) The Board certifies, on grounds other than those stated above, that the landlord may pursue his remedies in accordance with law. The Board may grant such Certificate if the landlord establishes that the ground for removal or eviction is not inconsistent with the purpose of this Ordinance. The Certificate of the Board in such case shall set forth the date after which the remedy in accordance with law may be pursued, which shall not be earlier than three (3) months from the date of the filing of the Petition by the landlord.

10. RECEIPTS

The landlord shall in every case of payment of rent, give a receipt, setting forth the amount and period for which the rent is paid.

11. PENALTY

Any person, who, after any such adjustment, as provided in Section 5, demands or receives rent in excess of the amount so determined, or who violates any regulation or order issued under Section 4, or who removes, or attempts to remove, any tenant from any housing accommodation in violation of Section 9, or because such tenant has taken, or proposes to take action authorized by this Ordinance, or any order or regulation issued thereunder, or shall refuse to give a receipt in violation of Section 10, shall be fined not more than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars, or imprisoned not more than thirty (30) days, or both.

12. INJUNCTION

When, after inquiry, the Board finds that any person has engaged, or is likely to engage in any practice designated in Section 11, it may apply to the Court of Common Pleas, or to the City Court, or to any Judge thereof, when said Courts are not in session, for an order enjoining such practice.

13. NEW CONSTRUCTION

The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to any building, the construction of which was not completed to such an extent that the premises were occupied July 7, 1957, and to any building which may be constructed after said date.

14. TERMINATION

This Ordinance and all regulations promulgated and orders issued hereunder shall cease to be effective upon termination by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, or on March 31, 1959, whichever is sooner.

15. TIME WHEN OPERATIVE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

MR. McLAUGHLIN spoke at some length in opposition to the adoption of this Ordinance. He said that Stamford and New York City are the only cities in the country that have rent control.

MR. McLAUGHLIN MOVED for abolition of the Ordinance. No seconder. Ruled out of order.

MR. McLAUGHLIN MOVED that the matter be Tabled. No seconder. Lost.

MR. NOLAN said that it was his opinion that the previous Board should be congratulated for passage of this Ordinance and the recent Court decision (Superior Court - Judge Frank Covello) would prove that it was legally done. He said the Ordinance was not being adopted at this time, but merely for publication, and that debate could better be done when it again comes before the Board in March for the final adoption. He said there had not been any clamoring against the Ordinance, and that it had been accepted as a fair and just Ordinance which stops any landlord from charging an exorbitant rent, but does not stop him from getting his just dues. He recommended approval of the ordinance for publication and that the Legislative & Rules Committee should rather be given a vote of thanks; also the Assistant Corporation Counsel, Mr. DiSesa, for doing a fine job on its preparation.

Several other members spoke briefly on the subject. Mr. Kelly stated that Mr. McLaughlin was incorrect in his assumption that only Stamford and New York City still had rent controls; that he personally knew there were 27 cities in the State of New Jersey still under rent control.

VOTE on publication of the Ordinance, as moved by Mr. Raiteri, and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MR. TOPPING, Chairman, read his committee report. He stated that the Committee met on January 29, 1958 at 8 P.M. in the City Court room, City Hall. The members present at this meeting were Messrs. Maffucci, Ketcham, Geronimo, Marciano, and Nilan. Mr. Vitti and Mr. Topping were absent. (Mr. Topping because of a previous commitment)

Mr. Topping explained the fiscal matters referred to his committee had already been reported on under Fiscal Committee.

Welcoming Signs at Entrances to City

MR. TOPPING: "This was also referred to Parks & Recreation. The Committee has approved this in principle, but our final approval is subject to a meeting with the Parks & Recreation Committee of this Board."

Letter from A. R. Fredericks, 18th District Representative, covering letter from Mr. Nicholas Bolanis, 6 Stanton Drive (dated 1/13/58)

MR. TOPPING explained the letter referred to a hazardous flooding condition on Stanton Drive, and Stillview Road, urging funds be appropriated to install storm sewers in this area.

MR. TOPPING: "This Committee finds conditions as stated by Mr. Bolanis to exist and feels this is a necessary project. The City Engineer informs the committee that this has been projected by his department for inclusion in the 1958/1959 Capital Budget."

"The Committee meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M. The report was prepared by Mr. Ketcham, who presided in the absence of the Chairman." (Mr. Topping)

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

MR. RUSSELL, CHAIRMAN, read his committee report, stating that a committee meeting was held on Jan. 30, 1958 at 7:30 P.M. The following members were present: Messrs. Geronimo, Murphy, Russell, Wilensky.

(1) Status of Northwood Road (referral by residents)

MR. RUSSELL: "The Committee met with about ten residents and property owners to discuss the serious and almost impassable road conditions of Northwood Road. The obligation of the City as far as private roads was presented. Also the fact that this road was not accepted as a public highway in the past, due to several reasons which were pointed out to the developer at the time he requested acceptance. (about 1951-1952) The residents were advised to draw up a petition, requesting the City to estimate costs and the work necessary to bring this road up to minimum standards. They presented a petition which we will have forwarded to the Public Works Department."

(2) Ordinance No. 70 Supplemental

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for final adoption of the following Ordinance (adopted for publication in January): seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and CARRIED unanimously:

ORDINANCE NO. 70 SUPPLEMENTALCHANGING THE NAME OF DONNAMARIE CIRCLE TO BRIGHTON PLACE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

The street name of Donnamarie Circle be changed to Brighton Place.

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

(3) New Draft, Performance Bond

MR. RUSSELL: "The Committee read the new draft of Performance Bond, which was drawn up by the Assistant Corporation Counsel, Mr. Arthur DiSesa, and incorporates the changes requested by this Committee. After final review by the Corporation Counsel, this will be presented to the Planning Board at their meeting of Feb. 11th for their acceptance. If accepted, it will be used as soon as possible for all new future subdivisions. There is no action required by our Board on this."

(4) Investigation - Reason for change of name, from Sunset Road to Scofield Town Road

MR. RUSSELL: "The Committee discussed the change of Sunset Road to Scofield Town Road with the facts as presented by the City Engineer. It was agreed that the road has always been Scofield Town Road and, for elimination of confusion, should be left that way. It was not ascertained who authorized and changed the post signs, but since the city maps show Sunset Road also as Scofield Town Road, it was agreed that the signs should remain as they are."

(5) Proposed Ordinance re street name changes

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for adoption of the following ordinance, for publication; final adoption to take place at the next Board meeting: Seconded by Mr. Geronimo and CARRIED unanimously.

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(Proposed) ORDINANCE NO.----SUPPLEMENTALCHANGING THE NAMES OF CERTAIN CITY STREETS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

The following street names shall be changed as shown below:

Barrett Street (Shippan) to be changed to MARINERS LANE;

Clovelly Place to be changed to SCOTT PLACE;

Date Place (Belltown) to be changed to ALIUS PLACE;

Mill Lane to be changed to OLD MILL LANE;

Northwood Lane (Long Ridge Road) to be changed to HOTH POND LANE;

Union Street (Cove) and Charter Street, to be changed to ST. BENEDICT CIRCLE;

Wilson Street (Springdale) to be changed to CLEVELAND STREET;

Deep Lane (Springdale) to be changed to DEEP WELL LANE;

That portion of Lindsey Avenue, running Northerly from Crane Road North to an existing dead-end, about 125 feet beyond Brighton Place (formerly Donnamarie Circle) to be changed to SOUTH LINDSEY AVENUE;

North Frontage Road to be changed to NORTH STATE STREET;

South Frontage Road to be changed to SOUTH STATE STREET.

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

(6) Numbering of Houses on Shippan Avenue

MR. RUSSELL MOVED that the Public Works Department be requested to re-number the houses on Shippan Avenue (including extensions) to one continuous set of numbers. Seconded by Mr. Murphy and CARRIED unanimously.

(7) Proposed Amendment to Road Pavement Construction Specifications (Ordinance No. 67 Supplemental

MR. RUSSELL: "our Committee briefly discussed the proposed amendment to this Ordinance, but due to the late hour and further discussions necessary, we are deferring this item until the March meeting."

(8) Planning & Zoning Committee meetings

MR. RUSSELL announced that in the future the committee will hold its regular monthly business meeting on the second Thursday preceding the monthly Board meeting.

MR. McLAUGHLIN asked that discussion be returned to item (4) - Change of name from Sunset Road to Scofield Town Road

MR. McLAUGHLIN said he was in receipt of a petition signed by residents of road known as Sunset Road. He stated that the petition said this road has been known by this name for some 37 years and they wished to retain the name of Sunset Road.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: "If you check the road on the city maps, you will notice that Scofield Town Road is also designated as Sunset Road. Although it may seem to be a little impractical, the people who have lived on that road for many years would like to have it retained the way it has been for so long."

MR. RUSSELL: "In answer to Mr. McLaughlin, the reason we didn't bring in a street name change on this, is because there is no need for it. On the official city map, Sunset Road is in a rather odd position, of being shown in between; the listing of Scofield Town Road is in parenthesis. In other words, apparently Scofield Town Road has a double name in that area, but it's not official. It is practically the only place on our city maps where they show a street name in parenthesis. However, rather than get into a discussion on it, I prefer that it be referred back to Committee -- we would be only too glad to review it again."

MR. RHOADES pointed out to Mr. McLaughlin at this point that no action had been taken by the Board on this matter and the material in Mr. McLaughlin's possession can be referred immediately to the Planning & Zoning Committee without going through the Steering Committee. This was done and the material handed over to Mr. Russell.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

MR. KELLY read his committee report, stating that the committee had met on January 28th, at 8 P.M. The following members were present: Messrs. Hart, Roche, Colatrella, McLaughlin, Wynn and Stephen Kelly. Also present at this meeting were Robert D. Bryson; Park Supt. Edward Connell, Police Chief Joseph Kinsella and James Stramaglia.

Petition No. 241 - "Fair-in-the-Square" (Saturday and Sunday, May 24th and 25th)

MR. KELLY reported that the Committee had discussed this at length with members of the Committee. Chief Kinsella and Park Superintendent Edward Connell; and with Mr. Bryson and Mr. Stramaglia of the Fair in the Square Committee. He said they were provided with a sketch by the Chief of Police, showing the routing of traffic for the two day period and the parts to be closed off for the event.

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of this request, subject to the assurance that the petitioners will post bonds to cover all phases of liability insurance required by the Corporation Counsel, the approval of the Police Department and the Park Commission. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously.

Request to re-name Southfield Park to either Anna M. Condon Park or the J. Fleming Rutledge Park

MR. KELLY said this same request had come before the previous Board for consideration and was again reactivated and referred to his Committee and to the Legislative & Rules Committee. He stated that letters have been received in regard to this matter and that Mr. Colatrella, a member of his Committee, had made a survey among the people of his District and that the consensus of opinion was to let the present name of Southfield Park remain as it has been called for many years - that the name has historical value and any change would only serve to confuse people because there have been many maps of this area, identifying it in people's minds as Southfield Park. MR. KELLY MOVED that the name of this park remain as it is. Seconded by Mr. Topping.

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MR. RAITERI objected to a vote being taken on this matter at the present time for the reason that they are awaiting word from the Park Commission as to their feeling about a change in name for Southfield Park and asked that the matter be held in abeyance until such time as they receive an answer from the Park Commission.

MR. KELLY said his Committee had not been notified that the Park Commission had been requested to take any action and that it would help if, when matters are referred to two Committees, that each Committee keep in touch with the other in order that better liaison be maintained. Mr. Kelly agreed to withdraw his motion in order that the two committees get together and exchange information.

Opinion from Corporation Counsel

MR. KELLY MOVED that a letter be written to the Corporation Counsel, asking for a written opinion as to the relationship of the Board of Representatives and the Park Commission, under the Charter and under the Legislative Act which created the Park Commission. Seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and CARRIED unanimously.

Welcoming Signs at Entrances to City (Also reported on by Public Works Committee)

MR. KELLY: "The Mayor addressed a letter to this Board, concerning permission and approval of the Board to erect welcoming signs on all main arteries to the City of Stamford, including exits from the Connecticut Turnpike, if it can be done with the approval of the State Highway Commission, at both east and west sides of the Stamford Railroad station.

"The contents of the sign, is to be developed by the Stamford Chamber of Commerce. The Mayor states they would be 4 foot by six foot and would be erected at no cost to the city. Some of the locations mentioned are: Post Road, looking West at the Darien line; West Main Street, looking West from the Greenwich line; the railroad station (north side) looking north; High Ridge Road, looking south at Fidelity Bank; and Long Ridge Road, looking south from Stamford Hall. The Committee favors approval, providing the Police Department, the Park Commission, the State Highway Department and the Public Works Department also grant their approval. I MOVE for approval of this request."

MR. TOPPING Chairman of the Public Works Committee, said his committee did not wish to bring in a final report on this matter until after they had conferred with the Parks & Recreation Committee. He said he did not think it was up to either committee to bring in a final report unless they had conferred.

MR. NOLAN said he did not wish to see the acceptance of these signs without knowing exactly what the signs are going to state. He said he would like to have the Chamber of Commerce tell us exactly what wording was going to be put on the signs.

After considerable further discussion on this point, Mr. Kelly withdrew his motion. Re-committed until both committees can report.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

MR. MACRIDES stated the matters before his committee had already been reported under Fiscal Committee. (Item #4 on Agenda)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

MR. RHOADES announced a communication dated Jan. 20, 1958, which was received from the Mayor, regarding compensation for poll workers during the last election, at the recount.

MR. RHOADES: "The letter states that any request for an appropriation must originate with the Registrars' of Voters."

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

MR. RHOADES: "We have received two letters - one, from the PTA Central Council and one from the Rogers School Parent Teachers Association. These letters are also addressed to the Board of Finance, specifically to Mr. Mackler, who will, I assume, preside, asking that speeches on the public hearing on the Budget, which is set for early in March, be limited to five minutes."

MR. NILAN said he had a letter from a Mr. Peter Delaney. This was referred to the Health & Protection Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

MR. RHOADES: "We have mentioned already that the next meeting will be held on March 3, 1958 and the next Steering Committee meeting on Monday, February 17th."

Amendment to Rules - To change members of Parks & Recreation Committee from 5 to 7

MRS. ZUCKERT MOVED to correct the error in the Rules, to change the members of the Parks & Recreation Committee from 5 to 7 members. Seconded by Mr. Colatrella and CARRIED unanimously.

Date for meeting of Public Works Committee

MR. VITTI requested the Chairman of the Public Works Committee to set a date of meeting for this Committee.

MR. TOPPING said the Public Works Committee meetings have been definitely set for the first Wednesday following the Steering Committee meeting. He said if the date of the Steering Committee meeting changes, this will also affect the date of the Public Works Committee meeting.

Housing conditions - Southfield Housing Project

MR. COLATRELLA said he had recently been requested to look at an apartment in the Southfield Housing Project. He said he had been appalled at the filthy conditions he found there.

MR. COLATRELLA: "After a thorough look at the apartment, I was convinced that the Housing Committee should be reactivated, so I called upon fellow Board members to witness for me these awful conditions. These members were Mr. Frank Longo, Mr. Anthony Truglia, Mr. Anthony Marciano and Mr. Joseph Milano."

MR. COLATRELLA read a report he had prepared on the findings and said: "Fellow Board members, we have created in this city a multi-million dollar slum. It is my understanding that the City Housing Authority is contemplating various new housing projects which will use taxpayer's monies and taxable lands. Can we sit back and allow good money and taxable land to be forfeited to an Authority who presently cannot properly maintain the housing facility they now have under their jurisdiction?"

MR. COLATRELLA MOVED that the Housing Committee be reactivated, to be composed of 8 members - 4 Democrats and 4 Republicans. He read from his report in which he suggested that Mr. Longo be appointed its Chairman and that he be authorized to appoint the members of his committee.

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MR. NOLAN objected at this point, saying the appointment of any Committee was up to the President and no one else.

MR. COLATRELLA went on to say he thought this committee should make a complete survey and investigation of the City Housing Authority. He submitted photographs of the area he had visited. (Note: Report and photographs filed in office of Board)

MR. RHOADES: "A discussion was held recently in regard to making motions under NEW BUSINESS. It was decided, under our Rules, that referring a matter to Committee, under New Business can be done. Otherwise, there must be a motion to suspend the rules. The Chair would suggest that you refer this matter to the Steering Committee. This is only a suggestion, however. If you wish to move for suspension of the rules in order that it be taken up right here, you may do so."

MR. COLATRELLA MOVED for suspension of the rules. Seconded by Mr. Russell and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. COLATRELLA MOVED that the Board reactivate the Housing Committee, to be composed of 8 members - 4 Democrats and 4 Republicans. Mr. Colatrella said this Committee should make a complete survey and investigate the laxity of the City Housing Authority. Mr. Nilan seconded the motion.

It was pointed out to Mr. Colatrella that the President rather than the Board should have the power to appoint any committee and the Chairman thereof.

MR. NOLAN: "I think that possibly a bad precedent might be set here, if the Board itself should appoint the Chairman, etc. I think we (the Majority and Minority Leaders) left it up to the President that if there was some item that would normally be brought before the Housing Committee, that we would reactivate this committee. I think that this power is up to the President."

MR. RHOADES: "Then the language of the motion should read the President rather than the Board?"

MR. NOLAN: "Yes."

MR. COLATRELLA accepted this language of the motion to read that the President be requested to reactivate the Housing Committee.

MR. NILAN spoke in regard to conditions he found existing at the site of the Southfield project and said, he also, was very much shocked.

MR. LONGO said when he went up to look at the apartment in question, he found it difficult to believe that people would leave an apartment in the condition in which they saw it.

MR. LONGO: "After looking at the apartment, we did take a walk around the area and it sure was a disgrace to see all the windows that are busted, papers and everything you can think of thrown all over the place. I don't care who is chairman of the committee or anything like that, but something should be done to have that place decent and not as filthy as it is today."

MR. GEORGOULIS: "There was one thing that interested me - the remark that was made about the multi-million dollar slum area that is being created. It's true that you do away with slums and you give the people something better than what they had. But, it is also true that without proper supervision that it can go to pot, and evidently that is what is happening. I don't know whether the Housing Committee can handle the situation, but I would like to have them investigate the idea and when they come

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up with the answer if you can give them the authority to (I hate to use the word) dictate to the Housing Authority -- but we have to keep those families in order, because they take away doors, they do away with lights. And, when you are giving them something as nice as that, they should appreciate it."

A great deal of discussion ensued as to whether or not the power to investigate was vested in the Board. (Under Sec. 204.2 of Charter - page 20)

MR. LONGO said the Board was informed once before by the Corporation Counsel that the Board did not have this power. He said he would like to know if the Board has this power.

MR. RHOADES said the President would inquire as to the legality of the power of this Board to investigate, and would request a ruling from the Corporation Counsel, before the motion is implemented.

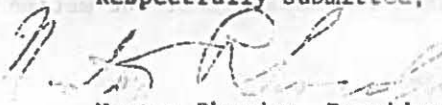
MR. MARCIANO said he had been among those who went to Southfield Village and they found four empty apartments there. He said he thought this too bad, inasmuch as they had been trying to find homes for the people living in the trailers on Magee Avenue. He said: "Can we truthfully say that we're short of housing when apartments up at that Village are unoccupied?"

MR. RAITERI MOVED the question.

VOTE taken on reactivating the Housing Committee and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. BAKER MOVED for adjournment at 11:15 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Ketcham and CARRIED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norton Rhoades, President
Board of Representatives

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