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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, on Monday, April 7, 1958.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Norton Rhoades, at 8:00 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Dr. Nicholas Notar, Pastor, High Ridge Methodist Church.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 36 present and 4 absent at the calling of the roll. However, Mr. Cullen arrived shortly thereafter, changing the roll call to 37 present and 3 absent.

The absent members were: George Georgoulis, Edward Wynn, Jr. and Mrs. Virginia Horner.

MR. RHOADES announced that Mrs. Horner had been called out of town, due to the illness of her father. It was also announced that Mr. Georgoulis was absent due to illness.

A moment of silence was observed at this time in memory of the deceased mother of the Registrar of Voters, Lawrence Haggerty; and also for the stepfather of Bernard Geronimo, 6th District Representative.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of March 3, 1958

The Minutes of the above meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### STEERING COMMITTEE

Mr. Rhoades presented the following report of the Steering Committee:

##### STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting held March 24, 1958

The Steering Committee met in the Glenbrook Fire House, Glenbrook. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Norton Rhoades, at 8:10 P.M.

Present were: Norton Rhoades, Chairman; Thomas Topping, Ellis Baker, Rutherford Huizinga, Doris Zuckert, John Nolan, Rocco Colatrella, Robert Lewis, William Murphy and Clement Raiteri, Jr.

Also present, although not members of the Committee were: George Russell, Joseph Milano and Stephen Kelly.

Absent were the following; Alanson Fredericks, John Macrides, George Connors, Vincent Vitti and Bernard Geronimo.

Mr. Rhoades gave out copies of the Charter containing amendments, to all those present. He explained that there would be copies for all Board members and the old copies could be destroyed, if they wished.

The following matters were discussed and referred to various committees:

- (1) Letter dated 3/4/58 from Mayor Givens re appointments to Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Referred to Appointments Committee.

(2) Fiscal Committee matters

Because the Board of Finance is not meeting until March 26th, it was decided that all emergency appropriations approved by them, would automatically be referred to the Fiscal Committee and go on the Agenda.

(3) Letter dated 3/20/58 from Mayor Givens regarding Town Housing Authority and need for its continued existence. Also, regarding accommodations for two families in Quonset Huts.

Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee and Housing Committee.

(4) Letter dated 3/10/58 from Alan Ketcham, 18th Dist. Representative, regarding maintenance and conditions existing on Intervale Road and Newfield Drive.

Referred to Planning & Zoning Committee.

(5) Letter dated 3/21/58 from Alan Ketcham, 18th Dist. Representative, regarding drainage problem on Westover Road.

Referred to Public Works Committee.

(6) Letter dated 3/11/58 from R. G. Huizinga, 20th Dist. Representative, submitting Ordinance re change of name of portion of Scofieldtown Road to Sunset Road.

Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee.

(7) Petition (undated) from residents of Mitchell Street, requesting road become a city street.

Referred to Planning & Zoning Committee.

(8) Petition dated 3/5/58 from residents living on Hunting Lane extension, requesting road become a city street.

Referred to Planning & Zoning Committee

(9) Rules - Board of Recreation, Park Commission, Hubbard Heights Golf Commission

It was agreed that when the rules are received, they will be referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee. Mr. Kelly explained that when these rules are received, they are not supposed to interfere in any way with each other.

(10) Mr. Topping suggested road acceptances be referred to Public Works Committee.

It was explained that because of a Charter provision, these powers had been delegated to the Planning Board, thereby coming within the province of the Planning & Zoning Committee.

(11) Condition of Lafayette Street

Mr. Nolan brought this matter up and it was referred to the Public Works Committee.

(12) Police Protection for residents, Southfield Village

Mr. Russell, Co-Chairman of the Housing Committee asked that this matter be referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee to investigate whether or not the city must furnish this protection. He stated the Housing Authority had informed him they are not in a position to pay for special police protection.

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Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee.

(13) Attendance of Education, Welfare & Government Committee at Board of Education meetings

Mr. Topping brought this matter up and suggested that a member of this Committee attend all future meetings of the Board of Education in order to provide better liaison.

(14) Camore Street - Referred to Planning & Zoning and Public Works Committees.

(15) Parliamentarian ruling on method of voting

An opinion from Mr. Nolan, Parliamentarian, was presented on the question - whether it is necessary to have a standing vote on appropriations or not.

(16) Petition - Residents on East Avenue, re flooding conditions

This was brought in by Mr. Kelly, 12th Dist. Representative, and referred to Public Works Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Norton Rhoades, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee

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Re: Method of Voting on Appropriations - Ruling by Parliamentarian

MR. RHOADES: "I think this should be the first matter considered with regard to the report of the Steering Committee.

"This is in regard to a request made by the President as to whether it is necessary to stand when voting on appropriations and Ordinances, to establish the 21 votes necessary for the passage of same. This is Mr. Nolan's ruling:

'It would seem that the President is at liberty to choose any method sufficient to allow him to determine the vote.

'It seems to have been established in the past that all votes on appropriations would be taken by standing vote. However, nothing seems to require the vote be taken in such manner.

'If the Chair must obtain a count, in order to determine as to a majority or not, (such being the case with appropriations) the Chair has the right to use any method he thinks will suffice. It would therefore follow that a show of hands would seem to be sufficient to determine the count and could be used by the Chair.'

(Reference: Chapter 20, Sec. 202.2 of Charter Article VIII  
(vote) Sec. 46 (voting from Roberts Rules of Order)

"As a result of this ruling, the President proposes that in voting from here on, we will not stand, except when a division is necessary in order to determine a vote in the case of voice votes, and we will vote by a voice vote and by a show of hands whenever this is feasible, beginning tonight."

Re: Budget - Fiscal year 1958-1959

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MR. RHOADES: "We also held a discussion in regard to the budget for the coming fiscal year and I might say that the situation as it now stands in regard to our next meeting is this: The next regular meeting of the Board of Representatives will be on May 5th - the first Monday in May. This means that the Steering Committee will meet on April 21st.

"We had hoped that the Board of Finance would be able to transmit the Budget to us tonight, so that the books could be distributed and our Fiscal Committee could start work and that we would be able to hold our special meeting on the Budget itself in about a couple of weeks.

"This, the Board of Finance has not been able to accomplish. Mr. Mackler has informed me that it will be the weekend, or probably Monday of next week before they have completed their deliberations. Therefore, I propose to distribute to all Board members by some form of special delivery, the copies of the Budget books with the Board of Finance' figures already inscribed therein. As soon as we receive this information from the Board of Finance and has been transcribed, which will probably be on Monday of next week (April 14th) -- it may be on Tuesday.

"It is now proposed that our special meeting on the Budget shall be held on Monday night, April 28th. This will give our Fiscal Committee two full weeks to consider the Budget and will still leave us a week before we have to report the matter back to the Board of Finance for setting of the tax rate."

MR. RHOADES suggested if anyone should have an objection to the above outline of procedure, to please report it to the Majority or Minority Leaders before the end of the evening in order that another date for our Special Budget Meeting could be set. He said if there was no objection, the meeting would be held on April 28th (Monday), or, if the Budget receipt should be delayed, then another date would have to be set, as the Fiscal Committee would need at least two weeks for their deliberations.

Re: Police Protection for residents of Southfield Village

MR. RAITERI: "Mr. President, you mentioned a matter which was referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee (referring to above) at the Steering Committee and that concerned police protection.

"I believe at the Steering Committee, Mr. President, that there was no vote taken on this matter - whether it should be referred to Committee and therefore the Committee did not discuss it and is not prepared to report on it tonight - there was no final action at that meeting, if you recall."

MR. RHOADES: "Thank you, Mr. Raiteri. Is there any further discussion on the report of the Steering Committee?"

Mr. Murphy asked the President if there was not also brought before the Steering Committee the question of snow removal on State owned Thruway property.

MR. RHOADES: "There was a very brief discussion as to who was responsible for removing snow from a sidewalk (if there is a sidewalk) under the Thruway, since the property belongs to the State."

MR. MURPHY: "Wasn't that referred to Public Works Committee?"

MR. RHOADES: "It was not referred to Public Works at that time."

Mr. Topping was asked if his Committee had considered this matter, and if so, it would be presented under the report from the Public Works Committee.



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#### APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

MR. LEWIS, Chairman, said the Appointments Committee met in the Mayor's Office, City Hall, on Saturday, April 5th and interviewed the two candidates for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. He read the qualifications of the two candidates, and recommended their appointments.

Ballots were distributed by the Tellers, for a vote on the following:

- (1) Planning Board - GUSTAVE E. STEINBACK (Republican) For term expiring Dec. 1, 1962

VOTE: 20 in favor  
15 opposed

Ballots were distributed by the Tellers for vote on the following candidate:

- (2) Zoning Board of Appeals - WILLIAM S. HERRMANN, JR. (Republican)  
Term Expiring Dec. 1, 1962

VOTE: 25 in favor  
12 opposed

Mr. Cullen arrived at this time.

#### FISCAL COMMITTEE

MR. HUIZINGA, Chairman, presented his committee report. He stated the committee met on March 31, 1958, and present were the following: Doris Zuckert, Thomas Topping, Anthony Kolich, Jr., Rutherford Huizinga, Patrick Fortunato and Peter Robertucci. The following members were absent: Edward Wynn, Jr., Jack Cummings.

- (1) \$84.00 - Mayor's Office - Code 300.23, Printing Annual Report (See Mayor's letter 3/14/58)

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above additional appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Connors and CARRIED unanimously.

- (2) \$492.00 - Public Works Dept. - Code 414B.1, Salaries, Incinerator Reclassification on 9/17/57 of position, Clerk-Incinerator, Grade 2 To: Clerk-Sanitation, Grade 7 (See Mayor's letter 3/14/58)

MR. HUIZINGA: "This is an appropriation which covers an item of salary for an individual in the Public Works Department who was transferred from Grade 2 salary to Grade 7 salary. His Grade 2 salary was \$3,094; his Grade 7 salary is \$3,718. The additional appropriation represents the proportionate amount which is necessary for the end of the fiscal year."

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

MR. RUSSELL: "I feel that this question of salaries coming up every month for reclassification should have a lot more thought given to them, for the following reasons.

"Every month or so you will notice there is always the question of one or two reclassifications being re-graded and presented to the Board, and many of them are retroactive. I am a little confused as to how the Personnel Commission can reclassify a person back many months and make it retroactive without any guarantee that they are

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going to get the appropriation. It seems to me that, in other words, the raise is granted before the appropriation is granted.

"Secondly, in view of the fact of the present, if you want to call it, recession and the financial conditions around town and in the Connecticut area, you have a problem on these regradings which ought to be considered. One is that they are asking for a general increase, as we all know. Now, in all fairness, it may be warranted, or it may be out of balance as far as classification goes. But, the fact is that it seems to be that they are getting increases through reclassification, and at the same time are coming back and requesting a general overall increase across the board.

"Most of us who work in industries know that this is not a system upon which raises are usually granted. It is either one or the other.

"It is also a fact and the possibility occurs to me: Can you change from one classification to another without an examination? It seems to me that when you have a different classification that you have a different job, and according to our Civil Service system there is a possibility that the employee must take an examination before he is qualified for the position and I don't think that is being done.

"I would personally like to see this matter referred back to committee for further study, particularly by the Personnel Committee, because I think there is a problem here that our Board and the Board of Finance have to face. You are giving increases by a reclassification system; also by a general increase system. Then, there is also the question of the pension system.

"I think the new members are particularly confused by these retroactive dates and are not familiar with what is going on. Then again, I can't understand how the Personnel Commission can grant these increases without the money and then make them retroactive for a considerable length of time."

MR. CONNORS explained that the Personnel Commission has been operating at a disadvantage for a considerable length of time. He said: "In fact, one of the letters which we recently received states the reason why this request is being made at such a late date is the fact that the Personnel Commission did not have sufficient membership to function at the time of the presentation. Probably that is the reason why this is coming in at this late date."

MR. HUIZINGA said he was very much in agreement with Mr. Russell's comments, and that he thought this Board should not be concerned with salary increases more than twice a year - in December and in July.

MR. HUIZINGA: "In this particular instance, however, it is a little different. This change from salary Grade 2 to salary Grade 7 is because there was a vacancy in this particular job. In other words, whoever had this job is out for some reason or other, either retired or left -- I do not know the exact circumstances, and there was a question of picking a man from the ranks to fill this man's job. They chose to pick the man for this job from the ranks, which I think is only proper. That is the reason we got this increase now, which appears retroactive. It is not an increase in someone's salary, but merely a transfer to fill this vacancy."

MR. VITTI said he thought a man who took on added responsibilities should be entitled to the salary that went with the job. He pointed out that in many cases salaries paid to union men were much higher than salaries paid by the city to men in comparable jobs.

MR. RAITERI wanted know how we could ascertain whether or not a man transferred to another job was qualified for the position.

MR. HUIZINGA pointed out that this question was one for the Personnel Commission to handle and not before this Board.

MR. RAITERI said he disagreed and that the Civil Service regulations would appear to indicate that when there is a job opening that the job should be posted and if no one can be found to accept it, or take an examination for the job, then they can pick a man whom they feel would qualify and put him in the position.

Considerable debate ensued on this question.

The President pointed out to the members that in matters of this kind, it would appear that the Personnel Committee should also report to the Board.

- \* MR. NOLAN MOVED the matter be referred to the Fiscal Committee and the Personnel Committee for further study. Seconded by Mr. Baker.

MR. RYBNICK, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, reported that it was his belief that this action was the last action taken by the old Personnel Commission. He said: "Any reclassifications that have come before the Personnel Commission, whenever I have attended their meetings, I sometimes hear these requests for reclassifications being read, but I never get any information as to the outcome of their sessions. As Mr. Russell has pointed out many times that the Personnel Committee should bring in these reports. I don't get them. If I don't have the information, I cannot bring it into our meetings. However, if this Board would request the Personnel Commission to give this information to us as members of the Personnel Committee, I certainly can then bring in a report to this Board."

The President informed Mr. Rybinick if his Committee would make a motion to this effect, he is sure the Board would make the suggested recommendation to the Personnel Commission.

MR. FREDERICKS called attention to the letter from the Mayor dated March 14th, which is self-explanatory: ".....action taken by the Personnel Commission on September 17, 1957".

MR. FREDERICKS: "As Mr. Connors pointed out, I don't think that any of us remember too well who was on the Personnel Commission at that time. It would appear from the letter of March 14, 1958 that this gentleman has been working in that position since September 17, 1957.

"While I might be whole-heartedly in favor of the sentiments expressed by Mr. Russell, and by Mr. Raiteri, as a matter of theory I do not see why we should prejudice the particular incumbent of the job. The Personnel Commission that was in there as of September 17, 1957 never reported this thing through. You might say 'Why didn't they?' and 'How have you been paid in the interim?' This might be in order to make up a deficit which our present Commissioner of Public Works has inherited. I do not believe this matter should be re-committed. I do believe, however, in the future that the Personnel Committee of this Board should ask that such matters be referred to it, together with the Fiscal Committee."

The debate on this question went on for some time.

MR. NOLAN said because of the long retroactive period of this particular request for additional funds, he could see no reason why a little longer time could not be taken in order to clarify the matter and to have a full report.

- \* VOTE taken on Mr. Nolan's motion and CARRIED by a vote of 19 in favor and 13 opposed.



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(3) \$7,450.00 - Police Department (See Mayor's letter 3/14/58)

(a) Code 430.5 Telephone, Teletype & Telegrams-----	\$2,000.00
(b) Code 430.6A Identification Bureau Supplies-----	800.00
(c) Code 430.17 Maintenance Police Cars-----	4,650.00
	<u>\$7,450.00</u>

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of (a) above. Mr. Milano said the Health & Protection Committee concurred in the approval of this item. Mr. Roche seconded Mr. Huizinga's motion. CARRIED unanimously.

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of (b) above. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. HUIZINGA: "As far as item (c) for the Maintenance of Police Cars, Code 430.17, the Committee has met and voted unanimously to defer this until our next meeting, pending further investigation."

MR. RHOADES: "There is therefore no motion on the floor in regard to this item."

MR. MILANO: "My committee will have to go along with this report, although we have the additional information, but the Fiscal Committee did not get a chance to investigate it, so we will have to concur with them."

MR. RHOADES: "Thank you, Mr. Milano. The next item, please."

(4) \$15,200.00 - Hubbard Heights Golf Commission - Code 414A.34- For repairs of Showers & toilet facilities, Men's Locker Building.  
(See Mayor's letter 1/24/58)

MR. HUIZINGA: "I am a little bit embarrassed about this item. We had a Committee meeting, and we unanimously voted that we would place this item on the Agenda, because we thought it was in order. However, we did delegate one of the members of our Committee to check with the Hubbard Heights Golf Commission just to make sure that everything was in order before we definitely approved this item for submission. The member who made the investigation has talked to me and has indicated that he does not believe that he has sufficient information this evening to recommend approval of this item, in accordance with our previous action that we took at our last meeting. I was so positive that it was going to be O.K. and that is why I put it on our Agenda. I am going to take the prerogative of throwing it on the floor of the meeting tonight. However, I do know this - insofar as the amount is concerned, I do not feel that we have any problem, because, it obviously goes out for bid and the lowest bidder takes the job, so we won't have to worry about that.

"As to whether the work should or should not be done, my personal opinion is that it should be. However, I am only the Chairman of my Committee and I am dependent upon the people in my Committee to bring in their reports. The thing that concerns me is the fact that this is an emergency item and if we defer this for one month it will mean that the bids will not go out for another 30 days and therefore it may not be possible to put the Club into operation before the opening of the season. But, because of the unusual circumstances involved in this thing, I would like to throw it on the floor of the Board for discussion."

The President pointed out that "throwing this on the floor" is not a motion. He said he would therefore proceed to recognize Mr. Kelly, the Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, as it had also been referred to his Committee to report on.



MR. KELLY: "Mr. Chairman, our Committee delegated two members to investigate the need for this additional appropriation and I believe that Mr. Roche has a report to offer the Board at this time."

MR. ROCHE presented the following report:

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT  
CONCERNING \$15,200 REQUESTED ADDITIONAL  
APPROPRIATION FOR HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF  
COMMISSION, REPAIRS TO LOCKER ROOMS AND  
SHOWERS, MEN'S LOCKER BUILDING

Meeting was held in the Mayor's office on Thursday, April 3, 1958.

Present were Stephen Kelly, Rocco Colatrella, Tom Roche, Michael DeVito and Jack McLaughlin.

After much discussion concerning the appropriation of \$15,200 for the repairs to the locker rooms and showers at Hubbard Heights, the Chairman appointed two members to look into the appropriation. These two members contacted the Chairman of the Hubbard Heights Commission.

In answer to their inquiries, Mr. Beluk informed them that, quote:

1. "This is the biggest - - - I have seen in years."
2. "If the Board of Representatives won't accept the recommendations of the Board of Finance, they can knock it down, because I have been before all the Boards that I intend to go before." unquote

No information was made available to this Committee of the Board of Representatives by the Chairman of the Commission, nor, upon request, was anything offered to substantiate the needed monies.

The Chairman was vociferous and abusive because the Board of Representatives should concern themselves with Hubbard Heights. This attitude may result from lack of clarification of the relationship of this Commission and the Park and Recreation Committee of the Board of Representatives.

There has been a feeling that Hubbard Heights is autonomous.

It is the considered opinion of the undersigned members of this Board, that this Committee should function as prescribed in the Rules of the Board: "to fully investigate any matter properly referred to that Committee and to report the Committee findings to the Board of Representatives with the recommendations concerning action to be taken by the Board."

It is obvious that the foregoing statements of the Chairman of this Commission concerning the efforts of this Committee, have made a recommendation impossible.

Further examination by members of this Committee show a definite need for these repairs; and a check made with the Board of Finance indicates that the amount is reasonable. However, due only to the emergency nature of this request and substantiation by independent inquiry, we recommend the appropriation in principle, but have no basis as a Committee to determine

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the proper amount to recommend to the Board of Representatives. And, on the basis of this report, we wish to refer it back to Committee.

Thomas D. Roche	Rocco Colatrella
Michael DeVito	Jack McLaughlin
J. Hart	Stephen Kelly

MR. ROCHE MOVED that item No. 4 above be referred back to Committee. Seconded by Mr. Colatrella.

Several people spoke in favor of the appropriation being approved - Mr. Vitti, Mr. Connors, Mr. Milano and Mr. Fredericks. Mr. Fredericks said it was his opinion that the Board of Finance would not have approved the request if it was not in order as they always gave these requests a very careful investigation. Mr. Kelly said there was a definite need for this work to be done.

MR. NOLAN MOVED the previous question. CARRIED, and VOTE taken on Mr. Roche' motion and LOST by a vote of 19 in favor and 13 opposed.

MR. RAITERI MOVED to hear from Mrs. Ransohoff. Seconded by Mr. Connors.

Mr. Nolan objected to Mr. Raiteri's motion, saying he did not think it proper to vote to hear from anyone on the appropriation when there was no motion on the floor in favor of the appropriation. He said the first thing would have to be a motion for approval of the appropriation and then Mr. Raiteri's motion would be in order to hear from Mrs. Ransohoff.

MR. VITTI MOVED for approval of the appropriation (as outlined in item #4 above). Seconded by Mr. Wilensky.

MR. RAITERI restated his motion - to hear from either Mrs. Ransohoff of the Hubbard Heights Golf Commission, or Mr. Vitti, the Manager.

MR. HUIZINGA said he had been presented with the complete details of how this appropriation was to be spent and it would not be necessary to call on anyone to give this information. He said this information had not been presented to his committee before, but the reason for this was because it was not necessary to bring any of this information before the committee as the job would have to go out for bids anyway.

MR. HUIZINGA: "I want to make my point clear. There are only two questions here that are involved - one, is the work necessary, and if it is, the cost of it we don't worry about, because it goes out to bid."

The President asked Mr. Huizinga if his remarks were germane to the question before the Board - namely the motion of Mr. Raiteri's.

MR. HUIZINGA said he considered his remarks to be pertinent to the question, as he had the facts and could present them and it would not be necessary to call on anyone else to speak.

MR. LEWIS said he was in favor of hearing from Mr. Huizinga in regard to facts and figures and then they could ask questions of the Hubbard Heights Golf Commission.

Several people agreed with Mr. Lewis.

The President said the question before the Board was whether or not they wished to hear from the Commission Members.

VOTE taken on Mr. Raiteri's motion and CARRIED by a vote of 19 in favor and 13 opposed.

MRS. RANSOHOFF asked to make a statement which was granted. She said: "I am very sorry that Mr. Beluk, our Chairman is not here, but there has been a death in his family. Otherwise, I am sure that he would be here." She asked if she could make a preliminary statement, which also was granted.

MRS. RANSOHOFF: "The only preliminary statement I would like to make is that more information was offered to the Fiscal Committee last week and we were told that it was unnecessary to turn those figures in - that the primary responsibility of the Fiscal Committee was in regard to whether this work needed to be done or not. I feel that it is important that you all understand that."

MR. FREDERICKS suggested, as a preliminary to asking questions that Mr. Huizinga be allowed to give the budget estimate which was prepared in order to give a complete breakdown of the work to be done.

Mr. Nolan said he objected to this type of thing, as it should have been done in Committee and not on the floor of the Board, for the reason that the intricate details could not possibly be understood by a mere rapid reading of the breakdown figures.

Mr. Kolich said he thought it only fair that the members be allowed to listen to the reading of the report.

The President requested Mr. Huizinga to read the report as rapidly as possible.

MR. HUIZINGA proceeded with the reading of the figures of the budget breakdown on the anticipated cost of the work to be done, the figure being \$11,630 for material and \$3,600 for labor, insurance \$540, overhead and profit \$1,500, being a total estimate of \$17,270.

MR. HUIZINGA again reiterated his previous statement - that his Committee was only concerned with the fact that either the work was necessary or it was not necessary, because the actual cost would go out to bid and depend upon the results of the competitive bidding.

MR. LEWIS said because of the way the Committee treated this emergency request, it appeared to him that what the Committee was looking for was a censure of the action of a Chairman of a Commission, subject to the approval by the Board of Representatives. He said: "As Mr. Milano stated, if there is any Commissioner in the City of Stamford other than the Board of Public Safety (they, to my knowledge, are the only ones who are not answerable to the Board) and if there is a doubt in anyone's mind, then I think, Mr. Chairman, that you as President of the Board, should acquaint them with these provisions of the Charter."

MR. RHOADES: "That is correct, according to the Charter, but you are not sticking to the question on the floor at this time. The question before us is either to approve or disapprove this appropriation."

VOTE taken on Mr. Vitti's motion to approve this request (See item No. 4) and CARRIED unanimously.

(5) \$42,203.00 - Town & City Clerk's Office - Code GG 470.35 Storage Vaults (See Mayor's letter dated 2/7/58)

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above request. Mr. Macrides said the Education Welfare & Government Committee concurred in the recommendation for approval. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.



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- (6) \$22,207.00 - Probate Court - Code GG 830.35, Storage Vaults (See Mayor's letter 2/7/58)

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above request. Mr. Macrides said his Committee concurred in the recommendation for approval. Seconded by Mr. Hearing and CARRIED unanimously.

- (7) \$50,000.00 - Public Works Dept. - Code 412.6A, Snow Removal (See Mayor's letter 2/19/58)

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above request. Mr. Topping said the Public Works Committee concurred in the recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Hearing and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

- (8) \$8,250.00 - Public Works Dept. - (See Mayor's letter 3/26/58)  
\*(REDUCED from original figure by Board of Finance)

(a) Code 412A.15 Bureau of Highways, Fuel -----	\$300.00
(b) Code 412B.15 Bureau of Highways, Yard #2, Fuel -----	450.00
(c) Code 414C.15 Pumping Stations, Water, Power -----	1,500.00
(d) Code 414B.15 Treatment Plant, Water, Power -----	4,500.00
(e) Code 416.B Elm Street School, Stamford Museum -----	1,500.00 *
	<u>\$8,250.00</u>

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of item (a) above. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of item (b) above. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. HUIZINGA: "The next two items, that's Code 414C.15 and Code 414B.15 (See items (c) and (d) above) your Committee voted unanimously to DEFER these two requests, pending further investigation."

MR. TOPPING: "Public Works Committee also defers on these."

MR. RHOADES: "Would you care to explain the reasons why?"

MR. HUIZINGA: "The reason for this is that we do not have sufficient information."

MR. RHOADES: "Thank you, Mr. Huizinga. Next item, please."

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of item (e) above. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

#### LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

MR. RAITERI, Chairman, presented his committee report of meetings held March 6, 13, and 20 and April 3rd. He stated that all members of the committee attended all meetings, except that of April 3rd, when Mr. DeForest was unable to be present because of a meeting of the Fair Rent Board.

Mr. Raiteri said the Building Code was the major subject of discussion at the first three meetings and also taken up at the fourth meeting.

- (1) Proposed Ordinance to Change name of portion of Scofieldtown Road to Sunset Road (Also referred to Planning & Zoning Committee)

MR. RAITERI: "At the request of the Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee, to which this matter was also referred, we request that it be recommitted for further study." MR. RAITERI MOVED that this matter be recommitted to committee. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously.

- (2) Re: Extension of Town Housing Authority (See Mayor's letter 3/20/58 re need for continuation; also re disposition of families remaining in Quonset Huts)  
(Also referred to Housing Committee)

MR. RAITERI: "It is requested that this matter also be recommitted to committee for further study, and I so MOVE." Seconded by Mr. Russell.

MR. RHOADES: "Mr. Raiteri, is this in answer to the Mayor's letter requesting an opinion as to whether the Town Housing Authority should continue after the Quonset Huts and Veterans' housing problems are solved?"

MR. RAITERI: "Yes, that's right."

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

- (3) Proposed Amendments to Board Rules

MR. RAITERI MOVED for final adoption of the following amendments to the Rules of the Board of Representatives. (See Pages 1832 and 1833 of Minutes of 3/3/58)

#### AMENDMENTS OF RULES OF ORDER OF THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

##### Additions under the heading of COMMITTEES:

9. It shall be the duty of each of the above named Standing Committees, other than the Steering Committee, to fully investigate any matter properly referred to that Committee and to report the Committee's findings to the Board with a recommendation concerning the action to be taken by the Board in connection with that matter. All Committee reports shall be in writing and shall contain the names of the members present, the votes taken, or the feelings of the members on any matter and the Committee's reasons for action taken; the time, the date and place of the meeting. All publicity releases shall be made by the Chairmen only. The Chairman or his appointee shall make the Majority report; any member may make a Minority report. All reports shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board.

14. When any matter has been referred to more than one Committee by the Board, the President, the Clerk or the Steering Committee, it shall be the responsibility of the Chairman of the Senior Committee involved to arrange for a joint meeting of the Committees involved to discuss the matter. For the purpose of this paragraph, the seniority of the several committees of the Board shall be in the order of listing in paragraph 1. above, unless specifically otherwise ordered for a particular matter by the referring authority.

Mr. Colatrella seconded Mr. Raiteri's motion.

MR. FREDERICKS: "Mr. President, I wish to call attention to Rule 14. I would like to have, in the Minutes, this point - where it says 'it shall be the responsibility of the Chairman of the Senior Committee involved to arrange for a joint meeting of the Committee involved, to discuss the matter; that I would vote in favor of that, with the understanding that the Chairman of the Senior Committee sets the time of

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the meeting and then advises the members of both committees as to that. I address my remarks again, as I did at the previous meeting, that it would be extremely difficult for the Chairman of the Senior Committee to have to find a date which was convenient to every member of both committees. On agenda problems and time as to when that particular matter would come on the agenda of the senior committee should, of course, be arranged."

VOTE taken on Mr. Raiteri's motion to adopt the amendments to the Rules of the Board and CARRIED unanimously.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MR. TOPPING, Chairman, presented his committee report. He stated that they met on March 26, 1958 and the following members attended the meeting: Llewellyn Nilan, John Maffucci, Anthony Marciano, Thomas Topping and Alan Ketcham.

MR. TOPPING: "The first part of my report has already been given in regard to the appropriations for the Public Works Department."

MR. TOPPING MOVED that items Nos. 1, 2 and 4 which were on the Agenda, be referred back to Committee. Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

MR. RHOADES: "Mr. Topping, I believe that we will have to vote separately on each one."

MR. TOPPING MOVED that the following item be recommitted to Committee. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously:

- (1) Soundview & East Avenue - Complaint from residents re drainage conditions

MR. TOPPING MOVED that the following item be recommitted to Committee. Seconded by Mr. Nilan and CARRIED unanimously:

- (2) Westover Road area - Complaint from residents to Mr. Alan Ketcham re drainage problem (See letter 3/21/58 from Mr. Ketcham, 1st Dist. Representative)

MR. TOPPING: "Item (4) on the Agenda re Camore Street, was received too late for my committee to act. However, the Planning & Zoning Committee will have a report on it. However, I ask that this be referred back to my committee and I so MOVE."

- \* (3) Camore Street (Also referred to Planning & Zoning Committee)

Mr. Topping's motion was seconded by Mr. Nilan. \* (#4 on Agenda)

MR. RUSSELL, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee, said: "This was item (2) on our Planning & Zoning Committee report."

"The Committee agreed, when the residents, last August, had the road scraped at their expense and the city came in and oiled and sanded it. There is a questionable understanding whether this was done with the understanding that the city would accept the road, or whether it was just done at the request of the residents to have it in a substantial condition for the use of their cars. In view of the fact that the Planning & Zoning Committee got this report, we agreed that if the residents, in good faith, paid for and had had the road reconditioned last August, the city should accept this road. The City Engineering Department checked and verified that this work was done."



"This situation brings up again a continual and repeated serious matter, whereby there is no sound coordinated procedure for roads being accepted other than by petition. The petition must be presented by the developer or residents, and where they, too, often lack knowing this, roads are not formally accepted. After a period of years, roads deteriorate to a point where there is a serious rebuilding cost to the residents, and sometimes to the City, as well as creating deplorable conditions for residents along the streets. With these facts, the committee moves for acceptance of Camore Extension, from the previous accepted section, for a distance of approximately 389 feet."

MR. RHOADES: "There is a motion on the floor to recommit, Mr. Russell."

MR. RUSSELL: "On this whole question of roads, the Public Works Commissioner is here with a lot of facts and figures which, I am sure that you people would want to hear. I think we might be jumping the gun on this unless we perhaps bring all these roads up for acceptance at one particular time."

MR. WILENSKY said he thought this particular road was in a class by itself. He said: "I can summarize briefly my investigation. There was some 438 feet of Camore Street that was accepted April 12, 1939 - that is from the north line of Oaklawn - and what we have up now for acceptance is a continuation of 389 feet additional. Now, the residents granted, in accordance with Mr. Russell's statement, they did have the road fixed up for the passage of their own vehicles. At the time they did so with the expectation, and certainly the desire, that it be accepted by the city. As Mr. Russell mentioned in our Committee report, it was unfortunate that there was not a complete understanding on the residents' part that it was necessary to petition for the acceptance of the road after the work was done."

"Now if Mr. Topping's committee has had a chance to look at it and they claim that it is not in acceptable condition at the present time (and I don't pretend that it is). But still, the fact remains that those residents did spend their money in good faith and it's hardly right to expect them to do it all over again now. As for the present condition of the road, I can point out many roads in our District, and I am sure that most of you members have similar conditions in your own Districts, where roads that were accepted last summer, or as early as last year, have gone to pot during this past winter, as it has been an extremely rough winter on roads."

Mr. Wilensky also went on to say that there is also a very bad drainage condition there now which is a very poor health condition. He said the drain is there and it does not need a large expenditure by the city, but one end of the drain has been plugged up, which only requires the unplugging of the open end. He said he thought the road should be accepted and not recommitted to committee.

MR. RHOADES: "Mr. Russell, was it the intention of your Committee to move for acceptance of this road?"

MR. RUSSELL: "Yes."

MR. RHOADES: "There exists here a very peculiar parliamentary condition. The major committee in considering street acceptances is still the Planning & Zoning Committee, although Mr. Topping has suggested in Steering Committee that it should be otherwise."

"By allowing you to make a motion first, Mr. Topping, and then allowing Mr. Russell to talk on the same issue, the President inadvertently removed this majority right, which Planning & Zoning has. The President would therefore request, Mr. Topping, if you would withdraw your motion, and that Mr. Russell be permitted to make his first."

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Mr. Topping agreed to withdraw his motion.

It was decided to vote on this when it comes up under Mr. Russell's Committee (Planning & Zoning Committee).

(4) Lafayette Street - Bad conditions (per request from John Nolan, 9th District Representative)

MR. TOPPING: "From the very little information which was given to me, I will have to request further information so that I can make a more thorough investigation."

MR. TOPPING: "With reference to snow removal along the Thruway and under the bridges, it has been the duty of the State, but eventually it will revert to the city, but those arrangements have not yet been worked out."

MR. NOLAN said that it was his opinion that the conditions existing on Lafayette Street were so blatant, he thought it would not be necessary to go into details about it. He said he thought it was the epitome of terrible driving conditions and drainage conditions.

MR. TOPPING said he drove over Lafayette Street every day of the week, excepting Sundays. He said he knew there was a portion that was rather bad, but the reason for this was because there was a stone ledge there and would require a capital project appropriation in order to remove this stone ledge.

It was agreed that Mr. Nolan would furnish Mr. Topping with further details.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Letter from Mayor Givens dated 3/25/58 re police protection in and around harbors for the protection of waterfront property and boats.

MR. MILANO said he wished to retain this in Committee. It was pointed out that it came in after the meeting of the Steering Committee, so his wish was granted. He was requested to bring in a report at the May meeting.

MR. DEVITO brought up the matter of a letter he wrote on Dec. 27th to the Mayor, the Chief of Police and Mr. Milano. He said he had not heard any progress report up to this time. He stated it referred to three traffic lights; one on the corner of North and Adams Avenue; one on the corner of West North and Hubbard and one on the corner of West Broad Street.

Mr. Milano informed Mr. DeVito that arrangements were being made with the hospital in regard to the one at West Broad Street. In regard to the others, it requires Budgetary funds, and that is being awaited.

PLANNING & ZONING

MR. RUSSELL presented his Committee report. He said the committee met on March 30, 1958, with the following members present: A. Marciano, W. Murphy, G. Russell and J. Wilensky. He said the committee considered the items as listed on the Agenda.

(1) Final Adoption - Ordinance changing names of certain city streets

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for final adoption of the following Ordinance; seconded by Mr. Longo and CARRIED unanimously:

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ORDINANCE NO. 74 SUPPLEMENTAL

CHANGING 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:

Deep Lane (Springdale) to be changed to DEEP SPRING LANE:

Manin Street to be changed to TAYLOR STREET:

Taylor Street, running southerly and westerly from Richmond Hill to be extended to intersect with Fairfield Avenue;

Waverly Place, running westerly from Fairfield Avenue to be extended to intersect with Harvard Avenue.

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

Mr. Russell explained that the above Ordinance, when proposed for adoption for publication, was in the Minutes of 3/3/58 (See page 1843). Therefore, the reading of this Ordinance was waived.

- (2) Camore Street, status of (Also referred to Public Works Committee) (See #3 under that Committee)

MR. RUSSELL: "The status of Camore Street has already been discussed. Our Committee had this a week and a half ago and we came out with the request that we formally accept Camore Street Extension for 389 feet, and I so MOVE."

Mr. Wilensky seconded Mr. Russell's motion.

MR. TOPPING: "Mr. President, I would like to have Camore Street's acceptance be re-committed to Committee until the Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee and the Chairman of the Public Works Committee can get together, and I so MOVE."

Mr. Topping's motion was seconded by Mr. Nilan.

VOTE taken on Mr. Topping's motion to recommit to Committee and LOST by a voice vote.

VOTE taken on Mr. Russell's motion to accept Camore Street Extension for a distance of 389 feet and CARRIED unanimously.

- (3) Intervale Road and Newfield Drive - Bad road conditions (per letter from Mr. Ketcham, 18th District Representative)

MR. RUSSELL: "The general status of Intervale Road was discussed in Committee and it was agreed that the road is in a very bad condition, and for all practical purposes, impassable. A letter from the Turn-of River Fire Department indicates they have reached a stage where their fire equipment cannot safely pass over this road, and unless the road is rebuilt to a reasonable width and satisfactorily maintained, special arrangements will have to be made for proper fire protection coverage for the Newfield Drive area, which is normally covered by them. Since this is a through road from High Ridge-Turn of River area, to the Newfield-Springdale area; also in view of the heavy home development, as well as the future large AMF plant location, the Committee agreed that this matter should be immediately turned over the Public Works Commissioner and we suggest a capital project in the near future to correct this



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most undesirable crossroad situation. Meanwhile, since this matter was also referred to the Public Works Committee, they can possibly follow up a program of emergency repairs, so that the road may be kept safely open."

MR. TOPPING: "I do not recall any referral from the Steering Committee on this road."

MR. RHOADES quoted from the Steering Committee report where it was referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee only.

MR. RUSSELL suggested that the matter be referred to the Public Works Committee for an emergency correction measure, and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. DeVito and CARRIED unanimously.

(4) Proposed Ordinance - changing names of certain city streets

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for approval for publication of the following proposed ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO.-----SUPPLEMENTAL

CHANGING 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:

Change Brookside Place to Brookside Drive, and extend to Hamilton Avenue;

Change that portion of Cove View Drive between King Street and Brookside Drive to Short Lane;

Change that portion of Stafford Road from Main Street to dead end and north side of Turnpike to Noroton Hill Place;

Extend Courtland Circle into a loop, also continue westerly to intersect with Blanchley Road;

Extend North State Street from South Street, westerly and northerly to Richmond Hill Avenue;

Extend Grenhart Road from West Avenue easterly to Wilson Street;

Change that portion of Victory Street between Pressprich Street and Waverly Place to Southfield Village Court;

Extend Ursula Place from Orange Street northerly and easterly to Maher Road;

Change East Lane (West Stamford) to Hatch Lane.

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

(5) Miller Street - abandonment

MR. RUSSELL: "The Committee suggests that the City abandon Miller Street, because same has no longer any necessity for existence for any practical purpose. Also, that the Planning Board and the Corporation Counsel check into abandoning that por-

tion of Ursula Place from Main Street to the North side of the Turnpike because of similar reasons."

(6) Daycroft Road

MR. RUSSELL: "The Committee also requests that the City Engineer return Daycroft Road to the City maps, with corrections, to its present remaining location."

(7) Sunset Road

MR. RUSSELL said the Committee wishes this held in committee.

(8) Scofieldtown Road - change of name to Sunset Road

MR. RUSSELL: "The reason we held this in Committee is because the Committee did not have the time, but we thought we would like to go up there and see if there is a practical spot where this road can start, so that we can solve this problem."

(9) Linwood Lane

MR. RUSSELL: "The matter of Linwood Lane will have to be referred to the Public Works Committee. We have a new policy whereby all roads in the future will be referred to Mr. Topping's committee, so we are going to have to hold joint meetings on these matters."

MR. HUIZINGA: "Isn't it true that if a matter is referred to a committee and is not brought out of committee that it is the prerogative of a member of this Board to bring it on the floor?"

MR. RHOADES: "That is correct."

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED that Linwood Lane be accepted as a city street. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks. He clarified his motion by saying that the road had been approved by the Engineering Department, the bond has been released because of this being done.

The President ruled this must be introduced under Suspension of the Rules, as it is not on the Agenda.

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to bring this on the floor.

Mr. Fredericks rose to a point of order and suggested that this discussion be postponed to be re-introduced under New Business. There being no objection, it was agreed to do this.

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Re: Petition No. 243 - Request from NAACP to hold Tag Day on May 17th

MR. KELLY MOVED for suspension of the rules to consider the above request, inasmuch as it was received too late for the Steering Committee to take the matter up, and will be too late for the next meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of the above petition, subject to Police Dept. approval. Seconded by Mr. Hearing and CARRIED unanimously.

**EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

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Re: Change of date for Voter making session to April 16th instead of April 17th

MR. MACRIDES MOVED for suspension of the rules for the reason that this was received too late to go before the Steering Committee. Seconded by Mr. Colatrella and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. MACRIDES MOVED for approval of the Town and City Clerk's request contained in his letter of April 7, 1958 to change the date for voter making session originally scheduled for April 17th as this date conflicts with the Republican Primary, to April 16th instead. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

#### HOUSING COMMITTEE

MR. RUSSELL, Co-Chairman, offered the following brief report of the activities of the committee to date:

#### HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee has held approximately 12 meetings, each involving all or parts of the Committee. Several were held at the housing site.

The Committee has been gathering factual and detailed reports on conditions prevailing at the Southfield Village Low Cost Housing Project.

The Committee has found the situation, as a whole, quite disturbing.

At this meeting, no detailed information will be presented, other than the fact that a statement made at the February meeting of this Board. "We are creating in our city a multi-million dollar slum" is a definite probability unless corrective measures are strongly taken, both administrative and educational wise.

We will add that since this matter was first referred to the Board, conditions at North and South Southfield Village have improved considerably. We look for further continual corrective measures in this direction.

A very lengthy and detailed report will be presented at the regular May meeting of the Board of Representatives.

Frank Longo, Co-Chairman

G. Russell, Co-Chairman

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Re: Letter dated 3/25/58 - Re need for police protection in and around harbors

Inasmuch as this letter was received too late for the Steering Committee meeting, it was referred to Health & Protection Committee for report at the next Board Meeting.

Re: Letter dated April 1, 1958. - Re Salary Adjustment for various city departments for fiscal year 1958-1959,

MR. RHOADES: "Under Communications from the Mayor, we have a letter, which has now been referred to our Fiscal Committee, requesting an amendment of \$334,000 in the approaching Operating Budget for the fiscal year 1958-1959 for an increase in pay for all City Classified Employees. This cannot be discussed at this time, as it is an amendment to the Operating Budget."

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

2620 MR. RHOADES: "We have two letters which have been received, one from Mr. Fredericks



in regard to conditions on WEST HILL ROAD and referred to Public Works Committee and another letter from the residents of KNICKERBOCKER AVENUE in regard to conditions just off Hope Street in Springdale, which has been referred to the Health and Protection Committee."

#### OLD BUSINESS

Re: HOLBROOK ESTATES (See pages 1843, 1844, 1845, 1846, 1847 and 1848 in Minutes of 3/3/58 - Also see "Old Business" - proposed resolution)

MR. BAKER MOVED for final adoption of resolution as printed on page 1848 of the Minutes of March 3, 1958. Seconded by Mr. Cullen.

MR. MURPHY said he objected to roads coming up for acceptance that have not come before the Planning & Zoning Committee.

MR. MURPHY: "In 1952 when Mr. Tuttle was the City Engineer, he sent the Commissioner of Public Works detailed recommendations in regard to these roads. Nothing happened. I have a letter to Mayor Quigley from Mr. Tuttle referring to this same matter. Then, there was a letter from a resident of Apple Tree Drive, who sent a petition to the Mayor which was referred to the Commissioner of Public Works. I have here some more data on that, in regard to their being in the B tax zone and want the City to assume jurisdiction. We have numerous papers here, from the Commissioner of Public Works to various residents, in that vicinity. We have a revised estimate for street improvements for the Holbrook Estates. We have a letter from the Holbrook Association of property owners on how the city is willing to repair and maintain their roads if they will meet at the Belltown School to discuss the city's position.

"Now, this is our position: I am quoting from a letter sent out from the Holbrook Association:

'We must recognize that makeshift remedies will no longer suffice...'"

Mr. Murphy talked at length in regard to the history and spoke of an agreement putting the cost of repairs to these roads at \$20,000 in order to bring these roads up to the city standards before they can be accepted.

MR. MURPHY: "Now, Mr. President, if these roads are accepted, then I think the Representatives from the 18th District would be derelict in their duty if they didn't demand that the residents of Jackson Street and Clark Place get their money back. There are other streets, one off of Lawn Avenue, where the city refused to call the bond because of a drainage condition. We are stuck with the street, and the street has never been accepted. A month or so ago we sat across the table with members of the Planning Board and residents of Northwoods Road and we told them that they were going to have to pay to get their road up to standard in order to get it accepted by the city. It is no easy matter to have to tell people that they are going to have to pay money out to bring their roads up to acceptance condition, and then on the other hand, we are trying to accept roads which are far below the standards of the Northwoods Road.

"If this goes through, Mr. President, I am going to try, if at all possible, to get all these other roads accepted also, and instead of considering perhaps a \$20,000 item, we will bring it up to perhaps nearer \$100,000."

MR. TOPPING said the original petition on these roads was presented on July 6, 1957. He said at a meeting of the Committee at that time, Mr. Russell had remarked that no approval had been received from the City Engineer and it was decided to refer the petition to the Planning & Zoning Committee and the Public Works Committee.

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MR. TOPPING: "The report of the Public Works Committee was that the residents, who signed the petition, were not the owners in fee of the roads, so we could not act on the petition. I went to see Mr. Walter Maguire, who represents the corporation that owns the road. I explained to him the condition that the roads were in and the condition that the residents were in, and Mr. Maguire explained to me that if the residents would form a responsible organization that would be responsible for the roads, that he would be very glad to deed the roads to them. Then, the residents could come to us with their petition and they would then be the owners of the roads and we could then act on that petition. But, that has not been done, as yet.

"On this particular resolution, there has been no committee action and I believe that the new members of the Board should have knowledge of these roads and their history before they are asked to vote on the acceptance of them as city streets. The resolution as presented, does not follow the procedure set up by the Legislative and Rules Committee in regard to the acceptance of private roads as city streets. You can see pages 1724 and 1725 of the October meeting, wherein the Legislative and Rules Committee recommended that the acceptance of private roads be done in accordance with Sec. 640 of the Charter, as amended by the 1957 Legislature. Acceptance of these roads by the resolution would require an expenditure of \$26,589.40. That was the estimate as submitted by the City Engineer on March 12, 1952, to put them in minimum acceptable condition for acceptance as city streets. Also, Mr. President, this method of private road acceptance by resolution will set a very dangerous precedence in regard to the manner of acceptance of private roads. If we allow any private roads to be accepted without its having first been put into proper condition by the owners."

MR. TOPPING: "I MOVE, Mr. President, that this resolution be referred to the PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE for proper handling." Seconded by Mr. Marciano.

Considerable debate went on for some time.

VOTE taken on Mr. Topping's motion and CARRIED with two dissenting votes.

MR. MURPHY asked to be excused at 10:45 P.M.

Ruling by Parliamentarian - Re method of voting on appropriations

The following ruling was presented by Mr. Nolan, Parliamentarian:

In reference to voting on appropriations. Must the vote be a standing vote?

It would seem that the President is at liberty to choose any method sufficient to allow him to determine the vote.

It seems to have been established in the past that all votes on appropriations would be taken by standing vote. However, nothing seems to require the vote be taken in such manner.

If the Chair must obtain a count in order to determine as to a majority or not, (such being the case with appropriations) the Chair has the right to use any method he thinks will suffice. It would therefore follow that a show of hands would seem to be sufficient to determine the count and could be used by the Chair.

(Chapter 20, Sec. 202.2 of Charter)  
(Art. VIII (vote) Sec. 46 - voting) Robert's Rules of Order

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NEW BUSINESS

Re: Linwood Lane - acceptance as city street

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for suspension of the rules to consider the acceptance of the above named road. Seconded by Mr. Haring and LOST for the reason that it was not a two-thirds vote, being 19 in favor and 13 opposed.

Re: Rent Control Board

MR. RHOADES: "The President would like to have the Minutes of this Board show that the Minority and Majority Leaders have re-submitted to the Mayor the names of the six members of the Rent Control Board, who have served previously. These are as follows:"

Republicans

Saul Kwartin  
John DeForest  
Clarence L. Sherwood

Democrats

Robert Kerr  
Mrs. Mary M. Hardiman  
Edward Wynn, Jr.

Housing Committee meeting

MR. RUSSELL announced that the Housing Committee would meet with the members of the Housing Authority on Wednesday, April 9th at 7:45 in the Mayor's office, City Hall.

Bad flooding condition in back of stores fronting on Summer Street

MR. RAITERI brought up the above matter and said he would like to have it referred to the Public Works Committee, and so MOVED. He said this flooding condition was in back of several stores fronting on Summer Street - i.e. Robert Hall, a typewriter shop. He said the water drains from their back yards and flows into the yards of the people on Severance Street, namely the Poltrotski, Kaoli and McNerney homes. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

Bad flooding conditions on several streets

MR. VITTI also brought up the question of bad flooding conditions on the west side and named several streets affected, namely, Minor Place, Wilson Street, West Avenue, etc.

Mr. Kolich requested that the Public Works Committee look into the matter of flooding conditions in his district.

MR. RYBNICK said he had a letter in regard to a flooding condition in front of the K. T. Murphy School, which makes it very difficult for residents and school children in this area to walk upon the sidewalks.

MR. CONNORS also spoke about a bad flooding condition in his District and asked that the Public Works Committee also look into this.

MR. RHOADES: "The President would like to again remind this Board of the meeting dates - Steering Committee meeting on April 21st, the regular Board meeting on May 5th, and a tentatively scheduled meeting to act on the Budgets on April 28th." He said the last was not a firm date, but this was the latest available date scheduled at the present time.

MOTION TO ADJOURN



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Upon MOTION of Mr. Fredericks, seconded by Mr. Kolich, and CARRIED unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Norton Rhoades*

Norton Rhoades, President  
Board of Representatives