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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, December 8, 1958.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Norton Rhoades, at 8:05 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Rabbi David W. Pearlman, of Temple Beth El

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 37 present and 3 absent. The absent members were: William Murphy, Jack McLaughlin and Mr. Hart, who had tendered his resignation.

Replacement for J. Joseph Hart (D), 1st District Representative

MR. RHOADES: "Under our regulations, a matter concerning the membership of this Board must be settled before any other business can be transacted, even the acceptance of the Minutes of the previous meeting. Since we have a matter affecting the membership of this Board, it must be settled at this time."

MR. RHOADES read a letter of resignation from J. Joseph Hart, 1st District Representative, in which he stated that he was resigning because he had accepted a position in the Purchasing Department of the City.

MR. RHOADES called for nominations as successor to Mr. Hart.

MR. NOLAN: "Just before offering a nomination for Mr. Hart's successor, I wish to say on behalf of the Democratic members of this Board, that we are very sad indeed to lose the services of such a fine member as Mr. Hart. However, we know that the City will benefit by his knowledge and ability."

MR. NOLAN read a letter from the Democratic Town and City Committee, in which they recommend Mr. Daniel M. Goldstein, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Hart.

MR. NOLAN: "Therefore, Mr. President, as Democratic Majority Leader, I would like to submit the name of Daniel M. Goldstein to fill this vacancy."

The President asked if there were any other nominations. He explained that these nominations would not require a seconder.

MR. CONNORS: "Mr. President, I also am very sorry to see Mr. Hart leave this Board, due to his acceptance of a Civil Service appointment. We will miss him, as he was one of our active members. I have a letter here, addressed to the members of the Board, from the two members from the First District of the local Democratic City Committee, Rose V. Gambino and Elmer W. Lowden, in which they endorse Mr. Peter C. Sileo as representative from the First District."

Mr. Connors read the above letter, which quoted from Section 1 of Article IV of the Rules Governing the Democratic Party of the City of Stamford, which is intended to comply with the election laws of the State of Connecticut.

MR. CONNORS: "Mr. President: I have in my hands, for presentation to this Board, a petition signed by Voters of the First Voting District of the City of Stamford, which reads as follows:

'TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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The undersigned, duly registered Voters, residing
in the First Voting District of the City of Stamford do

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hereby respectively request that PETER C. SILEO be appointed to fill the vacancy in the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford created by the resignation of J. Joseph Hart, as Representative from said First Voting District'

"This petition was signed by 287 voters of the City of Stamford, residing in the First Voting District.

"I was present at the meeting of the Democratic City Committee at which the majority of the Committee voted to recommend Daniel M. Goldstein against the wishes of the First District. There was no support for Mr. Goldstein from the First District, which is, after all, the one to be represented.

"I think morally and equitably we should give the District the representative it obviously wants.

"I therefore nominate and ask this Board to elect Peter C. Sileo to fill the vacancy from the First District. Thank you."

MR. NOLAN: "I do not want to enter into any controversy, but I just want to clarify one point....."

MR. RHOADES: "Mr. Nolan, do you object to these letters and documents being made a part of the Minutes?"

MR. NOLAN: "I do. They contain numerous assumptions, possibly inaccuracies. I am not doubting the validity of the petition. However, I do not know whether it has been certified, I do not know what it contains - I would beg to differ with the writers of that letter. I think they are entirely wrong. They are talking about endorsements for an election. Now, this certainly is NOT an election. This is merely a recommendation of the Town and City Committee, which has as much weight as you have respect for the Town and City Committee. So, I would think that it might not be proper, Mr. President, to accept these as a part of our records, unless the validity of the petition....."

MR. RHOADES: "That is exactly what the President proposed. I said that they would be made a part of our files....."

MR. NOLAN: "Excuse me."

MR. KELLY: "I would like, if I may, to give the background of Mr. Sileo. Mr. Sileo was born in Port Chester, New York, and has resided in Stamford since 1931. He is married, and lives with his wife and two daughters in their own home at 25 Ponus Avenue. He is employed by the Stamford Superior Drug Co. for 17 years, as a Salesman and is in charge of public relations. He is a veteran of World War II, with 33 months service, 17 months in foreign service, fighting in three different combat areas, and was discharged honorably as Staff Sergeant "

Mr. Kelly continued at some length, giving the background of Mr. Sileo. He said Mr. Sileo ran as a team mate of Joseph Hart and lost by a margin of 18 votes.

MR. GERONIMO: "As a matter of record - I am in an awkward position, being a member of the Town and City Committee and being a member of the Board of Representatives. It's a matter of record that I voted for Mr. Sileo, and to me, they tell me it's bad business. But, personally, I am not in the political business. I use my philosophy of life - that you only go round the cycle once - you don't get a second chance. And, to me, I hold friendship above and beyond political feelings. Therefore, I will still

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MR. RHOADES: "If there is no further comment, the method of voting will be this: The voting will be by secret ballot. The Tellers will come forward and distribute the ballots, which are similar to those used in voting upon appointments, but the reverse side should be used and the name of the man for whom you are voting written upon it by each member. We will transact no further business until all this has been done and the ballots counted."

The Tellers distributed the ballots. Result of vote: 17 votes for Mr. Goldstein and 19 votes for Mr. Sileo, with one ballot blank.

The President declared Mr. Peter C. Sileo elected. Mr. Sileo was sworn in by Mr. Joseph V. Toner, Town and City Clerk. He immediately took his seat as a member of the Board of Representatives, representing the 1st District, replacing Mr. J. Joseph Hart.

MR. RHOADES: "Unless there is some future correction, Mr. Sileo will be assigned to the Parks & Recreation Committee, from which Mr. Hart has now resigned."

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of November 10, 1958

There being no corrections, the Minutes of the above meeting were APPROVED by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STEERING COMMITTEE

Mr. Rhoades, Chairman, presented the following report of this committee:

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING Held Monday, November 24, 1958

The Steering Committee met in the Mayor's Office, City Hall, at 8:10 P.M. on Monday, November 24, 1958.

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

George Russell was present, but not as a member of the Committee.

Absent were: John Nolan, George Connors and Bernard Geronimo.

The following matters were discussed:

1. Budget requests for next fiscal year:

As requested in letter from Commissioner of Finance, it was decided to include an item for service on the Thermo-Fax machine in the budget requests for the next fiscal year.

2. Mayor's appointments:

MR. FREDERICKS announced that the Mayor was submitting two names for appointment. One, Mr. John L. Cameron, as a member of the Zoning Board for a 5 year term, to start on December 1, 1958. The second, Mr. Robert D. Hawthorne, as a member of the Personnel Commission for a 3 year term, beginning December 1, 1958. He stated that both were Republicans.

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MR. LEWIS said he did not believe it to be proper procedure for these names to be announced verbally instead of having a letter from the Mayor. He also said he thought he should be notified first as the Chairman of the Appointments Committee, being the one most concerned, and asked that the Mayor be so notified.

MR. FREDERICKS said he thought this would have to come from the Steering Committee, as all the Mayor's appointments go first to the Steering Committee for referral to the Committee involved. He further stated that a letter was on its way, but had not, as yet, been received.

3. Fiscal Committee:

All requests for additional appropriations, approved by the Board of Finance at their meeting held November 21, 1958, were referred to the Fiscal Committee.

4. Letter dated Nov. 21, 1958, from John F. McCutcheon, Executive Secretary of the Classified Employees' Retirement Fund, requesting proposed amendment to Section 6a of Classified Employees' Retirement Plan REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE
5. Mayor's letter of Nov. 5, 1958 re designation of representatives to attend conference on processing and development of Southeast Quadrant and completion of Meadow Street Area Urban Redevelopment Projects

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES AND PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEES

6. Public Works Committee:

Various matters brought up at the November Board meeting, under "Petitions" and referred to this Committee were ordered placed on Agenda.

7. Parking Authority - Nov. 13, 1958 request for permission to install meters on both sides of Atlantic Street, from railroad bridge to Henry Street

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

8. Re: Traffic light, intersection Hamilton Avenue and Courtland Avenue

A petition, brought up at the November Board meeting, dated Oct. 20, 1958, was referred to the HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

9. Tally Ho Lane - Request for light contained in letter from Mr. John Unnever and referred by Mr. Fredericks in letter of 11/7/58 was referred to the HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE
10. Busses carrying school children:

As no action has yet been taken on this matter, which concerns letter from PUC dated Oct. 9, 1958, it was ordered again placed on agenda, under HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

11. Legislative Bills to be submitted at next session of General Assembly:

Inasmuch as Bills for presentation to the Legislature which affect Stamford are often referred to the Board of Representatives for an expression of opinion, it was decided to publicize the matter. In this way, it is believed that Bills affecting Stamford, could first be referred to this Board, for a prior expression of opinion before being sent to Hartford.

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12. Enabling Act for Harbor Safety:

This was referred to the CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE for preparation, along the same lines as the one used by the City of Norwalk, in order to enable the City to enact Ordinances to control harbor water safety.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Norton Rhoades, Chairman
~~Fiscal~~ Committee

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

MR. LEWIS: "Mr. Chairman: The Appointments Committee is in the process of meeting with Mr. John Cameron for appointment to the Zoning Board and also Mr. Robert Hawthorne for appointment to the Personnel Commission.

"In following Section 503 of the Charter, the Mayor shall, annually, submit to the Board of Representatives at its first meeting after December 1st, his nomination of one member to each appointive five-member Board to serve five years, and one member of each appointive three-member Board to serve three years, except appointments to the Board of Public Safety. No nominations to such appointive Boards made by the Mayor shall become effective until approved by the Board of Representatives. The Board of Representatives shall defer final action on all nominations until its next regular meeting.

"We are pleased to advise that the Mayor will submit to the Committee in the next few weeks the balance of his appointments due to expired terms. The delay in this submission is caused by the Mayor's receiving confirmation for his appointees as to their availability to serve the City of Stamford.

MR. RHOADES: "Mr. Lewis and the President are both grateful to Mr. Cameron himself, for calling our attention to the exact language in Sec. 503 of the Charter. The President depended on his memory which was faulty, and had assumed the names could be acted upon at this meeting. He was wrong. Mr. Cameron pointed out that the Charter provides that certain nominations must be made in December, but cannot be voted upon by this Board until January."

FISCAL COMMITTEE

MR. HUIZINGA, Chairman, read his committee report. He said the Committee met 12/2/58, all members being present except Mr. Cummings.

- (1) \$4,000 - Ferguson Library, Code 481.B, Repairs to Boiler (See Mayor's letter of Oct. 10, 1958)

MR. HUIZINGA: "In our investigation of this request, we found that some of the cost of repairs were taken care of by insurance claims and we have been able to definitely confirm that as of this evening. So, the Committee, in a quick second meeting this evening, decided to ask for recommitment of this request, and I so MOVE." Seconded by Mr. Kolich and CARRIED unanimously. Mr. Macrides also concurred.

- 2837 (2) \$30,000 - Corporation Counsel - Code 450.60, Settlement of Non-Contract Claims
(Mayor's letter of Nov. 13, 1958)

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MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above request. Mr. Macrides said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs in the approval and he seconded the motion. CARRIED unanimously.

- (3) \$2,688.66 - Pension for Lt. John J. McInerney of Police Department - Effective Oct. 13, 1958, based on annual pension of \$3,737.14, or 60% of annual salary of \$6,228.56 (Requested in Mayor's letter of Oct. 20, 1958)

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously.

- (4) \$1,500 - Board of Representatives - To bring old records into condition satisfactory to State Examiner of Public Records (Requested in Mayor's letter of Aug. 25, 1958)

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

- (5) \$11,000 - Department of Civil Service - For survey of existing classification and salary plan (Requested in Mayor's letter of Sept. 16, 1958)

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

MR. RYBNICK said the Personnel Committee concurred in the approval. CARRIED unanimously.

- (6) \$250 - Board of Finance - Code 650.9, Professional Services (Audit) (As requested in Mayor's letter of 11/21/58)

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of this request. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously.

- (7) Proposed amendment to Section 6a of Classified Employees' Retirement Plan

Note: Proposed in letter of Nov. 21, 1958 from Classified Employees' Retirement Fund. (See Sec. 749 of Charter and Special Act No. 463 passed by Legislature in 1951 session. Amended by Board of Representatives on June 16, 1952 by Resolutions Nos. 140 and 141 and again on October 4, 1954 by Resolution No. 186)

MR. HUIZINGA: "I wish to make this very clear. One of the sections of the Classified Employees' Retirement Fund pertains to the benefits to be paid under the Fund. A formula was worked out and the formula is one fiftieth of salary (I think it is the highest salary) times the number of years of service. Whatever is the result of that formula is the pension that the employee receives under the plan which was originally adopted.

"Let's say that the pension then was \$2,000. It gives credit to the length of service - a man who has been employed for a greater number of years gets a higher pension than a man who is employed for a few years. And, also the pension is predicated upon the amount of the salary. So that's the formula. Let's say that this man has a \$2,000 pension from the Municipal Employees' Pension Plan. The Plan also provides that the pension shall come from two sources - one, U.S. Social Security, two, Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund. In other words, it comes from two sources in

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order to make up that total figure of \$2,000. Putting it another way: If Social Security should ever go on the rocks, or if they should decide to pay a lesser benefit than Social Security, the City is bound to increase their benefits, so it always guarantees that figure of \$2,000 to the retired employee.

"Now, what has happened, back in 1954 and is also happening now, as of Jan. 1, 1959, the Social Security Act has been changed and there is an additional benefit granted. If \$2,000 was the pension, and if they got \$1,200 from Social Security, then the City would have to contribute \$800. Now, let us say that this retired employee will be getting \$1,400 from Social Security, therefore the City would only have to contribute \$600. That's the formula that was adopted.

"This resolution that you are being asked to vote on tonight is changing that formula. In other words, as we did in 1954, if we adopt this resolution, a man would receive exactly the same amount of money as he did before from the Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund, and he will receive a higher amount from his Social Security. If before he was receiving \$1,200 in Social Security and \$800 from the City, now he will receive \$1,400 from his Social Security, but he still will receive the \$800 from the City.

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for adoption of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Marciano and CARRIED unanimous standing vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 288

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED that Section 6a of the Classified Employees Retirement Plan be amended as follows:

Section 6 PENSIONS. (a) Service Retirement. Any member who is retired under the provisions of Section 5 (a), (b) or (c) of this Act shall receive annually from said fund for the remainder of his natural life, a sum which when added to any Social Security benefit available to the member at the time of retirement will produce a total income equal to one-fiftieth of his average final salary, multiplied by the number of years of service. In determining the amount of the Social Security benefits available to a member retired subsequent to July 1, 1955, but prior to December 1, 1958, the provisions of the Federal Social Security Act in effect on December 1, 1958, shall apply. In no event shall such pension payment be an amount which when added to the Social Security benefit available to the member, will produce a total income more than two-thirds of his average final salary, or, if he has had more than twenty-five years of service, will when added to said Social Security benefit produce a total income less than \$1,000 annually.

MR. HUIZINGA: "That finishes the report of the Fiscal Committee. However, I would like to announce that the next meeting of the Committee will be taken up with the budget of the Board of Representatives. If any member of the Board have any recommendations to make insofar as our own specific budget is concerned, I wish you would, within the next two weeks, notify the Chairman or some member of the Fiscal Committee as to your suggestions.

"I would like to say this: That one of the things which has been discussed by members of this Board, is an item which we have under Code 200.8 called 'Travel and Special Committee Expenses'. There was nothing for this last year or in previous years. But, there are expenses incurred by various committees of this Board.

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as you know, during a Legislative year we always send someone to Hartford. There are expenses of telegrams and telephones, and some traveling. Someone has suggested that we request the Board of Finance for an amount equal to \$1,000 for that particular item of expense. So, if you have any questions on this or any other item you think we should have in our budget, please bring it to the attention of the Fiscal Committee within the next ten days."

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

MR. RAITERI: "Meetings of the Legislative & Rules Committee were held at City Hall on November 20 and 24 and December 4, 1958.

"The meeting of November 20 was devoted to preparing the final version of the Plumbing, Electrical and Heating and Air Conditioning Codes for public hearing. These have now been completed.

"The meeting of December 4 was given over to a review of the basic Building Code with a Committee from the Stamford Builders' Association and with the Building Inspector and his staff. Their comments are now being considered for incorporation in the Code, after which the Building Code will be finally reproduced for public hearing.

"It is presently expected that the public hearing on these four Codes will be called before the end of December.

"The meeting of November 24 was devoted to agenda items. The only item for action was the proposed amended Vendors' Ordinance and after consideration of the objections raised to the version as originally presented, the proposal was modified by the elimination of all the objectionable features. A copy of the proposed amended Ordinance, as now submitted for final adoption, was provided each member of the Board and therefore its reading is not required.

"For your information, the amended Ordinance as now submitted, differs from the existing Ordinance as it appears in the Code of General Ordinances in the following particulars only:

Article 1 Vending

Section 2 The License fee has been increased from \$25 to \$75. This was done in direct response to the petition filed with the Board by several local merchants requesting such action.

The provision for exemption from the license fee by reason of personal property taxes paid to the City, was modified to exclude motor vehicles and boats, in order to make the provision more equitable to local merchants who pay the tax on their inventory. The minimum license fee payable after the exemption was increased from \$10 to \$25.

A provision was added to allow the waiver of the license provision by the Board of Representatives upon written request of a local religious, Charitable or veterans' organization.

Exclusion of veterans under the provisions of the section, was included in accordance with State Law.

Section 3 The term of the licenses was changed to agree with the calendar year.

Section 7 The section on Exemptions was modified to agree with provisions of State law.

Article II Future Delivery

Section 8 "by telephone" added in keeping with existing ordinances of most of our neighboring communities.

Section 9 The requirement for a photograph of the applicant was added, since a photograph is presently required. This merely confirms the existing practice.

Section 16 The section on Exemptions was modified to agree with provisions of State law.

Article III Solicitation of Funds

This entire Article is new and is based on Ordinances from other communities reviewed by the Committee.

Article IV Separability

New clause added to protect individual parts of the Ordinance."

MR. RAITERI MOVED for adoption of the Ordinance as presented to the Board members in letter of November 18, 1958, entitled: "Solicitor's and Vendor's Ordinance". Seconded by Mr. Baker.

A great deal of debate followed as to various sections of the Ordinance which several of the members felt should be changed.

Mr. Nolan read a statement from Mr. Murphy, who was not able to attend the meeting, in which he objected to several portions of the proposed Ordinance.

MR. LEWIS said he thought the proposed Ordinance should be published again in the newspaper.

MR. MACRIDES called attention to the cost of re-publication. The President informed him that the cost was in the neighborhood of \$86.00.

MR. MACRIDES: "Ordinarily the re-publication of this Ordinance would be a good thing, except that the changes that have been made in this Ordinance as it was originally published have merely been changes of elimination. I think there are about four points that have been eliminated and nothing has been added, and I don't believe there would be any great benefit derived from publishing this again."

* MR. HUIZINGA said he disagreed with Mr. Macrides and MOVED that the Board postpone action until the next meeting and that publication of the Ordinance be made in the meantime. Seconded by Mr. Georgoulis.

Several members said they agreed with Mr. Huizinga.

MR. NOLAN suggested that a notice be published in the paper that the amended Ordinance would be on file in the office of the Board of Representatives and that the amended sections be marked. He said it would require checking on the old Ordinance as printed in the Code of General Ordinances with the new Ordinance in order to discover what the changes were.

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MR. RUSSELL said he thought the penalty clause of the Ordinance should be spelled out to those not familiar with it. He said the fine could be as much as \$100 and a jail term of 30 days. (Section 17)

Mr. Lewis MOVED the question after considerable more debate had ensued.

VOTE taken on Mr. Huizinga's MOTION *(See above) and CARRIED by a vote of 23 in favor and 13 opposed.

MR. RHOADES: "It is possible to maintain this matter on the floor for awhile if there are members who wish to make specific suggestions to the Committee for consideration before the next meeting."

MR. CUMMINGS suggested that the matter of enforcement of the Ordinance be considered by the members of the Health & Protection Committee.

MR. RUSSELL suggested that any correspondence or criticism of the Ordinance be submitted to the Legislative & Rules Committee before their next meeting.

Several members suggested various changes in the Ordinance. The President pointed out that the Ordinance was no longer before the Board for consideration.

- * MR. FREDERICKS MOVED that the Board reconsider Mr. Huizinga's motion previously voted upon. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

The President announced that now the only motion on the floor was Mr. Raiteri's motion to adopt the Ordinance.

MR. NOLAN MOVED TO AMEND the proposed Ordinance, under Sec. 2. License Fee on page 1, 6th line, after "property," by deleting the following words: "...other than motor vehicles and boats,....." Seconded by Mr. Connors.

MR. BAKER objected to the deletion of these words. He said the reason those words had been inserted in the Ordinance was to put the merchants of the City on an equal footing with outsiders who did not have to pay these taxes to the City. He said the committee felt very strongly that this is an equitable provision and should remain in the Ordinance.

MR. NOLAN withdrew his motion.

MR. ROCHE called attention to Sec. 18 (page 5, under Article III. Solicitation of Funds). He said he did not believe this section was equitable. He said he thought Sec. 21. Exceptions, should exempt Sections 18, 19 and 20 and that Section 18 is not exempted, but that it should be included, and was probably due to an oversight.

MR. BAKER said he agreed with Mr. Roche, and that 18 should be included in the first line under Sec. 21, but he would like to confer with other members of the Committee before taking a definite stand on the matter.

It was agreed that Mr. Roche was correct.

MR. ROCHE MOVED TO AMEND Sec. 21. Exceptions (on page 6) by adding the figure 18 after the word "Sections" in the first line. Seconded by Mr. Baker and CARRIED.

MR. KOLICH offered an amendment under Sec. 5. Restrictions on location of vehicles, etc. (see page 2 of proposed Ordinance), which amendment would add the following words: "Any vendor selling ice cream from a vehicle shall not park and sell his

product within 200 feet (or whatever footage the members here decide) of any store or permanent stand where ice cream is sold." (No seconder)

MR. RAITERI: "I believe that would be in violation of interstate commerce, and I don't believe it would be wise for this Board to take a stand at this time on Mr. Kolich' amendment. It may be in violation of the Interstate Commerce Act and be considered a restraint of fair trade."

MR. RHOADES: "The Assistant Corporation Counsel indicates that this may be the case, although this cannot be considered as a legal opinion at this time."

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED TO AMEND by adding the following under Sec. 7. Exemptions. to be known as Sec. 7a and to read as follows:

"Sec. 7a. Violations and Penalties. Each violation of the provisions of this Article shall be deemed a separate offense and shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$25.00."

Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. NOLAN MOVED TO AMEND by deleting the words "previously given" in the last line of Sec. 18, Entering upon private property in Article III. Solicitation of Funds. Seconded by Mr. Cummings.

MR. FREDERICKS offered a substitute motion in place of the one given above by Mr. Nolan. He MOVED TO AMEND by striking out the last two words in Sec. 18, and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

".... or unless a license has been issued in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 19 of this Article."

Mr. Nolan and Mr. Cummings accepted Mr. Fredericks' substitute motion.

VOTE taken and CARRIED unanimously.

Re: Sec. 7, Exemptions (See page 2 of proposed Ordinance)

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED to add "e" under this Section, to be entitled "Sale of real estate and Insurance." Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

MR. BAKER: "This addition would be completely inconsistent with the wording of this section, which deals only with merchandise."

Voice: "....or conduct any business."

MR. BAKER: "....or conduct any business."

MR. HUIZINGA: "....or printed matter."

MR. BAKER: ".....or conduct any business from a vehicle, basket or stand. Does the insurance business cover this?"

MR. RAITERI: "The place to include this addition and where it would be more appropriate, would be in Article II, where we are talking about Future Delivery. Here, we are talking about including magazines or other printed matter. If this wording is to be included, it would rightfully belong under Article II, in Sec. 16, Exemptions. (See page 5 of proposed Ordinance)

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MR. HUIZINGA agreed with Mr. Raiteri.

MR. HUIZINGA: "The language is the same, but it would apply to Sec. 16 instead. It would be a further small "e".

MR. RAITERI: "The word 'real estate' is not proper there, either."

MR. HUIZINGA agreed to drop the words "real estate", the amendment would now read under Sec. 16, Exemptions: (See page 5 of proposed Ordinance)

"e. Sale of Insurance."

VOTE taken on the above amendment and CARRIED by a voice vote, two voting in the negative.

MR. MILANO: "Due to the fact that there is so much confusion on this thing, I think the whole thing should revert back to committee and I so MOVE." Seconded by Mr. Russell.

MR. COLATRELLA: "I don't think there is any confusion. I think we're getting along fine. I think we are wasting our time by re-committing it. We should sit down and clear up this matter once and for all tonight."

MR. MILANO: "I think if this discussion continues the way it has been going, that we will be here until two or three o'clock in the morning. There doesn't seem to be any ending to this thing."

MR. RUSSELL said the reason he seconded Mr. Milano's motion to recommit was because he thought the Ordinance was too important for the Board to "be hacking away at it the way we are". He said he did not see anything wrong to have it recommitted to Committee.

Rising VOTE taken on Mr. Milano's motion to recommit. CARRIED by a vote of 19 in favor and 15 opposed.

The President called attention to the fact that whatever amendments had been voted on up to the present time have now become a part of the Ordinance.

MR. MACRIDES: "What is the possibility now of re-publication? I think it knocks it out, doesn't it?"

MR. RHOADES: "Nothing was connected to this motion that would indicate a prior publication. Therefore, there is no such matter at the moment."

MR. FREDERICKS: "I may be out of order, but in Sec. 18 (See page 5 of proposed Ordinance) I made the statement -----the Corporation Counsel makes a suggestion and the suggestion is well taken----the last part of that section should read, after striking out the words 'previously given':

'but this section shall not apply to persons whose licenses and identifications have been issued in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 19 of this Article.'

"I can make that as an amendment, if I am not out of order, or as a suggestion to the Chairman."

MR. RHOADES: "It would have to be a suggestion. The Chair only allows you to speak on it, Mr. Fredericks, because we did imply at the time you remember when it was passed, that we would correct the language, and that is now being done."

MR. BAKER: "Apparently there are still some thoughts in regard to proposed amendments to this Ordinance. The Committee has had this Ordinance for some two months now. With the exception of the four objectionable features, which we eliminated during the course of the last month, to my knowledge, not one of these objections has reached our Committee concerning any potential change in the Ordinance. It would seem to me to be imperative that if the members of this Board have other ideas that they would like for us to consider, PLEASE give them to us. Otherwise, we will come back with it exactly as it stands now."

MR. RHOADES: "The President can see no reason for considering for another half hour any other suggestions....."

MR. HUIZINGA: "Mr. President, I would like to make a suggestion. In view of the fact that the original motion was to have the Ordinance re-published, I trust....."

MR. RHOADES: "The original motion was not to re-publish. The original motion came from Mr. Raiteri and was a motion to pass the Ordinance."

MR. HUIZINGA: "When they come out with their report at the next meeting, I trust that the Committee will suggest a re-publication."

(2) Mayor's letter of Nov. 5, 1958 re suggested conference on processing and development of Southeast Quadrant and completion of Meadow Street area

MR. RAITERI: "Mr. Chairman, I was not aware that the above item was going to be placed on the Agenda. It was my understanding, when we discussed it at the Steering Committee meeting, that we were going to wait until we found out when the conference was going to take place."

MR. RHOADES: "Yes, Mr. Raiteri, it should not be on the Agenda. We have not as yet received any further information and until we do, it cannot be acted upon."

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MR. TOPPING: "A meeting was held in the Mayor's office on Dec. 1st at 8 P.M. The members present were Alan Ketcham and Thomas Topping. The members absent were John Maffucci, Vincent Vitti, Bernard Geronimo, Anthony Marciano and Lewellyn Nilan. Three petitions were processed.

"At this point, I would like to interrupt my report and say that the reason why these members were absent, was because I picked the wrong night to hold my meeting, because of the fact that the Democratic Town Committee was holding their meeting the same night."

(1) Hirsch Road and Ogden Road:

MR. TOPPING: "The complaint was due to drainage conditions." At this point Mr. Topping read a letter dated Oct. 30, 1958, addressed to the Commissioner of Public Works from Mr. Julius M. Wilensky, 16th District Representative, in which he enclosed a petition from the residents, complaining of inadequacy of storm drains and requested that it be included in next year's budget if no funds are available to take care of this condition at the present time.

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MR. TOPPING: "That petition was signed by some 38 names. The Public Works Department is well aware of the fact that these roads have bad drainage conditions, but it had been set up in the 1960-61 Budget. Mr. Maguire promised to move the project up to this year's Capital Projects Budget if at all possible."

(2) Meadowpark Avenue North:

MR. TOPPING read a letter from Mr. Joseph J. Smith, 62 Wood Ridge Drive, dated Nov. 1, 1958, requesting that a barrier across the street be removed.

MR. TOPPING: "I contacted Mr. Lowman, attorney for Mr. Cary Wellington, the owner of the narrow strip on which the barrier is erected. Mr. Lowman said that Mr. Wellington would be willing to Quit Claim this land to the City, but first he must receive in writing, assurance that the City will assume all responsibility and Maintenance of this strip."

MR. TOPPING said he had contacted the Corporation Counsel and had been told this Board is the only Board that can give the assurance requested by Mr. Wellington.

MR. TOPPING MOVED that a letter be sent to the attorney, Mr. Lowman, of Cummings & Lockwood, who represents Mr. Wellington, that if the owner will Quit Claim the strip of land separating the two portions of Meadow Park Avenue North, to the City of Stamford, that the City will accept and maintain this land without further expense to him. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED, with one negative vote.

(3) Culloden Road drainage complaint:

MR. TOPPING: "The drainage condition on this road was brought to the attention of the Board by Mr. Nolan (9th District Representative). The Public Works Dept. have cleaned all the catch basins and drain pipes on Culloden Road, from Hamilton Avenue to the Post Road, and have requested the New Haven Railroad and the State Highway Department to clean their portions of the brook that these drains empty into."

(4) Public Works Department - Re division of city into 15 districts

MR. TOPPING: "This is for the members of the various Districts. The Public Works Department has divided the City of Stamford into 15 Districts. To each one of these Districts, a truck and a crew has been assigned. Each crew will be responsible for the condition of the streets, sidewalks, catch basins, and all similar maintenance within its assigned area. These trucks will work only in the areas assigned to them and they will be held strictly responsible for the work to be done. The Department of Public Works is doing this to reduce the amount of travel for their trucks, and to reduce the cost of upkeep on the trucks and to get better coverage in the repairing and keeping of our city streets in good order."

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

(1) Parking Authority - Letter dated 11/13/58 requesting permission to install meters on both sides of Atlantic Street, from railroad bridge to Henry Street

MR. MILANO read the above letter and said the Committee recommends the approval of this request and MOVED for approval. Seconded by Mr. Lewis and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

Note: This was re-introduced at the end of the meeting by Mr. Kolich. A second vote was taken on this matter and the request recommitted to committee for further study.

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- (2) Busses carrying school children (Letter from PUC dated Oct. 9, 1958)

MR. MILANO: "I have gotten in touch with the Connecticut Company and they advise me all they can do is to carry out company policy."

- (3) Hamilton Avenue and Courtland Avenue - Requests for traffic lights at these intersections
Manhattan Street and South Pacific

MR. MILANO: "We are also pleased to advise that traffic lights are in the process of being installed at Hamilton Avenue and Courtland Avenue and Manhattan Street and South Pacific Street."

- (4) Tally Ho Lane - Request for light to be placed on this street - (From a Mr. John Unnever, a resident on this street and referred by Mr. Fredericks, 18th District Representative in letter dated 11/7/58)

MR. MILANO: "On the above matter, the Committee took no action, due to the fact that this is a private road. I think he would have to notify the power company to install a light there. I don't know how these matters have been carried out before, but we have no jurisdiction over installation of lights on a private street."

MR. FREDERICKS: "I would suggest that the report of Mr. Milano that this is on a private street and therefore is not within the province of this Board, but rather should be referred to the lighting company - that a letter should be written to Mr. Unnever to that effect, so that he, in turn, can follow it up with the lighting company, and suggest that Mr. Milano make a motion to do this."

MR. MILANO accepted Mr. Fredericks' suggestion and MOVED that a letter be written to Mr. Unnever. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. KELLY suggested that a letter be written to the Commissioner of Public Works and ask him to refer this matter to the lighting company. He also suggested that the letter Mr. Milano spoke about be written to Mr. Walter Brelle of the lighting company.

MR. CUMMINGS: "I do not think this Board is in a position to carry on correspondence for a private agency - by this I mean one not a part of the City of Stamford."

MR. FREDERICKS: "It was a matter that was referred to this Board, and all that I am asking for here is that a letter be written to Mr. Unnever, making the suggestion as to what he should do, and it would then be up to him to write to the power company - not that we do this for him. We are not going to be an intermediary - we are just going to suggest what he can do."

MR. LEWIS suggested that the Board should refer all the correspondence to Mr. Fredericks to handle, inasmuch as it was from one of his constituents.

Re: Accidents at Broad and North Streets at Hubbard Avenue

For the reason that Mr. DeVito had requested permission to leave the meeting early, he was granted permission to speak on the above matter.

MR. DE VITO: "There is a rather serious matter up in my District. There have been a few accidents up there, one which happened about six weeks ago. Here last Saturday I got a call from a Mrs. Cunningham. I rushed up there, but got there too late - the cars had gone. I promised to do whatever I could. I wrote a letter

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to the Health & Protection Committee last December and have not had any action as yet. I was told by my predecessor, Joe Iacovo, that he had asked for a light there three years ago, but never got any action."

MR. DE VITO talked at some length about the problem and MOVED that it be referred to the Health & Protection Committee. Seconded by Mr. Rybnick and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. MILANO said this had been brought up on at least two occasions by Mr. Iacovo, former Board member. He said: "The first time I brought this matter to the attention of the Chief of Police and the Board of Public Safety, they checked the area and the number of accidents happening as compared to other areas where a stop light is vitally needed. They only have so much money allocated to spend for these stop lights. They felt that they could use this money more wisely in more dangerous areas. They do not feel, in their estimation that this area calls for a light. They have big stop signs - four way stop signs - and that is your answer. I cannot see what we are going to accomplish by referring it back to Committee."

Mr. De Vito was excused at 10:35 P.M.

Re: Dangerous condition at Manhattan and Atlantic Street

MR. ROCHE: "I want to call the Board's attention to an incredible condition that exists on the corner of Manhattan and Atlantic Streets, where the commuters are re-routed almost a mile, trying to get into the station in the morning. I have requested that a study be made and that something be done about it. I would like to have this matter referred to the Health and Protection Committee so that they could get that no left turn sign taken out of there, or make it limited to the morning hours or whatever they like."

MR. VITTI: "This is a matter for a little common sense - just continue under the viaduct bridge and ridge out to South Street to the station. It's very simple to avoid all that traffic congestion - just go under the viaduct and right to the station. I do it every morning and I never have any trouble."

MR. NILAN: "Let them get up five minutes earlier, too, that might accomplish wonders - that's what I do."

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

MR. RUSSELL reported that a meeting of the committee was held December 3, 1958 with the following members present: J. Wilensky and G. Russell. The absent members were Mr. Murphy, Mr. Geronimo and Mr. Marciano.

MR. RUSSELL: "The Committee agreed to present those roads for acceptance which were both certified in writing by the City Engineer and were inspected and met with the approval of the Committee. The Committee recommends their acceptance and I so MOVE." Seconded by Mr. DeForest and CARRIED unanimously.

The following roads were the ones approved for acceptance as city streets:

BIG OAK CIRCLE - Length 450' Width 26' Map #5940

Extending easterly from Big Oak Road to and including permanent turnaround.

BIG OAK ROAD - Length 3,700' Width 26' Maps #5940, #6308 and #6391

Extending from Wake Robin Lane northerly, easterly and southerly to Red Fox Road.

BLUE RIDGE DRIVE - Length 1,250' Width 30' Map #5738

Westerly, from High Ridge Road to and including permanent turnaround.

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- BROOK RUN LANE - Length 606' Width 30' Map #6120
Extending southerly and westerly from already accepted portion to Long Ridge Road.
- BROOKLAWN AVENUE - Length 840' Width 26' Map #1189
Extending northerly and westerly from Howes Avenue to Frisbie Street. (Note: This road was accepted 4/14/30 as a public highway, but for better clarification is accepted again)
- FOUR BROOKS ROAD - Length 1,150' Width 26' Map #5940
Extending from previously accepted portion at Wake Robin Lane northerly.
- FRISBIE STREET - Length 765' Width 30' Map #875
Extending easterly and northerly from Hope Street to Faucett Street. (Note: An old Street, but accepted for clarification)
- HOLLOW OAK LANE - Length 372' Width 30' Maps #6113 and #5971
From Rolling Wood Drive northwesterly to Little Hill Drive.
- KLONDIKE AVENUE - Length 760' Width 30' Map #5897
Southerly from Crestview Avenue to St. Charles Street
- MORGAN STREET - Length 1,600' Width 40' Map #5694
Extending northerly from Hoyt Street to already accepted portion. (No petition on this street, as it was donated to the City by the adjacent property owners)
- RED FOX ROAD - Length 825' Width 26' Map #6004
Extending northerly from previously accepted portion of Red Fox Road, at White Fox Road.
- ROLLING WOOD DRIVE - Length 1,438' Width 30' Maps #6113 and #4507
From Little Hill Drive southerly to Berrian Road.
- ST. CHARLES STREET - Length 1,086' Width 30' Map #5897
Westerly from accepted portion to Haig Avenue.
- STRAWBERRY HILL COURT - Length 315' Width 30' Map #5694
Extended easterly from Morgan Street to already accepted portion. (No petition on this street, as it was donated to the City by the adjacent property owners)
- WHITE FOX ROAD - Length 320' Width 26' Map #6004
Extending easterly from Red Fox Road to Gutzon Borglum Road
- WILLOWBROOK AVENUE - Length 1,378' Width 30' Map #5387
Southerly from Sound View Avenue to and including permanent turnaround.

(Note: All above maps filed in office of City Clerk)

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

2849 MR. MACRIDES presented the report of his committee. He said they met with the Fiscal Committee on December 2, 1958 and that Messrs. Truglia, Maffucci and Macrides

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were present.

Re: Corporation Counsel's Office - Settlement of non-contract claims

MR. MACRIDES: "The Committee agreed with the Fiscal Committee on its actions relative to emergency budget appropriations and reiterated its stand of about a year ago that the Corporation Counsel's office should request and receive a far larger amount - perhaps \$100,000 - for non-contract claims. It is the Committee's feeling that great savings would be made to the City if the Corporation Counsel's office had on hand money with which to settle claims in their early stages. Settlements become progressively higher as an attorney is contacted in a particular matter, a complaint is drawn and the matter is assigned for trial. Under the present arrangement, the Corporation Counsel's office is usually forced to make its settlement in the last of these stages, and therefore, at the highest price."

Mr. Macrides read a letter dated 12/8/58 from the Corporation Counsel on the above matter.

Re: Director of Public Welfare - Breakdown of welfare costs to city (Note: See Minutes of 11/10/58 - pages #2052 through #2054 under item (3) of Fiscal Committee report - answers to several questions proposed by Mr. Russell)

MR. MACRIDES: "The Committee also read a letter from the Director of Public Welfare, which contained most of the information requested by this Board."

MR. MACRIDES read the following letter from Mr. Laturney, Director of Public Welfare, dated December 2, 1958:

Dear Mr. Macrides:

In reply to your recent telephone conversation regarding case load, returned persons, et cetera, will advise that we administer under the Social Welfare Laws of Connecticut, under Section 2585, "Each town to support its own paupers", and Section 1427D, 1953, "Support of non-resident paupers", and under Section 1424D, 1953, "Return of person belonging to another State".

May we advise that as of October 31, 1958 our outdoor relief case load was 312 cases, 860 persons.

As you know, our statistics are furnished by a servicing bureau in New York, and to receive all the information we would like would cost the City a large sum, therefore, our information is limited to our monthly reports. It would be greatly to our advantage to operate our own machines, thereby providing any type of information necessary.

With the return of persons belonging to another State, where possible, we administer under Section 1424D, 1953. So far, this year, we have returned about two cases a month, which, under this program is high, but, as a case load, it is a very small per cent. We must bear in mind that a good many of these persons have been out of their State long enough to have lost settlement, and therefore have no settlement, and cannot be returned to their place of residence.

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We trust this answers your request, but if there are any other questions, do not hesitate to call on us.

Very truly yours

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
George A. Laturney, Director

MR. MACRIDES: "Mr. Laturney, in a telephone conversation, had told us that he had no available information with reference to a breakdown of new arrivals, who go on relief as soon as they enter Stamford. There is no reason for keeping this kind of record, because the State no longer makes any distinction along these lines as to the amount of reimbursement which they give to the City. The Committee decided that it would not press this matter any further, in view of the expense which would be involved in amassing this information and its inability to do anything about the problem, even if it had such information at hand."

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE

MR. MACRIDES, Chairman, presented the report of the above committee. He said the Committee met on December 3, 1958 and present were Messrs. Raiteri, Wilensky, Baker and Macrides. Also present at the meeting were members of the Wage and Hour Committee and the President of the Stamford Police Association, for a preliminary discussion in reference to their intent to seek a Charter amendment raising the minimum pay of the Stamford Police force.

(1) Stamford Police Association - proposed amendment to Charter regarding raise in salaries

MR. MACRIDES: The representatives of the Association were asked to frame a specific proposed amendment which we would then forward to the Corporation Counsel for the purpose of getting an opinion as to its legality and any possible effect on existing Civil Service and budgetary statutes.

(2) Equalization of taxes on automobiles

MR. MACRIDES: "The Committee considered the Corporation Counsel's response to its questions relative to the amendment proposed by Mr. Joseph Iacovo for equalization of the tax on motor vehicles and boats. It was decided that the Corporation Counsel's letter put the matter out of the jurisdiction of the Charter Revision Committee. We have sent a letter to Mr. Iacovo enclosing copies of our questions and the Corporation Counsel's reply."

(3) Pension plan for paid drivers on volunteer fire departments

MR. MACRIDES: "We then considered the letter from the Charter Revision Commission, asking for a more complete pension plan proposal with reference to the paid drivers of the volunteer fire departments. This matter was referred to Mr. Julius M. Wilensky, who had been its original proponent, for the purpose of framing a complete proposal which he could demonstrate would be actuarially sound. He would then report back to the Committee, presenting it for their consideration."

(4) Harbor Safety - Proposed enabling Act (Referred to this Committee by the Harbor Safety Committee at the 11/10/58 Board Meeting)

MR. MACRIDES: "The Committee furnished Mr. Wilensky a copy of the Norwalk Harbor Act and delegated to him the responsibility of aiding Mr. Lewis' Harbor Safety Committee in the framing of a similar Stamford Act."

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(5) Party affiliations of members of Personnel Commission

MR. MACRIDES: "Recent events have given rise to an apparent need to amend Section 731 of the Charter with reference to the party affiliation of members of the Personnel Commission. This will be discussed further by our Committee and reported to this Board at its next meeting."

MR. MACRIDES asked for clarification of referrals to the Charter Revision Committee - whether it has to be referred through action of the Board, or does the Committee have authority to act on their own, without any previous sanction of the Board.

MR. RHOADES said the President was not prepared to answer at the moment, but would attempt to do so within the next few days. He said it would appear to him that previous sanction of the Board of Representatives would be needed.

MR. LEWIS: "Mr. President, as I recall, it was the consensus of opinion that items to be acted upon by the Charter Revision Committee must be referred to it by the Board of Representatives. In other words, it would not be something that an individual could refer to it."

MR. RHOADES: "We will go back into the Minutes, Mr. Macrides, and see what we can find out in regard to this."

MR. MACRIDES: "Pending this looking into the matter, may we have this matter referred to our Committee?"

MRS. ZUCKERT MOVED that this matter be referred to the Charter Revision Committee. Seconded by Mr. Lewis and CARRIED unanimously.

SPECIAL FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE RE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MR. CUMMINGS: "In the interests of expediting our adjournment, I shall report simply that our Committee has met. We have received data sheets and information which had been requested from area departments. This information is in the process of being tabulated for analysis and other work is being done by the Committee which is proceeding with diligence."

"I would like to point out one other thing that is being done by the Committee which I have gone over with the Secretary, which has already been mentioned, in part, by the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee."

"It seems pertinent and timely that this Committee should stimulate some consideration by this Board and any other related Boards, as to the necessity for a fiscal appropriation to cover expenses of this Board in performing its work. Should it be deemed advisable or necessary, some thought should be given to Charter revision which would make it unnecessary for the Board to follow the present methods of requesting funds in order to support the investigating function which is granted by our Charter, and I would suggest, in a very general manner, that we might consider a provision of the Charter, similar to Section 658.1, which grants to the Board of Finance, powers to obtain funds for investigation without following the normal course."

Re: Rule No. 13 under "Committees" as contained in "Rules of Order of the Board of Representatives - 1957-1959 Board"

MR. RHOADES: "Before we proceed to New Business, the President would like to read, not in a spirit of criticism, but for the ear of all Committee Chairmen of this Board, Rule #13 of this Board, as listed under 'Committees' in our Rules of Order:

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'It shall be the duty of the Chairman of each Committee to call a meeting of his Committee within one week after the appointment of the Chairman, and a meeting will be called at least once a month if any matter has been referred to it by the Steering Committee, or by the Board, and no action taken thereon.'

"The President would also like to call attention to another matter." (See below)

Re: Memory of father of Joseph A. Cullen, 8th District Representative

MR. RHOADES: "Our very good friend and Representative from the 8th District, Joe Cullen, recently lost his father and the President would like to ask for a rising moment of silence in respect to the memory of Mr. Cullen."

A moment of silence was observed by the members in respect to the memory of Mr. Joseph Cullen's father.

Re: Charter Revision Committee referral

MR. CUMMINGS MOVED that the matter of having a provision in the Charter, similar to Section 658.1 (on page 84 of the Charter) which provides funds for investigation for the Board of Finance, without going through the usual procedure of having it initiated by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives; be referred to the Charter Revision Committee to prepare the proper amendment for the Charter which will enable the Board of Representatives to also initiate their own funds for investigative purposes.

Seconded by Mr. Lewis and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Clement L. Raiteri, Jr. -Resignation to accept Senatorial position in General Assembly, State Legislature

MR. RHOADES called attention to the fact that this would be Mr. Raiteri's last attendance at a meeting of the Board of Representatives, his resignation taking effect the end of December.

MR. RHOADES: "We will all miss Mr. Raiteri very greatly indeed and we all wish him Godspeed." (Applause)

Secretary's vacation:

MR. RHOADES announced that Mrs. Velma Farrell, the Board's Secretary, would be going on vacation and her vacation would extend from December 20, 1958 to January 5, 1959, and that during these dates if any one wishes to get into the office of the Board of Representatives, he will have to locate either Mrs. Doris Zuckert or Mr. Norton Rhoades.

Next Board meeting and Steering Committee meeting:

MR. RHOADES announced that the next Board meeting would be held on January 5, 1959 and the next meeting of the Steering Committee would be held the evening of Monday, December 22, 1958.

Re: Hazardous condition on Wendell Terrace, between Fenway Street and Hope Street

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MR. RUSSELL: "I would like to refer the matter which I brought up at the Steering Committee to the Education, Welfare & Government Committee and to the Health and Protection Committee about what I would call a hazardous situation on Wendell Terrace, between Fenway Street and Hope Street. Because of the double sessions at the high school and the fact that young boys and girls are getting out of school in the dark. These young girls must walk that dark stretch going up to the Glenbrook and Springdale area or maybe Belltown. They have to take the bus or walk. It is a very bad stretch. It is very dark and I have been getting many complaints from parents, who think that something should be done about it. I think this is very timely, but I don't think it is something that should continue for a long period. This is a dark month and the school season is not long. I would appreciate it if both the committees would contact the proper people in order to see that something be done about getting proper lighting along that stretch there."

MR. RHOADES: "In response to a previous communication from Mr. Russell regarding this matter, the President called Mr. Walter Maguire and discussed with one of his assistants the possibility of increasing the wattage of the light which is now at the corner of Fenway Street and Hillandale Avenue. The Public Works Department is inquiring into that matter and to date we have received no report. In this referral to the two Committees, that should be a part of their consideration, too."

MR. RUSSELL said he thought it would take more than just one light - that they needed a series of lights.

The above matter of increased lighting on these streets was referred to the EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE and also to the HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

Re: Disposition of Wright Technical School building after it is vacated

MR. GEORGOULIS: "As a representative of various interested groups of people within the limits of Sacred Heart Parish, and also as the Representative of the 4th District, I, as well as my colleague, have been designated to bring to the attention of the Board of Representatives the following message:

"Contrary to rumors about Sacred Heart Church not being interested in the Wright Technical School, I know from first hand knowledge that the parishioners of that church, as well as those in authority, are still interested in acquiring said school.

"It was recommended by the Planning Board since August 1955 that the Wright Technical School should be made available to the Sacred Heart Church for school use.

"This decision was re-affirmed by the new Planning Board in the spring of 1956. The reasons given were that it would benefit the community at large by saving Stamford \$345.00 per pupil each year. If the church used the school for the education of the youth of the West Side, with an enrollment of about 500 pupils, this would be a tremendous saving to the City of around \$172,000 annually.

"With the near completion of the new Wright Technical School, we bring these things to your attention in order to be given the opportunity to be heard out by the proper Committees so that a decision can be made as to the outcome of the Wright Technical School.

"One of the reasons that this request was not made to your Board sooner was: The knowledge that the Planning Board's recommendation requesting the Wright Technical School be made available to the Sacred Heart Church for school use already existed, and, a letter as to the outcome of this school was awaiting an answer from the office of the present Mayor since March of 1958 and has not yet been forwarded to

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the Sacred Heart parishioners. Even ~~the~~ ^{though} plans have been formulated in regard to using the school as an annex of City offices by the Mayor's Advisory Committee.

"I therefore ask of you, Mr. President, that this request, which means so much, not only to these people, but more so to the City at large, be forwarded to the proper Committee or Committees whereby they may initiate action to resolve this problem and truly show that this Board is looking out for the welfare of its people and city."

MR. GEORGIOULIS read the following letter from the Sacred Heart Church:

SACRED HEART CHURCH
37 Schuyler Avenue
Stamford, Connecticut

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Dear Mr. Georgoulis:

Members of my Parish would like to know what is to be done by the City of Stamford in regard to Wright Technical School, whether it could be used by Sacred Heart Church or not.

This matter is of great importance and urgency that we be allowed the Wright Technical School for parochial school purposes.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Rocco D. A. Nadile, Pastor

MR. GEORGIOULIS MOVED that the above matter be referred to the EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE and to the HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE for study and recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Connors and CARRIED unanimously.

Re: Letter on dangerous condition in middle section of Clearview Avenue, Springdale addressed to Mr. Jack S. Cummings, 17th District Representative, dated Oct. 21, 1958 from Mrs. Thomas Bayer

MR. RHOADES: "I have a letter, addressed to Mr. Cummings, regarding conditions on Clearview Avenue in Springdale - a matter involving safety, very largely.

"Mr. Milano, (Chairman of Health & Protection Committee) do you remember such a letter ever having been in the possession of your Committee?"

MR. CUMMINGS: "I don't believe so, Mr. President. I believe a copy was sent to the Mayor, to Mr. Russell and to the City Engineer. May I also suggest that the letter be referred to the Public Works Committee?"

MR. RHOADES: "Yes, it does involve some Capital expenditure."

Above letter referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE and the PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Re: Allyn Place residents - Request for fence on city-owned property at street end to prevent children gaining access to the New Haven R. R. tracks

MR. COLATRELLA, 2nd District Representative, asked that something be done about erecting a fence in this area.

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Referred to PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Re: Parking Authority - Letter dated 11/13/58 requesting permission to install meters on both sides of Atlantic Street. from railroad bridge to Henry Street

(Note: See previous referral and vote on above matter under Health and Protection Committee report, item #1)

MR. KOLICH asked for reconsideration of the above matter, which had been previously voted on and approved.

MR. RHOADES said this properly belonged under "Old Business" but permission was given to hear him speak.

MR. KOLICH: "I haven't had a chance to survey this situation. I don't know whether my colleague has, but I would like to see this item referred back to the Health and Protection Committee for further consideration."

MR. RHOADES: "The only way for this to be done now, Mr. Kolich, would be for someone who voted in favor of it (and it was a unanimous vote) ---- you can do it yourself ----- to request a reconsideration and a vote will then have to be taken on it. After all, you voted with the majority on this."

MR. MARCIANO MOVED for reconsideration of the above matter. Seconded by Mr. Colatrella.

MR. LEWIS: "Mr. President, I personally had the opportunity of seconding the first motion taken on approving this request. I also investigated this one particular phase. In the company of Chief Kinsella and of Commissioner Barrett, of the Parking Authority.

"I think all of you are familiar with the narrowness of the street in question, which runs from Henry Street to the Railroad bridge. You will note that cars up until this moment, park all day long in that area. Consequently, we are endeavoring to help the merchants there to bring in new customers and give them an opportunity to have their customers park their cars. Unfortunately if we do not give them parking meters, these bad conditions will continue. People park their cars all day long -- some of them are factory workers. Now, the factories in that particular area have their own parking lots. However, it is a little easier to park along the street. I think you would be doing a grave injustice to the Parking Authority, the Police Department and to your Health & Protection Committee, to go back now and rescind the action that the Board took previously on this matter."

MR. MARCIANO: "I think if a man makes a mistake and then goes back and is man enough to admit it, should deserve a little consideration. When I okayed this, along with Mr. Lewis, I didn't realize the seriousness of this street. Many of you people are not acquainted with that part of the South End. There are homes which are on the East side of the street -- they are all private homes. These people park their cars in front of their homes and they have no other place in which to park.

"On the West side of the street, you have an Undertaker, a ----, a factory and a hotel. They have no parking place, other than the place behind the railroad and the --- company. If anyone goes up there to see what that place is like at nine o'clock in the morning, you can't get a car in there. They are doing a good business up there. So, I would like to ask for a reconsideration of the rescinding of our previous approval of this matter, until such time as the two Representatives of the 13th District have more time to look the situation over and we will be the

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first ones, perhaps to come back and say: 'Yes, they are needed.'

VOTE taken on reconsideration of previous action taken in approving this request.
CARRIED by unanimous vote.

MR. RHOADES: "We now have the matter before us. What do you wish done?"

MR. LONGO MOVED that it be referred back to the HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE for reconsideration. Seconded by Mr. Connors and CARRIED unanimously.

Designation of new Chairman for Legislative and Rules Committee

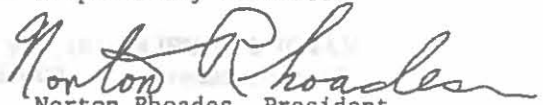
MR. RAITERI asked that his resignation as Chairman of this Committee be accepted at this time. He stated that because he would not be a member of the Board at the January 5th meeting, it would be necessary to have the Committee represented by a Chairman who could carry on the Committee's work.

MR. ELLIS BAKER was appointed as the new Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee to succeed Mr. Raiteri.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Baker, duly seconded and CARRIED unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted


Norton Rhoades, President
Board of Representatives

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