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A Special Meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Tuesday, May 5, 1959, pursuant to a "Call" from the President, Mr. Norton Rhoades, at Dolan Jr. High School, Toms Road, Glenbrook.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:25 P.M.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 34 present and 6 absent. The absent members were: Vincent Vitti, George Georgoulis, Michael DeVito, Robert Lewis, Edward Wynn, Jr. and Jack McLaughlin.

Announcement of Special Meeting:

The President announced that a second Special Meeting would be held this week, on Thursday, May 7, 1959, copies of said "Call" having been presented to all members. He explained that this meeting had become necessary because of a serious situation in regard to the abandonment of roads on the site of the proposed new High School.

"Call" of meeting:

The President read the following "Call" of the present Special Meeting:

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STAMFORD, CONN.

April 30, 1959

I, NORTON RHOADES, President of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of said BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES, for

TUESDAY, MAY 5TH, 1959

At the Walter Dolan Jr. High School  
Cafeteria, Toms Road, Glenbrook,

at 8:00 P.M.

for the following purpose:

To consider and act upon the OPERATING and CAPITAL  
BUDGETS for the fiscal year 1959-1960, as trans-  
mitted by the Board of Finance on April 15, 1959.

(Signed) NORTON RHOADES, President  
Board of Representatives

MR. RHOADES: "As you know, all appropriation resolutions require 21 votes - a majority of the Board. The President proposes to take voice votes, except where there is some opposition. In the event of any opposition, we will take a rising vote to be sure we have an exact count."

MR. RHOADES presented the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, Mr. Rutherford Huizinga.

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MR. HUIZINGA thanked the members of his committee for their cooperation during their consideration of the Budget.

Fiscal Committee Report:

MR. HUIZINGA presented the following report of the Fiscal Committee:

STAMFORD BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

FISCAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON 1959-1960 BUDGETS

The Operating and Capital Budgets for the City of Stamford were transmitted to this Board on April 15, 1959 by the Board of Finance for final action under the provisions of Section 613 of the Charter. Since that time, your Fiscal Committee has devoted in excess of 200 man-hours to the task of reviewing this budget as transmitted. Additional man-hours have been expended by other committees with whom we have met. Specifically, Education, Welfare and Government; Health and Protection; Public Works and Parks and Recreation, joined us in the consideration of those areas covered by their committee activity. Additionally, Fiscal Committee members and others were represented at every meeting of the Board of Finance in which they heard supporting data presented in substantiation of budget requests.

Your committee wishes to express its sincere appreciation of the cooperative spirit of the Board of Finance in extending to us the opportunity to listen with them in hearing the budget appeals from the various department heads and other Boards, and for giving us a chance where possible, to ask with them those questions which were requisite to well considered judgment of the financial needs of our city for the coming fiscal year.

Sitting in on the hearings of the Board of Finance was not enough, however, and in joint action with other committees, we heard again from most of the department heads. While some of the questions were repetitious, most of the questioning was supplemental to information furnished the Board of Finance and involved somewhat greater detail. In any event, we gained the advantage of spreading the direct word to more of our own members. As a result, it is the hope of your committee that we will be in a better position to answer all questions to the satisfaction of all board members.

Most of us sitting with the Board of Finance were singularly impressed with the realistic presentations of the various city departments. In most cases, every question was answered directly and objectively. The same applied to our own hearings when questions were asked by our members. Naturally, "sweetness and light" did not pervade the atmosphere at all times, but it can be said that at no time was there any evenly divided opinion. All of the actions of this committee were unanimous or carried by a lopaided majority vote. Therefore, we believe we are expressing the desires of the people we represent, and that they want the services and facilities provided by the proposed budget. The Board of Finance in its "Watchdog" capacity has indicated by its action in transmitting the Budget as we have it, that the city can afford to spend the dollars involved, and that the taxpayers can pay for what they want. We can, of course, amend that action of the Board of Finance by our action, but any such amendment must be based on the belief that our constituents want the reduction.



The Fiscal Committee does not believe that such is the case. With all the aforementioned endeavor, and by scanning in minute detail every item in every account, we were able to recommend the elimination of only \$55,000 from the total Operating Budget, a percentage of less than 1/2 of 1% and nothing from the Capital Budget. Such an amount is infinitesimal in a budget of this size, and by unanimous action, we felt that such eliminations if presented by the Committee, might seem capricious and arbitrary, and therefore, it is the recommendation of the Fiscal Committee that both the Capital and Operating Budgets of the City of Stamford be approved by the Board of Representatives in the same amount as they have been transmitted to the Board by the Board of Finance. In other words, we recommend no further reductions in either of the budgets.

OPERATING BUDGET - Page 11:

In connection with the item of \$300,000.00 for the operation of the Ferguson Library, we wish to emphasize the provisions of Chapter 7 Section 72 of the Stamford Charter, which reads as follows:

"All funds granted to the Library shall be subject to the supervision of the Commissioner of Finance."

Regardless of whether or not this section of the Charter has been followed in the past, it is the recommendation of this Committee that a more effective control should be maintained by establishing separate account codes, similar to the system of supervision now maintained for separate city departments, because, by this method, the supervision referred to in our Charter can become more effective.

OPERATING BUDGET - Page 71:

With respect to the salary account for the Park Commission, it is the recommendation of this committee that Code 500.1 be further separated as follows:

- 500.1 - Permanent Employees
- 500.1A - Seasonal Police
- 500.1B - Seasonal Attendants
- 500.1C - Seasonal Maintenance

By this method, the Commissioner of Finance will be in a position to exert a closer control over these specific expenditures.

OPERATING BUDGET - Page 75:

With respect to the total appropriation of \$505,692.00 for salary adjustments, which specific amount is the result of the Griffenhagen survey, this committee has spent a great deal of time in an endeavor to reconcile this total salary increase with the new salary reclassification provisions which are part of the Griffenhagen recommendations. We have, however, found this to be an impossible task in the time allotted.

In view of the fact that the Charter requires this Board to approve all salary appropriations by specific departmental code, rather than by total, as shown on page 75 of the Operating Budget, we requested the Commissioner of Finance not only to separate this total into the respective departmental salary codes, but also to certify to us the fact that the total of all salary increases given to us by Griffenhagen Associates was an accurate



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figure. In compliance with our request, he has given us a schedule, showing the requested breakdown by departmental code. However, there is attached to the schedule the following transmittal letter, dated May 1, 1959:

"In accordance with your request, we have allocated the amount of \$505,692 to various salary codes in the proposed Operating Budget.

"The above amount was determined by Griffenhagen & Associates as being the cost of adopting the proposed pay plan which has been recommended to the City of Stamford.

"The schedule attached shows by code classification the salary amounts approved by the Board of Finance, and the additional amount needed to adopt the new pay plan as per Griffenhagen & Associates.

"A cursory review of the figures contained in the report submitted by Griffenhagen & Associates has shown inaccuracies, so that it will be necessary to completely review the figures contained therein. The time available to the Finance Department did not permit such a complete review.

"You will note, from the copy of letter attached, the Personnel Commission has recommended that increments during the fiscal year 1959-1960 should be based on the old salary schedule.

(Signed) WILLIAM J. KELEMAN,  
Commissioner of Finance"

With reference to the Personnel Commissioner's letter referred to in the last paragraph above, we also wish to make this letter, dated April 30, 1959, a part of our report, and therefore quote it as follows:

"In the event the Griffenhagen wage and salary scale is approved by the Board of Representatives, the Personnel Commission recommends it be put into effect at the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1, 1959.

"Inasmuch as increments for the 1959-1960 fiscal year have been submitted by departments, and approved by the Board of Finance it is recommended these scheduled increments be effective on their anniversary dates.

"It is further recommended that increments allocated under the new salary and wage scale be initiated during the 1960-1961 fiscal year.

(Signed) JOHN F. McCUTCHEON,  
Personnel Director"

In view of the fact that the Commissioner of Finance has found "inaccuracies" in the report submitted by Griffenhagen & Associates, and in view of the fact that time does not permit the necessary review of the figures contained therein, it is the recommendation of this committee that the details of the total salary increase in the amount of \$505,692 as shown on the attached schedule, be appropriated at this time, with the full understanding that the appropriation of this amount will, in effect, mean the approval and adoption of the Griffenhagen survey. In approving



the Griffenhagen report, it is assumed that the "inaccuracies" and "iniquities" which are believed to be contained therein, shall be resolved by the Personnel Commission.

CAPITAL BUDGET - Page 21:

In discussing the justification of appropriating \$600,000 for Capital improvements covering the Ferguson Library, there was little doubt among the committee members as to the need for the requested improvement. However, we did learn that there are several taxpayers in the city who are definitely opposed to the granting of funds for Capital improvements, on the ground that the Ferguson Library is a private corporation and that the City has no control whatsoever over the operations or policy of the Ferguson Library. Whether or not this is true, it is the recommendation of this Committee that the Mayor negotiate with the Ferguson Library in an attempt to have them deed to the City the ground and building now owned by the Library, with the understanding that the City will simultaneously execute a deed, giving the ground and the building back to the Ferguson Library, to hold and own forever, as long as the land and the building are used for a City library, and, if at any time said land or building should be used for any other purpose, the land and the building should revert to City ownership.

Note: Enclosures will be included in the Minutes as they were presented and voted upon.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed)

R. G. Huizinga, Chairman, Fiscal Committee  
D. M. Zuckert  
J. S. Cummings  
T. J. Topping  
E. P. Wynn, Jr.  
A. Kolich, Jr.  
P. J. Robertucci  
P. J. Fortunato

It was decided that the President would give the Code numbers and the total figures in the Budget as approved by the Board of Finance, and if there are any comments or discussion about any particular item, then it would be acted upon before proceeding further.

OPERATING BUDGET - 1959-1960

Note: The total amounts for each department will be given and only in the case of items deleted or denied will any specific item be mentioned in that particular departmental budget.

Page 3 - REGISTRAR OF VOTERS:

Code #100.2 - Rent

MR. MACRIDES: "With reference to all of the rents which are being paid for the building at 303 Main Street, our Committee - the Education, Welfare & Government Committee - from the prior Board, made a very exhaustive study at that time, and felt that we were paying entirely too much rent for these premises. Since then, our present Education, Welfare & Government Committee, has come up with the same conclusions on this matter.

"Some two months ago, we met, together with the Health & Protection Committee, and both committees concurred that we are paying entirely too much rent for 303 Main Street. At that time we pointed out that there were facilities available in the same area of town and we have spoken to real estate agents who assured us that the highest bargaining price for rental would be some three quarters of what we are

paying at 303 Main Street. We also mentioned at the time that there is some space available in the school presently being used by the Welfare Department, which could serve as temporary quarters to relieve some of the places presently located at 303 Main Street. We also mentioned the possibility of working out some sort of a temporary set-up with the idea of ultimately getting into Rice School for all of our municipal departments.

"Therefore, at this time I would MOVE that we cut out this particular item and make it necessary for the Mayor to come back monthly to ask for emergency appropriations until he is able to work out the shifting of these departments to other places.

"I intend to do the same thing with the other items as we take them up and to refer them in the same manner."

MR. RHOADES: "That sounds like a rather drastic operation. You are making that in the form of a motion - to delete this item?"

MR. MACRIDES: "Yes, I am."

Mr. Macrides motion was seconded by Mr. Fredericks.

MR. CONNORS: "You say you are doing this on a month-to-month basis. When the owners of that piece of property put them out on the street, where do they go?"

MR. MACRIDES: "That is why I mentioned the other available space. We have places to which we can go. There are places to which we can go immediately. There have been lots of other places since we first brought up the question. There is no question in my mind that we can move tomorrow if we want to and I think the time has come when we should. I gave notice, I believe, last year, when we acted on these particular items -- that, yes I would go along with them last year, but that within a year, if nothing were done about the matter, I would then take other steps for correction."

MR. FORTUNATO asked Mr. Macrides if he knew whether or not the City was under a lease arrangement with the owners of 303 Main Street. Mr. Macrides replied that it was on a month-to-month basis.

MR. RUSSELL asked if any estimates had been made of the cost of moving from 303 Main Street into other quarters.

MR. MACRIDES: "I know of no rough estimate. However, I can make one very quickly myself. I don't think it would cost an awful lot at all. There is nothing that much to transport."

MR. WILENSKY: "Have you discussed this with any member of the present City Administration? If this is such a good idea, there must be some reason why they haven't done it."

MR. MACRIDES: "I have not discussed it personally with anyone. However, any time we have made any of these reports, I have seen to it that they were brought to the attention of the then Mayor. Nothing has ever happened."

MR. CONNORS: "I recall that there are vaults in the building at 303 Main Street. Are these vaults required by law? Do they use them in the Tax offices and in the Assessor's offices? Mr. Dawless is right here. Maybe he can answer that question."

MR. MACRIDES: "It is my understanding that they are not required by law. However, it is a good idea to have vaults. The vault in the Tax Assessor's office never



has the door closed. It is continually open. The vault now in the Tax Department is a very small affair. At the time that we made our investigation, we found a stack of books about so high that was in this vault and that was all that was there at that time."

MR. NOLAN RULED (Parliamentarian) that a motion to delete requires merely a majority of those present.

RISING VOTE taken on deleting item Code #100.2 Rent for Registrar of Voters. CARRIED by a vote of 27 in FAVOR and 6 OPPOSED.

VOTE taken on total amount for REGISTRAR OF VOTERS (Page 3) in the amount of \$39,455.36 and CARRIED unanimously.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (page 3)

Total of \$1,100 APPROVED for this department.

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES (page 3)

Total of \$7,322 APPROVED.

MAYOR'S OFFICE (page 5)

Total of \$26,358.20 APPROVED.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW (page 5)

Total of \$47,416.08 APPROVED.

MR. FREDERICKS discussed the matter of the Settlement of Non-contract claims. (Code #450.60) He said: "We always have additional appropriations. For those of us who are attorneys, it is absolutely criminal to have spread in the press - that there was a meeting of the Board of Representatives, at which time an appropriation was made to increase the amount needed for the settlement of non-contract claims. And, all the time this is occurring, the Corporation Counsel has five or six cases which he is in the process of settling, which gives him some idea and some more figures on the thing. I realize that this is one of the happiest methods of reducing the budget that the Board of Finance has ever met, but I do feel that this Board and those who will remain on this Board, if they will take into account (not at this meeting) but sometime, make a recommendation to the Board of Finance and to the Mayor's office that those two bodies take a realistic approach to the question of the settlement of non-contract claims. I think this is absolutely criminal for them to have to come back to us, year after year.....what did we have last year? A \$30,000 additional appropriation. And, you can go back year after year and you will find exactly the same thing."

MR. MACRIDES: "I just want to echo Mr. Fredericks argument on this particular matter. We long ago have said that the Corporation Counsel should come in with a more realistic figure of say, even \$100,000 and have it given to him and he would wind up with tremendous savings for the City."

CITY & TOWN CLERK (page 7) - Total of \$62,977.52 APPROVED.

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE (page 7) - Total of \$18,151.36 APPROVED

BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS (page 9) - Total of \$30,345.30 APPROVED



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BUREAU OF PURCHASES (page 9) - Total of \$21,902.72 APPROVED

STAMFORD MUSEUM (page 11) - Total of \$80,000 APPROVED

FERGUSON LIBRARY (page 11) - Total of \$300,000 APPROVED

MR. HUIZINGA reiterated what is contained in the report of the Fiscal Committee on the above item - namely, the Commissioner of Finance should maintain a more effective control by establishing separate account codes, similar to that done for the various city departments. (See Committee report for details)

VETERAN'S SERVICE (page 13) - Total of \$11,475.44 APPROVED

MIMEOGRAPH DEPARTMENT (page 13) - Total of \$14,268.76 APPROVED

PATRIOTIC & HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS (page 13) - Total of \$7,725.00 APPROVED

GENERAL INSURANCE (page 15) - Total of \$58,029.66 APPROVED

EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL & HOSPITAL (page 15) - Total of \$7,500.00 APPROVED

CONTRIBUTIONS TO FAIRFIELD COUNTY (page 15) - Total of \$135,000.00 APPROVED

PLANNING BOARD (page 15) - Total of \$27,064.20 APPROVED

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW (page 15) - Total of \$275.00 APPROVED

ZONING BOARD (page 17) - Total of \$5,779.00 APPROVED

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (page 17) - Total of \$5,706.00 APPROVED

TAXATION BOARD (page 17) - Total of \$350.00 APPROVED

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE (page 19)

Re: Code #571.2 - Rent

MR. MACRIDES: "In accordance with our earlier action, I would MOVE to delete item #571.2." Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED.

VOTE taken on total of \$219,835.40 for the Assessor's Office. CARRIED with one abstention. (Mr. Cullen)

FAIR RENT BOARD (page 19) - Total of \$2,107.60 APPROVED

TAX COLLECTOR (page 21)

Code #575.2 - Rent:

MR. MACRIDES: "In accordance with our earlier action, I would MOVE to delete item #575.2." Seconded by Mr. Murphy.

MR. CONNORS: "If the Tax Collector's office had to move, they would have to move into a school, because they could not find an available spot across the street (Gurley Building) or anywhere else around here. Why, just assume if they did move across the street and 50 taxpayers came in at one time and tried to get into that elevator to go upstairs. There is not a large office in the whole building in there. The suites that they have are presently occupied with lawyers offices."



MR. ROCHE: "I would like to suggest either the Rice School, with its excellent parking facilities or Wall School, also with excellent parking facilities - a nice clean, bright spot and would be a lovely location."

MR. RHOADES: "In all fairness, Mr. Roche, the President would have to say at this point that the Rice School is a very active public school in Stamford."

MR. ROCHE: "The whole school?"

MR. MACRIDES: "My earlier mention of the Rice School was not meant as an immediate solution to this problem. This would only occur if the Wright School were turned over to the Sacred Heart Church and then that they were able to relocate or re-district the operations. However, there is a whole floor in the building across the street (Gurley Building) which I have mentioned before."

MR. RHOADES: "Which floor is it - do you know?"

MR. MACRIDES: "I believe it is the seventh."

MR. CONNORS: "How on earth would the taxpayers get up there to pay their taxes? They couldn't even get into the elevator."

MR. MACRIDES: "The elevator perhaps has a capacity for 15 or 20 people."

MR. CONNORS: "How about the demolition of those walls? You could not use those offices the way they are - they are all small offices. You would have to demolish the walls, widen it into one big room. It would be terrible working conditions for the tax office if they ever have to go in there."

MR. DEFOREST: "I can see no point in deleting one of these things. If you are going to vote for one of them, then you may as well vote for all of them."

MR. MACRIDES: "I would also like to point out that there are any large number of vacant stores in town which might perhaps be available. I think, in accordance with what Mr. DeForest has said -- what we are doing, actually, is asking the Mayor to take active steps to look for space that is available."

After considerable further debate a vote was taken on Mr. Macrides' motion to delete item Code #575.2 for Rent, Tax Collector's Office and CARRIED, by a vote of 23 in FAVOR and 9 OPPOSED.

VOTE taken on the total of \$73,822.66 for the TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE and CARRIED.

RESERVE FOR TAX REFUNDS (page 21) - Total of \$3,000 APPROVED

BOARD OF FINANCE (page 23) - Total of \$12,110.00 APPROVED

PENSIONS (page 23) - Total of \$550,985.17 APPROVED

MR. HUIZINGA called attention to his committee report on this matter. He said: "We have been unable to do any work on this pension matter for the past two or three months, but it will be the first item on our agenda as soon as the budget activity is over. You should be hearing from your committee very shortly."

MR. RHOADES: "This is an item which has been variously estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$15,000,000 in arrears."

CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENT (page 23) - Total of \$22,373.44 APPROVED



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CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES PENSION FUND (page 25) - Total of \$5,066.00 APPROVED

CITY COURT (page 25) - Total of \$38,194.00 APPROVED

PROBATE COURT (page 25) - Total of \$6,550.00 APPROVED

SEWER COMMISSION (page 27) - Total of \$5,715.48 APPROVED

PRINTING LEGISLATIVE BILLS (page 27) - Total of \$500.00 APPROVED

TOTAL, GENERAL GOVERNMENT (page 27) - Total of \$1,868,461.35 APPROVED

DEBT SERVICE (page 29) - Total of \$1,446,365.00 APPROVED

EDUCATION (including Board of Education and J. M. Wright Technical School) (page 35)  
(The request for the Trade School is for 6 months)

Total of \$6,406,230.00 APPROVED for above item.

WELFARE DEPARTMENT (page 37) - Total of \$330,153.14 APPROVED

HOSPITALS (page 39) - Total of \$108,500.00 APPROVED

SUNSET HOME (page 39) - Total of \$65,906.62 APPROVED

TOTAL - WELFARE & INSTITUTIONS (page 39) - \$504,559.76 APPROVED

HEALTH DEPARTMENT (page 41) - Total of \$107,738.16 APPROVED

DOG WARDEN (page 41) - Total of \$4,360.00 APPROVED

POLICE DEPARTMENT (page 43) - Total Salaries of \$1,076,195.51 APPROVED

TOTAL - PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY (page 45) \$1,202,617.51 APPROVED

FIRE DEPARTMENT (page 47) - Total Salaries \$939,981.56 APPROVED

TOTAL - PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY (page 49) \$1,010,465.31 APPROVED

HYDRANTS & WATER SUPPLY (page 51) - Total of \$96,127.00 APPROVED

CIVILIAN DEFENSE (page 51) - Total of \$21,541.20 APPROVED

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS (page 53) (page 55)

Belitown Fire Department - Total of \$55,076.00 APPROVED

New Hope Fire Department - Total of \$34,000.00 APPROVED

Long Ridge Fire Department - Total of \$17,500.00 APPROVED

Turn of River Fire Department - Total of \$34,000.00 APPROVED

Investigation of Fires - Total of \$75.00 APPROVED

Springdale Fire Department - Total of \$24,000.00 APPROVED

Total for Volunteer Fire Departments - \$164,651.00 APPROVED



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GRAND TOTAL - PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY (page 55) \$2,607,500.18 APPROVED

PUBLIC WORKS - ADMINISTRATION (page 57) - Total of \$51,886.08 APPROVED

WEIGHTS & MEASURES (page 57) - Total of \$8,472.00 APPROVED

BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS & MAINTENANCE (page 59) - Total of \$432,775.44 APPROVED

BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS (Yard #2) (page 59) - Total of \$24,790.48 APPROVED

CROSBY STREET PUMPING STATION (page 61) - Total of \$4,500.00 APPROVED

BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS (Yard #1) (page 61) - Total of \$66,003.76 APPROVED

STREET CLEANING (page 61) - Total of \$116,599.68 APPROVED

STREET LIGHTING (page 61) - Total of \$255,000.00 APPROVED

MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY SEWERS (page 63) - Total of \$19,298.64 APPROVED

INCINERATOR & SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT (page 63) - Total of \$295,846.44 APPROVED

PUMPING STATIONS (#2, #3 and #4) (page 65) - Total of \$15,846.16 APPROVED

GARBAGE COLLECTION (page 65) - Total of \$357,729.60 APPROVED

ENGINEERING (page 67) - Total of \$187,873.62 APPROVED

BUILDING BUREAU (page 69) - Total of \$44,153.12 APPROVED

CITY HALL & OTHER BUILDING MAINTENANCE (page 69) - Total of \$52,775.00 APPROVED

GAS, OIL, REPAIRS (page 69) - Total of \$50,000.00 APPROVED

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS (page 69) \$1,983,550.02 APPROVED

PARK COMMISSION (page 71) - Total of \$223,870.00 APPROVED

BOARD OF RECREATION (page 73) - Total of \$157,869.80 APPROVED

HUBBARD HEIGHTS (page 75) - Total of \$61,948.30 APPROVED

TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION (page 75) \$443,688.10 APPROVED

OTHERS (page 75)

Salary Adjustments (as per Griffenhagen Associates survey) \$505,692.00  
(See page 75)

MR. HUIZINGA read from his committee report on this matter. (Refer to report at beginning of Minutes)

MR. ROCHE: "I will have to go on record on this - I will be forced to abstain from voting on anything which has to do with the Griffenhagen report, because I do not have a copy of it, and it is my understanding that this is a common complaint on the Board -- that none of us have gotten copies -- I mean that only a few of us have gotten copies of the Griffenhagen report."



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MR. HUIZINGA: (After reading his committee report) "In other words, if we are going to appropriate this \$505,692 we are, in effect, approving the Griffenhagen report. A great deal of discussion has taken place since reporting the amount. They arrived at certain changes and we believe that there are inequities in it. However, there is only one of two things that we can do this evening. We either approve the \$505,692 appropriation, in which case we approve the whole report -- or, we do not approve the appropriation, in which case none of the Classified City Employees will receive their raises.

"So, I believe this is a situation we are faced with. We have to approve the report and we will have to leave it up to the Personnel Commission to iron out these inequities as soon as it can possibly be done. That is the thinking of your Fiscal Committee so far as the appropriation of this total figure is concerned. And, so far as the actual voting by this Board, I have the break down here of all the codes and we will have to take each code separately, unless you decide to do it differently."

MR. RHOADES: "The President will say only this: It is merely a matter of policy with which he is concerned. In his opinion it is the duty of the Personnel Commission to determine the inaccuracies and inequities in this - it is certainly no concern of this Board. This Board should not be concerned as to whether or not a Fire Captain should get more than a Police Lieutenant or vice-versa. This is in connection with the stand that your President has taken within the past month and that is that we very frequently get into matters which are no concern of ours."

MR. FREDERICKS: "I agree with the President and disagree with the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee as to the conclusion which the Fiscal Committee reached. We are asked to approve an appropriation of funds, but not the allocation thereof. I do not think that it follows that this Board should be asked to approve the Griffenhagen report at this time. I don't think that we should be asked to approve it until the Personnel Commission has had an opportunity to review the situation and correct those inequities and inaccuracies that are in the report. Yet I do feel that it is advisable and necessary that there be appropriated the money to be used and have the money available for the time when we finally do approve the Griffenhagen report - otherwise it returns to general funds.

"If we wait and don't act now at this time, and being in opposition to the Griffenhagen report -- Mr. Roche stated and to the point when he raised the question as to whether or not that report had been circulated to every member of this Board. I think it should be. I think it should go before the Personnel Commission. I think that the Personnel Commission and the Commissioner of Finance should clear up the inequities and clear up the inaccuracies, but I think so far as the action of this Board tonight that we should vote, but it should not be split up until the Griffenhagen report has been approved.

"And, unless we can get (this is only my feeling) their assurance, there shall be no 'cutting the melon' shall we say until this Board has acted and approved the Griffenhagen report. I do feel it important that the money itself be made available. If it is not approved, then our employees would have to wait until the next fiscal year. I think this is horribly inequitable to have this come up on an extra appropriation. We are dealing, if you please, with about 2 mils - about 2 mils is involved in this thing. We have had enough fooling around with our tax rate in our city. We have had an unrealistic approach to our tax rate. The Board of Finance made a point on that matter and I think we should look at it and I do not believe that this Board should act like an ostrich, but I do think that it follows, as night does the day, this particular appropriation - when we approve it, at the same time we are thereby approving the Griffenhagen report."

MR. ROCHE: "My only objection to it was much better stated by the Minority Leader. It is very clear that these raises are indicated and if we maintain any control over the distribution of this, I would most certainly go along with the appropriation. The only thing that I think should be done is do something about getting things set up in a business-like manner instead of having these things steam-rolled through here and we don't have a proper chance, when there is big money involved, that we don't have a chance to get into it properly and I agree with the suggestion of the Minority Leader as to the way to handle this. It seems to be a more business-like manner in which to do this."

MR. MACRIDES asked the Minority Leader the following questions:

- (1) Do we retain any control, once we have voted on an appropriation?  
Why do they have to return to us for approval of anything more after the appropriation is granted and they have the money to work with?

MR. FREDERICKS: "I think your point is well taken. I don't want to get back on to the salary situation which I have already discussed."

"I think that we can - I think that we should be able to tie that string to that particular appropriation. On this particular subject, the Charter is a masterpiece of illogical statement. It talks of transfer of funds. You will note that when the Charter speaks of transfers it speaks of Code transfers. I submit to you, and I wish that the Corporation Counsel or the Assistant Corporation Counsel were here on that particular point. It would seem to me that this Board could vote on this with the understanding that we are NOT approving the Griffenhagen report. It could not be voted on at this meeting because it is not contained in the 'Call' of this meeting - this is a special meeting. It would not seem to follow. I think this Board has the power to put the restriction on the Commissioner of Finance from distributing this money in accordance with the Griffenhagen report, until this Board has an opportunity to act on the report. I think that can be done."

MR. RHOADES: "The President does not believe that is true, Mr. Fredericks."

MR. FREDERICKS: "Has the President any idea how this can be done with that string attached?"

MR. RHOADES: "No. The Griffenhagen report was not made for this Board. It was made for the Personnel Commission. We are asked to appropriate so many dollars. We then appropriate the money and it is then up to the Personnel Commission----- possibly you meant that this should go back to the Board of Finance?"

MR. FREDERICKS: "No, I wasn't thinking of that."

MR. RHOADES: "Just to make it brief, because the Chairman does not believe he should get into these discussions. He does not believe that this Board can tie such a string on the appropriation. That is a belief and not a statement of fact."

MR. FREDERICKS: "Then, under those circumstances, I might put forth this thought: There are certain basic parts in the Griffenhagen report which would cause no inequities, so if we left it, say at the \$400,000 level, would it, of necessity throw this back as an extra appropriation, where we would not get the two mil rate? If the President is correct, and I will not argue on that point, then I would be in favor of a reduction so that they could not implement the Griffenhagen report without an extra appropriation, but it would still give the effect of somewhere near a realistic mill rate."



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MR. RHOADES: "The Chair doesn't follow the Majority Leader's reasoning, but will assume the others do."

MR. MACRIDES: "I do agree wholeheartedly with the Minority Leader, but following on with my question - There was mention made in Mr. McCutcheon's letter of 1960-1961 fiscal year and this, I must admit, was completely over my head. I didn't understand it at all. And, also, in connection with that, I wondered if the salary adjustment figure is just that, is it not? It is not a matter of the amount that it will take to bring the already existing salaries up to the levels proposed by Griffenhagen."

MR. RHOADES: "That's what it is, of course. Mr. Huizinga's point was that the increments which are figured each year are naturally figured on the old salaries. But, that does not mean that the man does not get the increase in the Griffenhagen report. The amount to do that is represented in this \$505,692 and if it is cut, this is, in effect, rejecting the Griffenhagen report."

MR. RUSSELL: "Here is an appropriation that we are about to dump on the taxpayers of a two mil increase amounting to half a million dollars. There is, I believe, not more than a few members of the Fiscal Committee who are in a position to even have complete facts that tells us the merits or the lack of merit of the Griffenhagen report. I, for one, have been very closely associated with this type of thing insofar as industry is concerned, and I know that a job such as this Griffenhagen survey, is never done unless it is associated with a complete evaluation of each job. Now, in this case there is no such thing - in other words, you are placing the bad employee on the exact same level as the good employee."

"Now, I realize that this is a personnel matter. But, still we are concerned with it because we are the ones who are appropriating the half million dollars. Yet, here we are going along with a job that was apparently only half done. Apparently, they were asked only to evaluate what a job was worth. Obviously, there are a lot of disgruntled municipal employees who don't quite agree that the job was done in the way it should have been done."

"I think that if you will sit down and evaluate some of these jobs against other jobs in town with perhaps larger groups of personnel, well maybe there are some inequities. No one has given any thought to perhaps some of these jobs were put too much on the high side. I think that in view of the fact that we are being asked to just hand out this money, before we do it we should have some reason to think that it is going to be distributed in such a way that you're going to get a good days work for what you're paying. That the employees are going to be evaluated so that the man who does a good days work won't feel disgruntled because he sees a fellow worker who doesn't perform to any degree and yet he is on an equal level, and getting the same salary."

"No one in industry would ever think of doing it the way it has been done here. Stamford is a big business. Somehow or other we forget that fact, and every time we go to talk about these things they say 'Well, that's not in our realm - that belongs to somebody else.' Still, we are the ones who are put in a position of finally setting the tax rate. What we appropriate becomes what the taxes everyone in the city has to pay. And, there is no one looking forward in the city of Stamford to having an increase in the taxes they will have to pay. It is going on this year and we all have a rough idea that the same thing will happen again next year. None of these appropriations are going to go downward."

"No matter how you look at it, we are talking about a lot of money and we should have some control and some say as to what we think about it."

MR. HUIZINGA: "When you appropriate this money, say \$400,000 you could not put it by departments, could you, Mr. Russell?"



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MR. RUSSELL: "No."

MR. HUIZINGA: "Then we are going against the Charter. The Charter says that our appropriations must be made by code number. I agree with our Minority Leader and feel exactly as he does about it. But, there is not sufficient time in which to do such a job. We either have to approve the \$505,692 appropriation or else we don't - it's as simple as that."

MR. FREDERICKS: "We have had this same question of salary adjustments voted on in exactly the same way in former years. A former Corporation Counsel ruled that it was proper. In fact he ruled it time after time and finally said that he would not answer any more questions on the subject."

"If we vote the \$400,000 - I am just using that as a realistic figure. If we voted that particular proposition, and it would be in the budget, but it cannot be distributed by transfer under the Charter by Code numbers, so then it would have to be taken up by recommendation."

MR. HUIZINGA: "No, we wouldn't, because it would then be out of our hands and it wouldn't come back to us."

MR. RHOADES: "Our control over fiscal matters ends on the 15th of May by Charter. After the 15th of May we have nothing to say whatever about the Capital or Operating Budgets for the year 1959-1960. That is by Charter."

MR. NILAN MOVED For a recess at 10:25 P.M. to reconvene in 15 minutes. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

The recess was over at 10:45 P.M.

Re: Salary Adjustments (page 75)

The debate continued on the above matter after the Board reconvened.

MR. HUIZINGA explained the discussions the Committee had had with Mr. McCutcheon and with Mr. Kelemen. He said the Committee had arrived at their conclusions after it had been gone into as thoroughly as time would permit.

MR. HUIZINGA: "When we first asked for the breakdown of the \$505,692 I asked Mr. McCutcheon for the figures. When he gave them to me I said 'All right, now we'll ask Mr. Kelemen to certify as to their accuracy.' Mr. Kelemen said they would do that and when they started getting into the thing they found certain inaccuracies. He called us up and said: 'We can't do this.' So we went over to the Personnel Office and told them it could not be done for the various reasons that we had found. We said that we wanted a meeting of the Personnel Commission. So, I met there with Mr. Kelemen one afternoon at 3:30 and was back there again at another meeting at 4:30 at another meeting with the Commission. Mr. Barker was there, Mr. Hogan was there and we tried to straighten this thing out. That was the letter that I read to you which was a result of that conference. We have tried every possible way we can think of to get this thing approved and have the salaries granted and still not approve the Griffenhagen report."

"It was only after discussion with all the people that I have mentioned that we have come to the conclusion that this is the only way we can handle it, and we say it because we are definitely holding the Personnel Commission responsible for straightening out these inequities. It is also our guess that we will have to call for additional appropriations -- in addition to the \$505,692 in order to straighten out some of these inequities and inaccuracies. So, as things stand now, we have



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the breakdown of the \$505,692 which we can approve tonight, and then if this Board wants to make a special motion that we go on record, asking the Personnel Commission to straighten these matters out by a certain date or something of that sort, I can see no reason why we couldn't do that."

MR. RHOADES said he thought such a motion would be in order.

MR. COLATRELLA asked Mr. Huizinga "What are these inaccuracies and inequities that you are talking about in the Griffenhagen report?"

MR. HUIZINGA: "Well, for instance, some of the total includes salaries paid to the Cafeteria program - that is for \$1,031., the Parking Authority is included in the \$505,692 which shouldn't be there. That's \$3,774. Also, I have been advised by the office of the Commissioner of Finance that, according to their figures, (they are very cursory figures) they can't arrive at the same total of employees in the Police Department. In other words, if you take the employees according to the budget figures on the opposite page and add them up, you come up with a figure of a certain number of people in the Police Department. Yet, if you add up the figures in the Griffenhagen report, it doesn't add up to the same total. It is short by several people. Therefore, if there is a reason for it, we cannot understand it - we can't find them.

"But, it is just too short a time to reconcile those differences. I asked them how long it would take and maybe we could postpone our meeting a week. But, according to the Commissioner of Finance, it would take at least two weeks to reconcile the conflicting figures."

MR. CONNORS: "I wanted to speak about the inequities in the report and the people who are dissatisfied. Previous to the time we had the survey, I asked the question at a meeting of the Personnel Commission that if there were people who were dissatisfied with their reclassification. I was told at the meeting then that these people would have the right to appeal and that the Griffenhagen representative would be here to explain to them why they put them in such and such a classification.

"I talked to Mr. McCutcheon yesterday and he told me that anybody that was dissatisfied where they stand on that list and how much money they are going to get, have the right to appeal and that they would be only too glad to sit down and discuss it with them - and have a hearing. That should solve a lot of trouble."

MR. HUIZINGA pointed out that a thing of this sort would take several weeks to iron out and it could not possibly be done in a few days.

MR. WILENSKY: "Along those lines, I don't think you are ever going to satisfy everyone with any report that is forthcoming. As far as the Griffenhagen report is concerned, I feel that there are fewer inequities in it than are contained in the present set up - that's for sure. What we have now is a hodge podge. This is definitely an improvement, although, as I said, I do know of inequities in it.

"However, you have a strong Personnel Commission. An appeal to them from individual employees can be considered on its individual merits.

"Another thing which was mentioned was rewarding workers for effort, rather than for the job classification. George, I know, has done job evaluations and so have I. I think that Griffenhagen knows how also and they were paid to evaluate the job. I did provide a breakdown - I guess I was one of the fortunate few, because I got one.

"Taking a classification at random - take S 4. It has a minimum of \$3,200 and five steps up. You get up there by merit. It is under administrative control. This Board does not have this function under our jurisdiction - it is not our business.



But, the machinery is in there.

"I believe that we should vote for this appropriation because it will keep faith with the workers in the City of Stamford. They have been promised the straightening out of inequities over a period of years. They have always been stalled with the promises of a study. Now, here is the study and I think we owe it to them to grant the increase. This is now going to bring Stamford up to a point where we can ask for and expect to receive efficient help."

MR. TOPPING said that in Civil Service you always evaluate the job rather than the employee in order to arrive at a satisfactory compensation for that particular job. He said: "One of the things that concerned us quite a bit was whether or not there was enough money to pay for the recommendations of the Griffenhagen survey. If any employee feels that they are unjustly classified, then they can take it to the Personnel Commission and get it straightened out."

"As you know the Fiscal Committee has been working on pensions. It is our feeling that we need these reclassifications, because we are going to need the increased pension payments by the employees to pay for the new pension plan that will be coming along. At the old salary schedule, we did not feel, because of the fact that we had so many complaints, we felt that the reclassification would help us by increasing the employee payments to the pension fund. Personally, I have spent a considerable amount of time on the classifications and the salary scales as recommended by Griffenhagen. To my mind they are fairly good. There might be some inequities where possibly a job pays more than it should or another job is not paid enough. I don't think this Board should concern itself with those matters. I think that what we should concern ourselves with, more than anything else, is to see that the Griffenhagen recommendations are accepted in the full amount requested, so that we will have it in our budget so that it can be allocated to the various salary codes and there will be enough there to take care of the increased amounts."

MR. FREDERICKS: "I feel that adequate provisions should be made for salary increases for our Classified employees. Before recess, I felt that we could do it by reducing the appropriation by 10%, 15% or 20%, which would be \$50,000, \$75,000 or \$100,000. However, it was pointed out to me - I should have known it, I suppose, that what assurance would the employees have if any request would be ever made for the extra appropriation of \$50,000, \$75,000 or \$100,000 whatever is the amount that would be cut."

"A cut, if adopted, might not be reinstated. Mr. Huizinga, during the recess, went into some detail. He told about the trials and tribulations of the Fiscal Committee, particularly what the Chairman had had with the Personnel Commission."

"When we reconvened, Mr. Huizinga indicated that a motion might be made to place the issue squarely up to the Personnel Commission. The Chair indicated that such a motion would be in order, either as an amendment or a request for an appropriation as a separate motion. I believe that could be done. I believe that we could refer the matter to our own Personnel Committee, to follow up with the Personnel Commission. I feel that we have a moral obligation to do so. I feel that we should vote the full amount and give full credit to the Personnel Commission (as has been pointed out, and as we know, it is a strong Commission) and their word is good."

"We have a duty and an obligation to the Classified Employees and I feel, as was pointed out to me, that the risk of cutting this appropriation and trusting that the various departments would make the request for the additional money is too great a risk - is too great a thing to ask of our Classified Employees, who have waited too long for realistic wages and a realistic approach to the problem by the City."



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"They have stayed with the City; they have worked with the City, and they have been fed the sop that a report is forthcoming.

"As Mr. Wilensky pointed out, the report is in. We're quibbling with it. I'm sorry - I quibbled too. I now feel, that with the understanding that a motion be made to place the issue up to the Personnel Commission, to see that the inequities are cleared up, and if the matter be referred to the Personnel Committee of our Board, I then would be in favor of voting for the complete appropriation of \$505,692."

MR. RYBNICK: "I just wanted to say that under the old system, it was very hard for the Personnel Commission to set any salaries or reclassifications for any of the employees. This Griffenhagen report is just the chance that they want - a chance to adjust the salary schedules and reclassify the members of the Classified Group and I know that the Personnel Commission will certainly do a good job of straightening out any inequities that might arise."

MR. MILANO: "What effect would the recommendations have - would they be binding on the Personnel Commission?"

MR. RHOADES: "The Chair doesn't feel that it would be legally binding, but it would have a very powerful psychological effect. It would then be the duty of our Personnel Committee to see that this is actually carried out."

MR. MACRIDES: "I am very much taken by the arguments that Mr. Fredericks just made, because I am in a somewhat similar dilemma myself, and mine stems from my own feelings as to what inequities exist in the situation. Inequity, as far as I am concerned, lies in the relative pay raises that are being given to different people. I feel that the people down at the bottom are not being given enough and I feel that the people up at the top have been given too much. Somehow or other, I would have liked very much to cut this amount by perhaps \$100,000 - perhaps something less, and do it with the idea that the Personnel Commission was going to work out some sort of a different schedule whereby the people down at the bottom would get more and definitely the people up at the top would get less.

"However, I am taken by what Mr. Fredericks has said. I wouldn't want to jeopardize the people at the bottom. I am not particularly interested in the people at the top. However, if we can incorporate into this recommendation one of the inequities as being this particular fact, that the people at the top are getting too much, perhaps here again, we can turn it over to the Personnel Commission and hope that they will be fair."

MR. CULLEN: "As I understand it, the Personnel Commission will only correct the inequities if the aggrieved person appears before them. They won't make any changes if the person is satisfied with the category they have been placed in. If they don't appear before the Personnel Commission, their salary will remain the same.

"I think that these inequities exist - that some jobs are paid too much and some are paid too little. The ones that are overpaid are certainly not going to appear before the Personnel Commission and object."

MR. RHOADES: If there are no more speakers, I will proceed to read a long list of Code numbers. The Codes involved in the Griffenhagen increases are:

200.1-----	\$ 498.00	430.1-----	\$100,672.00
300.1-----	1,525.00	440.1-----	111,742.00
450.1-----	1,914.00	444.1-----	533.00
470.1-----	4,049.00	410.1-----	2,770.00
480.1-----	521.00	410.3.1-----	1,399.00
482.1-----	3,454.00	412A.1-----	35,809.00
484.1-----	2,553.00	412B.1-----	2,350.00



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481.1-----	1,290.00	412E.1-----	\$10,898.00
485.1-----	\$ 1,651.00	414A.1-----	1,651.00
520.1-----	3,844.00	414B.1-----	21,322.00
550.1-----	332.00	414C.1-----	637.00
551.1-----	784.00	414F.1-----	35,681.00
571.1-----	4,551.00	415.1-----	25,098.00
575.1-----	4,982.00	416.1-----	3,506.00
731.1-----	1,599.00	416A.1-----	3,642.00
732.1-----	1,111.00	500.1-----	10,099.00
SC.1-----	260.00	540.1-----	5,656.00
510.-----	68,123.00	413A.1-----	1,947.00
460.1-----	6,400.00		
462.1-----	2,544.00		
420.1-----	6,794.00		
424.1-----	316.00		
		Sundries:	
		Cafeteria Program----	1,031.00
		Parking Authority----	3,774.00

"The total cost of increases are \$505,692.00."

A RISING VOTE was taken on the amount of \$505,692.00 for Salary Adjustments (page 75) and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. FREDERICKS: "I MOVE to you that let it appear that this Board has voted this appropriation, with the understanding and with the assurance that the Personnel Commission of the City of Stamford will review the Griffenhagen Report, correct the inequities and inaccuracies, if any, contained therein, as reported to this Board, and that the Personnel Committee of this Board be charged with the responsibility of following with the Personnel Commission to see that this is done and that Committee shall report to this Board."

Seconded by Mr. Roche.

MR. MACRIDES: "I would like to propose an amendment to the motion for whatever effect it will have:

"and to consider whether the inequities or inaccuracies (as far as we are concerned) is that the pay increases for the people at the top are too much and that the pay increases for the people at the bottom are, in some cases not enough - that they should take some action along this line for a careful review." Seconded by Mr. Blois.

MR. RHOADES asked if the amendment was accepted.

MR. FREDERICKS said he would accept the amendment if it were a question of considering inequities, rather than that this Board go on record to say that it is an inequitable situation.

MR. CONNORS said that there are many inequities in the Griffenhagen report.

After some discussion MR. FREDERICKS said he did not wish to accept the amendment.

MR. NOLAN read the "Call" of the meeting, rising on a point of order.

MR. RHOADES called his attention to the word "consider" - "to consider and act upon".

MR. FREDERICKS suggested that a vote be taken on Mr. Macrides amendment.

VOTE taken on Mr. Macrides amendment to the main motion (as proposed by Mr. Fredericks). LOST by a vote of 11 in FAVOR and 17 OPPOSED.



VOTE taken on the original motion as offered by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED unanimously.

OTHERS - Sundries (page 75) - \$3,500.00 APPROVED.

OTHERS - Including Salary Adjustments and Sundries - Total of \$509,192. APPROVED

GRAND TOTAL - TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET (page 75) \$15,769,546.41 APPROVED

MR. RHOADES: "You will find a summary of all these items on page 1 of your Budget.

The Board then proceeded to the consideration of the Capital Budget.

#### CAPITAL BUDGET - 1959-1960

MR. RHOADES: "The Capital Budget is not long, but we have the unfortunate situation of no code numbers and the apparent necessity of taking each item separately."

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Note: There were no cuts made in this Budget, the only reductions having been made by the Board of Finance.

The following items in the Capital Projects Budget were all APPROVED:

#### Sanitary Sewers: (Page 3)

New High School -----	\$350,000.00
Center-Scofield (Balance) -----	80,000.00
Total -----	\$430,000.00

#### Storm Drains: (Page 5)

North Glenbrook -----	\$ 65,000.00
Roxbury Road -----	10,000.00
Horton Street -----	6,500.00
Cold Spring - Severance -----	7,500.00
Windsor Road -----	4,000.00
Schuyler Avenue -----	4,000.00
Dale Street -----	69,375.00
Total -----	\$166,375.00

#### Highways: (Page 7)

Sidewalks, City-Wide -----	\$ 15,000.00
Resurfacing Highways -----	25,000.00
Broad Street Extension -----	100,000.00
Oaklawn-Pepper Ridge Road -----	10,000.00
White Birch-Silver Hill, Deer Lanes -----	18,000.00
Total -----	\$168,000.00

#### Sidewalks and/or Curbing: (Page 9)

Newfield Avenue - Turner to Case -----	\$ 10,000.00
Pepper Ridge Road - Nutmeg Lane to School -----	4,500.00
Pepper Ridge Road - Kensington to Turner -----	7,500.00
Fairfield Avenue at the Fire House -----	3,500.00

Sidewalks and/or Curbing: (page 9 Cont'd)

Mathews Street-----	\$ 6,000.00
Hubbard Avenue -----	4,500.00
Total -----	\$ 36,000.00

Flood Control: (Page 11)

Hope Street Brook -----	\$ 25,000.00
Flood & Erosion (Small Streams & Rivers)-----	25,000.00
Cove Dam -----	150,000.00
Total -----	\$200,000.00

PARK COMMISSION (Page 15)

Cummings Park - General Improvement -----	\$ 10,000.00
Gove Island Park - General Improvement -----	20,000.00
Southfield Park - Grading, Landscaping and Beach Improvement -----	8,000.00
West Beach - Quonset Grading, Landscaping, Roads -----	12,000.00
Turf Renovation-City Wide -----	5,000.00
Trees & Shrubs-City Wide -----	5,000.00
Waterfront Marinas-City Wide -----	15,000.00
Asphalting-City Wide -----	5,000.00
Total -----	\$ 80,000.00

BOARD OF EDUCATION (Page 17): New Senior High School - Equipment

MR. RHOADES: "All the items on this page were denied by the Board of Finance with the exception of \$200,000 for Equipment for new Senior High School."

MR. COLATRELLA: "I would like to MOVE that this item of \$200,000 be denied."

MR. RHOADES: "Would you care to explain?"

MR. COLATRELLA: "I am just exercising my prerogative as a Board member."

Mr. Colatrella's motion was seconded by Mr. Longo.

MR. TOPPING: "The original request, as you will see in your copy of the budget, was \$500,000. That was for equipment for the new High School. The amount of \$220,792 was for materials and equipment that must be provided while the building is being built. The reason for this is because some of the equipment has to be built in, some of it requires rough plumbing and other things of that nature must be installed in accordance with the equipment that they have. The \$200,000 will not buy all of the equipment that they need and that particular job right now will be about \$31,000 short.

"We appropriated the money for a school and unless you are willing to appropriate this \$200,000 you might just as well not build the school, because you won't have anything to put into it. The Board of Finance reduced it \$300,000 which was for the stage, drapes, equipment, all the movable equipment."

After considerable further debate, a vote was taken on Mr. Colatrella's motion and it was LOST BY A VOICE VOTE.

VOTE taken on the \$200,000 for Equipment, New Senior High School. CARRIED by a rising vote of 25 in FAVOR and 6 OPPOSED.



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The following items in the Capital Projects Budget were all APPROVED:

HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COMMISSION (Page 19):

Fences -----	\$ 5,845.00
Asphalt Trails -----	4,843.00
Trees -----	500.00
Exhaust Fans -----	560.00
Total -----	\$ 11,748.00

MR. FREDERICKS was excused at this time - 11:25 P.M.

FERGUSON LIBRARY (Page 21):

Additions & Alterations to Main Building at Broad and Bedford  
Streets (For breakdown, see budget) ----- Total ----- \$600,000.00

WELFARE DEPARTMENT (Page 23):

Chronic & Convalescent Hospital -----	\$575,000.00
Readjustment of construction due to site change -----	25,000.00
Total -----	\$600,000.00

BOARD OF RECREATION (Page 27):

Hyland Field Shelter Roof -----	\$ 300.00
Hyland Field Fence, Gate -----	925.00
Hyland Field Playground Surface -----	7,000.00
Hyland Field Toilet Facilities -----	600.00
Hatch Field -----	3,250.00
Playgrounds, Recreation Areas and Centers Improved & Developed -----	10,000.00
Camp Dorothy Heroy -----	500.00
Total -----	\$ 22,575.00

GRAND TOTAL - CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET (Page 1) ----- \$2,514,698.00 APPROVED

MR. HUIZINGA presented the following resolution and MOVED its adoption. Seconded by several voices and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 297

ADOPTION OF THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL  
BUDGETS FROM JULY 1, 1959 TO JUNE 30, 1960

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance has transmitted to the Board of Representatives its recommended budget for the ensuing fiscal year, commencing July 1, 1959 and ending June 30, 1960, for final action thereon by the Board of Representatives:

BE IT RESOLVED BY STAMFORD, that the itemized estimate of receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year 1959-1960 in the budgets as submitted by the Mayor and as acted upon by the Board of Representatives, in the amounts of

\$2,514,698.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

\$15,769,546.41

OPERATING BUDGET



Tuesday, May 5, 1959

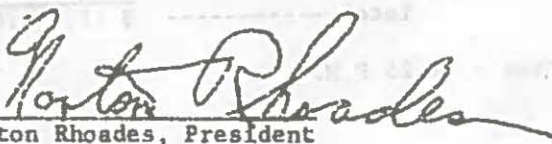
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be and it is hereby accepted, adopted and approved, and specific appropriations are hereby made for each of the several items in the amounts appearing in the columns of budgets under the heading of "Board of Representatives" recording the approval, or other action of this Board.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 P.M. upon motion, duly seconded and CARRIED.

APPROVED:

Respectfully submitted,

  
Norton Rhoades, President

  
Velma Farrell, Executive Secretary

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