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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, June 1, 1959.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Norton Rhoades, at 8:10 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Rev. Alfred J. Sienkiewicz, Assistant Pastor, of the Holy Name of Jesus Church.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Acting Clerk, Mr. John C. Macrides. At the calling of the roll there were 30 present and 10 absent. Mr. Marciano and Mr. Longo arrived shortly, changing the members present to 32, absent 8. The absent members were: Thomas Roche, Rocco Colatrella, Anthony Truglia, Vincent Vitti, George Georgoulis, Peter Robertucci, Doris Zuckert (on vacation), and Patrick Fortunato.

Condolences:

MR. RHOADES: "We wish to extend the very sincere sympathy of this Board to Gerry Rybnick on the very recent death of his brother and to Rocco Colatrella, whose mother died on Saturday. The sympathy of all the members of this Board go out to these two members of ours."

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of April 20, 1959
Meeting of May 4, 1959

There being no corrections, the minutes of the above two meetings were APPROVED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MR. RHOADES, Chairman, presented the following report of the Steering Committee:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT
Meeting held May 18, 1959

A meeting of the Steering Committee of the Board of Representatives was held in the Mayor's Office, Monday, May 18, 1959. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. by Norton Rhoades, Chairman.

The following were present: Norton Rhoades, John Nolan, John Macrides, Thomas Topping, Ellis Baker, Robert Lewis and Patrick Fortunato. Also present: George Russell and Joseph Milano as representatives of their respective committees.

The following matters were discussed:

All additional appropriations, approved by the Board of Finance at their meeting held May 15, 1959 were ordered placed on the Agenda under FISCAL COMMITTEE.

Re: Closing roads to traffic

Mr. Lewis brought this on the floor and said the Chief of Police is empowered to close roads at any time. It was pointed out that although this is true, the abandonment and acceptance of roads is vested solely in the Board of Representatives.

Bad drainage conditions in Springdale

Mr. Russell and Mr. Topping brought this to the attention of the Committee, and it was discussed at some length.

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Danger to the public in dynamite storage

Mr. Lewis pointed out the dangers of storage of dynamite in the vicinity where it could endanger the public. He said that radio signals and the sounding of a fire alarm could touch off an explosion. The matter was referred to the HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE to look into proper safeguards and see if they had been made.

Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee:

Mr. Baker said there were several matters which had been referred to the Corporation Counsel for an opinion and he was holding them in Committee until such time as a reply is received on each one.

Parking Authority:

- (1) Letter dated May 8, 1959, requesting approval of parking lot facilities on property of Howe Sound Corporation (Stamford Rolling Mills) REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE AND LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE.
- (2) Letter dated May 12, 1959, requesting permission for the installation of parking meters in various locations intended for commuter use at 25¢ for 12 hr. parking. REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Salaries for offices not covered in the Griffenhagen report:

This having been discussed at the May 4, 1959 Board meeting, it was noted that it had been referred to both the FISCAL AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEES.

Re: Classified employees appealing classifications as set up by Griffenhagen report

This was discussed and it was noted that it had been referred to the Personnel Committee at the May 5th meeting and the Committee is meeting with the Personnel Commission in regard to the matter.

Charter Revision Commission report:

The method of handling the various items not reported back to the Board by the Commission was discussed and it was pointed out that a letter must be sent to the Chairman of the Commission promptly in order that they might report back to the Board in time for the June 1st meeting.

Enabling Act before Governor on matter of regulations of safety in Stamford Waters:

This was discussed and it was decided to get in touch with Senator Raiteri and perhaps also the Government on expediting the passage of this Bill in time for final approval of the Ordinance at the June 1st meeting.

URC Southeast Quadrant project:

This was brought on the floor by Mr. Fortunato, who pointed out it was important that no tax-free buildings should be incorporated into a project of this type.

Curtailment of bus service:

Copy of letter dated May 14, 1959 from PUC re stoppage of bus service on holidays, weekends and evenings. Under "Communications" for June meeting.

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There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Norton Rhoades, Chairman
Steering Committee

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. JOHN DEFOREST, Vice Chairman, presented the following appointment, as requested in the Mayor's letter of April 14, 1959:

ROLAND A. TRUDEL (Ind.) 244 Strawberry Hill Avenue - Appointment
to ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS for term
expiring December 1, 1963

The Tellers distributed ballots to all members, with the resulting vote; CARRIED
by:

17 votes in FAVOR
12 votes OPPOSED
1 vote INVALID

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. HUIZINGA, Chairman presented the Committee report. He said the Committee met May 26, 1959 and those present were: Messrs. Topping, Kolich, Cummings, Fortunato and Huizinga. The following were absent: Mrs. Zuckert, Messrs. Wynne and Robertucci.

- (1) Resolution authorizing \$5,399,162.65 Bonds to Finance Capital Projects in 1958-1959 Capital Budget (Outlined in Mayor's letter of May 7, 1959)

MR. HUIZINGA: "The following bond resolution, prepared by Bond Counsel, was approved by this Committee and I MOVE for its approval." Seconded by Mr. Baker who said the Legislative & Rules Committee concurred in the approval. CARRIED unanimously by a rising vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 299

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$5,399,162.65 BONDS TO FINANCE
CAPITAL PROJECTS IN 1958-1959 CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 630 of the Charter, as amended, this Board has received a written request from the Mayor, approved by the Board of Finance, to authorize bonds to finance all of the Capital Projects contained in the Capital Budget for the current fiscal year, as amended, as are to be financed with funds raised by borrowing,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. There be and hereby is authorized, under and pursuant to the Charter of the City of Stamford and any other general special statute thereto enabling, the issue and sale from time to time of general obligation,

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coupon serial bonds of the City of Stamford in an aggregate principal amount of Five Million Three Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars and Sixty-Five cents (\$5,399,162.65) for the purpose of paying for capital projects, consisting of the several public improvements or other municipal works of a permanent character or for improving land taken for the purposes of such improvements or municipal works, all as hereinafter more fully described. Each of said capital projects is included in the duly adopted capital budget for the current fiscal year, as amended, and reference is hereby made to said capital budget for a more complete description of the particular projects hereinafter designated. The said capital projects and the extent to which they are to be financed with the proceeds of the bonds herein authorized are as follows:

Department of Public Works

Sanitary Sewer Construction		
30" Relief Line - Henry St.		
from Cedar to Canal and Northerly -----	\$150,000.00	
Trunk Line Connection - Weed Ave.		
N. to Turnpike -----	35,000.00	
Balance of Center St. - Scofield		
Ave. area -----	50,000.00	\$235,000.00
Storm Drains Construction		
Stillview - Stanton Drive -----	\$ 26,000.00	
Springdale -----	25,000.00	
North Glenbrook -----	72,000.00	
Harvard - Selleck Streets -----	20,000.00	
Congress Street -----	10,000.00	
Carlisle Place -----	15,000.00	\$168,000.00
Street Construction		
Broad Street Extension -----	\$100,000.00	
Oaklawn Avenue -----	10,000.00	
Washington Avenue Extension -----	75,000.00	\$185,000.00
Incinerator Construction		
New Incinerator -----		\$100,000.00

Park Commission

Cove Island Park - Roads, Marina		
and Beach Building -----	\$ 40,000.00	
Facilities Building, East Beach -----	105,272.65	\$145,272.65

Board of Education

Ryle School Addition (Equipment) -----	\$ 40,000.00	
Fire Code Compliance (Permanent		
installation - several school		
buildings) -----	122,500.00	
New Senior High School - Plans		
and Site Improvement -----	125,000.00	
New Senior High School - Construction		
and Equipment -----	\$4,278,390.00	\$4,565,890.00

Total ----- \$5,399,162.65

2. Said bonds shall be issued in the name of and upon the full faith and credit of the City of Stamford and shall be issued as three or more separate bond issues and subject to the City Charter and other applicable provisions of law in the manner and in the principal amount that the Board of Finance may determine from time to time, including without limitation the determination of the form, date, date of payments of principal and interest, manner of issuing, by whom signed (whether or not by the use of a facsimile signature) and all other particulars, and said Board of Finance, or, if authorized by the Board of Finance, the Finance Commissioner may determine the rate of interest to be paid on said bonds, provided, however, that the bonds to finance the sewer projects shall be as follows: One issue in the amount of \$235,000 for sanitary sewers; one issue in the amount of \$168,000 for storm sewers.
3. Each of the capital projects hereinbefore described and contained in the capital budget for the current fiscal year, as amended, is hereby confirmed as a duly authorized capital project of the City of Stamford.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That with respect to any issue of bonds hereinbefore authorized, there be and hereby is authorized, under and pursuant to Section 7-378 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the City Charter and any other enabling authority in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, but within such limitations, if any, as may be imposed by resolution of the Board of Finance, the making of a temporary loan or loans by the issue and sale, from time to time, as funds may be required, of a temporary note or notes of the City of Stamford in anticipation of the money to be received from the sale of each such bond issue and the renewal of the same by the issue and sale of a temporary renewal note or notes, provided, however, that the aggregate principal amount of temporary notes or renewal notes at any one time outstanding shall never exceed the principal amount of the bond issue in anticipation of which such notes were issued and provided, further, that the date, maturity, rate of interest or discount, the form, manner of sale and other particulars of such temporary notes or renewal notes shall, with such limitations as may be imposed by law or by resolution of the Board of Finance, be determined by the Commissioner of Finance with the approval of the Mayor.

- (2) \$358.82 - Pension for May Sandella (wife of Louis A. Sandella, Provisional Deputy Fire Chief) Effective May 19, 1959 through June 30, 1959, based on annual pension of \$3,004.04, or 50% of salary of \$6,008.08 (See Mayor's letter of May 1, 1959)

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

- (3) \$4,800.00 - Department of Public Works (See Mayor's letter of May 12, 1959)

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the following, under above request. Seconded by Mr. Topping, who said the Public Works Committee concurred with the approval, and CARRIED unanimously:

Code 414B.15	Incinerator (Power & Water)-----	\$2,800.00
Code 414C.15	Pumping Stations (Power & Water)-----	2,000.00
	Total -----	\$4,800.00

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(4) \$10,000.00 - Department of Public Works (See Mayor's letter of May 12, 1959)

Code 414F.6 Garbage Collection (Fill and/or other materials)

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

MR. TOPPING: "I shall read from that portion of my committee report that has to do with this particular item:

'All fiscal items referred to this Committee were passed with a majority vote. However, there was some reluctance on the part of several members to pass the \$10,000 for clean land fill until they know more about it - where it is to be used, etc., but it was voted to O.K. this item.'

"MR. TOPPING MOVED that Mr. Maguire (Commissioner of Public Works) be heard on this particular item so that he can tell us the complete history." Seconded by Mr. Hearing and CARRIED."

MR. MAGUIRE explained that the city is rapidly approaching the time when there will be no land available for dumping. He told how the garbage would be covered with clean fill every day, so that the area would be clean and sanitary each night when the dump is closed so that it will look presentable. He said that at least four or five dumping areas had been suggested and they were still exploring them. He said: "Today we have come up with three ideas insofar as the present Shippan-Magee Avenue dumping area is concerned. One of those was digging a large trench to facilitate a shut-down at the incinerator of possibly a month so that we can make the needed repairs in the furnaces that are required, so that we can burn all of the material that is coming in. Therefore, you wouldn't have any garbage - all you would have would be ashes and tin cans that are burnt down to put into a land fill operation.

"Secondly, there was some talk of putting a partial barricade across this area and filling out to that. And, thirdly, putting bulkheads all the way across the mouth of the area. All of them are being explored for the possibility of usage."

MR. RHOADES: "That is the explanation, in brief. What questions do the members have?"

MR. DEFOREST asked Mr. Maguire the possible cost of digging up Magee Avenue.

MR. MAGUIRE replied that it would run approximately \$250 a day and would take out approximately 1,800 cubic yards of material.

MR. WILENSKY asked how far out to the channel line they would go.

MR. MAGUIRE: "Right to the channel line."

MR. WILENSKY asked if it would be possible to allow for the passage of boats.

MR. MAGUIRE said that was a possibility. He explained in detail.

Mr. Longo and Mr. Marciano arrived at this time, changing the roll call to 32 present and 8 absent.

MR. CONNORS said he thought before doing this that the people who live in the area of the Magee Avenue dump should have a chance to be heard. He suggested that perhaps the land fill could be used up at Scofieldtown Road.

MR. RUSSELL asked if bulkheads had been put in the Lakeview Avenue area.

MR. MAGUIRE replied not to his knowledge.

MR. RUSSELL said the reason he asked was because it seemed that one of the main objections was when the water area is filled up, as the tide comes in and out it is bound to carry some of the deposits out with the tide. He said it seemed that bulkheading would be a must before any fill operation could be started.

MR. MAGUIRE explained that when rock is used for bulkheading that fill will sift out from underneath and go out into the channel area and that this is what they want to stop. He said that bulkheading would have to go deep enough so that pressure would not force the fill out underneath.

MR. SILEO opposed using the Magee Avenue site. He said the people in his District have tolerated smells for a good many years and are looking forward to getting rid of it. He suggested putting the garbage in the Scofieldtown Road dump. He said: "They gave us the huts, then they gave us the trailers and now they want to give us the dumps again." He said if it was necessary he was sure that sufficient signatures could easily be obtained on a petition; that they had endured this for a long time and they think that they have done their share as far as the city is concerned.

MR. MARCIANO said he spent 4 1/2 hours at the Incinerator today and that Mr. Maffucci had proceeded him. He said things had now reached the point where the city has an emergency, where the most miserable and deplorable conditions now exist at the Incinerator. He said the private garbage collectors have been willing to pay for the service they receive, but somewhere along the line the city failed to pick it up -- in other words, to underwrite expenses. He also suggested the use of the Scofieldtown Road dump.

MR. RHOADES: "In connection with a previous statement about petitions: We are in the process of receiving lengthy petitions from Springdale residents in regard to the so-called 'Black Swamp' situation and we received today a petition having some 170 plus names from the people living on Scofieldtown Road, indicating legal action insofar as the Scofieldtown area is concerned. Mr. Sileo is quite correct that the people in the West Beach area will also be coming in before very long with similar petitions. This is a continuing process."

MR. NOLAN asked for a clarification of the Mayor's request - as to what constituted a "clean fill" operation, and is the bulkhead operation a prerequisite.

MR. MAGUIRE said there was a possibility that the Heliport might be moved so that it would be an over water proposition, perhaps in the Southfield Point or Dyke Park area. He explained what a "clean fill" operation entailed.

The debate continued for some time, various members opposing any dumping of garbage in their Districts. Several members suggested that the Scofieldtown Road dump be re-opened for the duration of the emergency.

MR. NOLAN MOVED for a five minute recess at 9:30 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED unanimously.

The recess was over at 9:38 P.M.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED the question. Seconded by Mr. Topping.

VOTE taken on the requested appropriation of \$10,000 as described in the Mayor's letter of May 12, 1959 (See item #4) and CARRIED, with two not voting; two

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abstentions, making a total of 30 voting in favor of the appropriation.

Re-opening of the Scofieldtown dump:

MR. RUSSELL rose on a point of special privilege and MOVED for suspension of the rules to take up the above matter, not on the agenda. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED that this Board recommend the re-opening of the Scofieldtown dump for the period of the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Marciano and Mr. Sileo.

MR. McLAUGHLIN MOVED to amend Mr. Russell's motion that one half the garbage be dumped at the Scofieldtown site and one half at the Magee Avenue site. No seconder.

VOTE taken on Mr. Russell's motion and CARRIED by a vote of 25 in FAVOR and 5 OPPOSED, with Mr. Fredericks abstaining and the President not voting.

(5) \$2,000.00 - Department of Public Works (See Mayor's letter of May 12, 1959)
Temporary sidewalk - Loveland to High Ridge Road for new Senior High School

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Topping who said the Public Works Committee concurred in the recommendation. CARRIED by a vote of 26 in favor, 1 opposed and 3 abstentions.

(6) \$30,000.00 - Belltown Fire Department (See Mayor's letter of March 12, 1959)

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED that the above request be recommitted for the reason that further study is needed. Seconded by Mr. Topping.

After considerable discussion by several members in which Mr. Wilensky spoke in favor of this appropriation, saying he did not think it necessary to have it re-committed and other members saying they thought it should be studied further by the Fiscal Committee, a vote was taken on Mr. Huizinga's motion and CARRIED by a vote of 17 in FAVOR and 12 OPPOSED.

(7) \$107,500.00 - Department of Public Welfare (Mayor's letter of May 13, 1959)

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the following items listed under the above requested appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Macrides, who said the Committee on Education, Welfare & Government concurs in the recommendations. All items were CARRIED. Considerable debate took place over the request of \$50,000 for Cash Relief. Mr. McLaughlin asked why this item was accepted without any question. Mr. Huizinga replied that the Welfare Department has no choice in the matter; that under the Statutes the Commissioner of Public Welfare cannot withhold aid if it is requested, and that if it is not approved by the Board that the State will grant the funds and bill the city in turn for the money expended.

Code 460-9	Outside Professional Services-----	\$3,700.00
Code 460-14	Service Contracts & Repairs-----	4,800.00
Code 460-61	Cash Relief-----	50,000.00
Code 460-68A	Soldiers Burial and Markers-----	1,200.00
Code 461-A	General Hospitals-----	42,000.00
Code 461-B	Other Institutions-----	5,800.00
		<u>\$107,500.00</u>

(8) \$9,000.00 - Custodians' Pension Fund - Code 719.12 (Requested in Mayor's letter of May 15, 1959)

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Macrides who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs in the recommendation of the Fiscal Committee. CARRIED unanimously.

(9) Salaries for offices not covered in the Griffenhagen report (Referred to Personnel Committee and Fiscal Committee at the May 4th meeting)

MR. HUIZINGA: "It was unanimously voted by this Committee that we recommend to the Board that a letter be sent to the Mayor, suggesting that the Mayor review the salaries of the city officials (which salaries were not included in the Griffenhagen survey, and that he give definite consideration to increasing these salaries in line with the percentage increase recommended in the Griffenhagen survey.)" MR. HUIZINGA MOVED that this be done. Seconded by Mr. Baker.

MR. LEWIS MOVED to amend the above motion by including the Assistant Corporation Counsel.

MR. HUIZINGA refused to accept the amendment for the reason that this position was covered by the Griffenhagen survey, being a Civil Service classification.

MR. NOLAN said he had noted that a raise had been given to one city official who was not covered by the Griffenhagen survey. He said: "I am wondering just why the Mayor saw fit to raise the salary of one department head and failed to see that this was done for the other department heads. I am not questioning the need for a raise. I am just wondering why he did it for one and not for all.

"In view of this, why is it necessary for us to remind him that he should raise the others also?"

MR. HUIZINGA: "Are you asking me this question?"

MR. NOLAN: "Well, I think you should have gone into this - I hope you have the answer."

MR. HUIZINGA: "Well - the point is - why did he raise one and not the others? Well - we mentioned before that it is the Mayor's prerogative....."

MR. NOLAN: "Let me remind you - you were saying before that the reason why the Mayor felt reticent about recommending raises for these....."

MR. HUIZINGA: "Oh no - I didn't say that. You misunderstood me. I did not say that the Mayor was reticent about proposing an increase. I said the people on our Committee and the people on this Board in discussing this matter, figured that the amounts of the raise and who it should cover, should come from the Mayor - and it wasn't our prerogative."

MR. NOLAN: "Do you state then, that there is some need for us, as a Board, to ask the Mayor to recommend the raises for these specific people? In other words, do you mean that he is not aware of it - that he doesn't know it? Are we calling it to his attention - what is the reason?"

MR. HUIZINGA: "The reason is that it was referred to our Committee."

MR. NOLAN: "One of your own members brought this matter up within the Committee and suggested that these people be given a raise because someone on your Committee felt that this was the proper way to do it?"

MR. HUIZINGA: "You people on the Board didn't think so and it was referred back to the Fiscal Committee again. You didn't like the idea of us naming certain

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individuals, so now we are not naming individuals and we are not naming salaries, but we are just writing a blanket letter to the Mayor, asking him to give consideration to those people who were not covered by the Griffenhagen report."

MR. NOLAN: "I think you are insulting his intelligence...."

MR. RHOADES reminded Mr. Nolan that this was referred to the Fiscal Committee and the Committee was merely coming out with a report on the matter.

MR. RYBNICK: "This matter was also referred to the Personnel Committee. But, the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee did not call a meeting, being the parent committee on this particular item. I would like, if it is permissible, to consult with the members of my Committee as to whether or not we should concur with the recommendations of the Fiscal Committee or not."

MR. HUIZINGA: "I wasn't asked to meet with them. It is up to the Steering Committee - it isn't up to the Fiscal Committee."

MR. RYBNICK: "It was referred to BOTH committees. The Fiscal Committee being the parent committee, should have consulted with our committee."

MR. RHOADES stated that Mr. Rybnick was correct. There being no objections to Mr. Rybnick's request, the Board granted him the right to ask the members of his committee if they concurred in the recommendations of the Fiscal Committee.

After Mr. Rybnick had a chance to confer with the members of the Personnel Committee he stated that the Committee concurs with the Fiscal Committee recommendations.

VOTE taken on Mr. Huizinga's motion and CARRIED - 26 in FAVOR and 2 OPPOSED.

(10) Parking Authority Financial Reports:

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED that a letter be sent to the Parking Authority, requesting the following information. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED:

- (a) Balance sheet as of December 31, 1958.
- (b) Operating statement showing profit or loss for the six month period ending December 31, 1958.
- (c) Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959, showing actual expenditures for the first six months period ending December 31, 1958.
- (d) Auditor's report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958.

(All of above required on or before June 22, 1959)

(11) Pension Plan Study:

MR. HUIZINGA: "It was decided by the Committee to interview at least three outside professional pension experts, requesting them to submit their recommendations for a solution to the current pension problem. This is just for information."

- (12) \$1,200.00 - Legal Department - Code #450.9 (Requested in Mayor's letter of May 25, 1959 and approved by Board of Finance May 26, 1959)
Professional & Other Services

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED for suspension of the rules to take up the above request. Seconded by Mr. Macrides and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Macrides and CARRIED unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. BAKER presented his committee report, saying a meeting had been held May 28, 1959, the following members being present: Messrs. Blois, DeForest, Fortunato and Baker.

- (1) Parking Authority - Request in letter of May 8, 1959 for proposed lease for parking lot facilities on property of Howe Sound Corp. (Stamford Rolling Mills) - (Also referred to Health & Protection Committee)

MR. BAKER: "Mr. Leonard Leeds, Chairman of the Parking Authority, met with the Committee to review the terms of the proposed lease between the City of Stamford and the Stamford Rolling Mills of 1.33261 acres adjacent to the Springdale Station of the New Haven Railroad. The lease would extend for a three year period with one year renewal options at the discretion of either party. Rental would be an amount equivalent to the taxes on the property, which Mr. Leeds stated were approximately \$140 per year. It is anticipated that the lot will accommodate 100 cars on a metered basis and that it would afford considerable relief to the commuting and shopping parking problem in the Springdale area.

"It was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the proposed facility and grant permission for the installation of parking meters and I SO MOVE." Seconded by Mr. Cummings. Mr. Milano said the Health & Protection Committee concurs in the recommendations of the Legislative and Rules Committee. CARRIED unanimously.

- (2) Building Code:

MR. BAKER: "Mr. Frank Benevelli, City Purchasing Agent, met with the Committee, to present the results of the bids for the printing of the Building Code and for the binders therefor. After consideration of the data, the Committee authorized Mr. Benevelli to proceed with the printing of 1,500 copies and to procure that number of binders. The different sections of the Code will be printed on different color paper, will be identified by index tabs. Each section will be separately indexed. The binders will be dark blue plastic, similar in size and appearance to the Stamford Charter binders. They will bear the title "City of Stamford Building Code" in gold lettering the same size as the Charter lettering. The successful bidders are local establishments, the United Publishing & Printing Co., and Karp's Stationery Co. The total cost of the project will be within the funds budgeted for this purpose. The finished Codes will be available to interested purchasers and the Committee voted to establish a price of \$5.00 each which is consistent with the price charged elsewhere in the State for Building Codes and will cover the cost to the City for its publication. It is expected that the finished Codes will be available prior to July 1st.

"The Committee recommends that the sale of the Codes be handled through the office of the City Clerk and I SO MOVE." Seconded by Mr. Russell and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. RHOADES: "The President has signed the requisitions and they will be in the hands of the Purchasing Agent tomorrow."

MR. BAKER: "The Committee would like to recognize the excellent work of Mr. Benevelli in arranging for the publication of the Building Code. He made several very helpful suggestions concerning the matter and moved promptly to obtain the finished product at a price within the budgeted funds. We believe he should have the commendation of this Board, and I so MOVE." Seconded by Mr. Russell and CARRIED unanimously.

- (3) Change of name - Loveland Road to High Clear Drive:

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MR. BAKER: "It will be necessary to again act on this matter since the adoption of an Ordinance with a waiver of publication requires a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the Board and although it received unanimous support at the special Board meeting held May 7th, there were insufficient members present.

"I therefore move adoption of the following Ordinance, with waiver of pre-publication. Seconded by Mr. Longo and CARRIED unanimously:

ORDINANCE NO. 81 SUPPLEMENTAL

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE NAME OF A PORTION OF LOVELAND ROAD

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

So much of the present Loveland Road as lies between the easterly boundary of the temporary Veterans Housing Project and the intersection of said present Loveland Road with Turner Road is hereby changed to read HIGH CLEAR DRIVE.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

(4) No Smoking Ordinance:

MR. BAKER: "The Committee was in receipt of an opinion from the Corporation Counsel, as follows:

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Board of Representatives
City Hall
Stamford, Connecticut

Gentlemen:

This is in response to your request for an opinion as to whether there is presently any local ordinance, state statute or State Fire Marshal's regulation prohibiting smoking in Stamford stores, and if not, whether the Board of Representatives has the power to enact such an ordinance.

A study of the state statutes, local ordinances and Fire Marshal regulations to the extent that they are available, has failed to disclose any such prohibition.

Should the Board of Representatives choose to do so, it does have the power to enact such an ordinance under its general power to legislate for the protection of health, safety and the welfare of the inhabitants of Stamford.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Raymond G. Cushing
Corporation Counsel

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MR. BAKER: "As a basis for the preparation of an appropriate Ordinance to cover this matter, the Committee has written to several other communities in the State for copies of their Ordinances on this subject. A proposed Ordinance will be presented at a subsequent meeting of this Board.

(5) Care of Neglected Cemeteries:

MR. BAKER: "The Committee was in receipt of an opinion from the Corporation Counsel as follows:

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Board of Representatives
City Hall
Stamford, Connecticut

Gentlemen:

In response to your request for an opinion as to whether the City of Stamford may expend public funds and use personnel in the care of private cemeteries, I submit the following:

Section 19-159 of the General Statutes, Revision of 1958, provides as follows:

"Care of Neglected Cemeteries. In any town in which there is a burial ground or cemetery containing more than six places of interment and not under the control or management of any currently functioning cemetery association, which has been neglected and allowed to grow up to weeds, briars and bushes, or about which the fences have become broken, decayed or dilapidated, the selectman of such town may annually cause such burial ground to be cleared of weeds, briars and bushes, and may cause its fences or walls to be repaired and kept in orderly and decent condition and its memorial stones to be straightened."

Under this statute, the City may properly expend public funds and personnel for the care of neglected cemeteries "not under the control or management of any currently functioning cemetery association." No ordinance would be necessary as long as the necessary monies are available.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Raymond G. Cushing
Corporation Counsel

MR. BAKER: "In the light of this opinion, the Committee recommends that a letter be sent to the Commissioner of Public Works, suggesting that a survey be made to determine the cost to the City which would be involved were the City to proceed with the care of such cemeteries within the City as may be considered neglected and that he initiate a request for such funds as may be necessary to undertake such care.

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"It is further suggested that the survey be conducted in collaboration with the Department of Parks and with the Central Veterans' Association. I MOVE that such a letter be sent."

MR. KELLY: "Mr. President, that matter was referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee, which was the parent committee on this."

MR. BAKER: "This was probably an oversight on my part. The opinion from the Corporation Counsel was received ten minutes before our meeting and in an effort to clear the item, I failed to contact Mr. Kelly. I apologize for that."

MR. RHOADES: "This opinion was received this afternoon it is true, and there having been no time for a joint meeting and only for a very brief meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee."

MR. NILAN asked if this covered veterans' graves.

MR. BAKER: "This particular state statute does not make particular reference to veterans' graves. It merely says: '...any town in which there is a burial ground containing more than 6 places of interment.....' That could be anything."

MR. RHOADES: "Mr. Kelly, do you wish to move to recommit, or what?"

MR. KELLY: "No, I just wanted to call attention that it had been referred to my Committee, and would like the opportunity to confer with the members of my committee." Permission was granted.

After a short meeting with the members of his Committee, Mr. Kelly reported that his Committee approved the report of the Legislative & Rules Committee on the above subject.

MR. BAKER re-stated his previous motion that a letter be sent to the Commissioner of Public Works, suggesting that a survey be made of neglected cemeteries to determine the cost to the Committee and that a request for such funds as may be necessary to undertake this work be made. (See motion as previously made by Mr. Baker)
Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

(6) Ordinance concerning the Regulation of Safety in Stamford Waters:

MR. BAKER: "The Committee recommends final adoption of this Ordinance, as published in the Stamford Advocate, Friday, May 15, 1959 with the exception of the last clause which now reads: 'This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.'"

- * "The Committee recommends that this clause be amended to read: 'This Ordinance shall take effect upon the date of its adoption or upon the effective date of the Special Act No. 220 adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, 1959 Session, under the provisions of which this Ordinance is adopted, whichever date is the later.'"

Mr. Baker did not read the Ordinance for the reason that it had previously been included in the minutes of May 4th and copies had been furnished to each Board member.

- * MR. BAKER MOVED for approval of the above amendment to the Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Lewis and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. LEWIS MOVED for approval of the following amendments to the Ordinance, which were seconded by Mr. Baker and CARRIED unanimously:

Add to Sec 2. Swimming Areas.

(e) Southfield Beach.

Bounded on the North by the breakwater at the North end of the beach extended 110 yards out from the mean low water mark of the beach; on the South by the fence at the South end of the beach extended 110 yards out from the mean low water mark of the beach; and on the East by a line connecting the eastern most ends of the two above described lines.

Add to Section 3. Prohibited Swimming areas.

(j) North of the breakwater at Southfield Beach.

MR. BAKER MOVED for approval of the following Ordinance, as above amended.
Seconded by Mr. Lewis and CARRIED unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 82 SUPPLEMENTAL

REGULATION OF SAFETY IN STAMFORD WATERS

PURSUANT TO SPECIAL ACT NO. 220, 1959 GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

The operation of vessels, boats or crafts, water skiing and swimming within the water area under the jurisdiction of the City of Stamford shall be subject to the following regulations. For the purpose of this Ordinance the areas and markers referred to shall be those shown on U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Charts 221 A & B which are hereby made part of this Ordinance.

1. In Stamford Harbor, North of a line drawn from N" 6" due East to Shippan Point, and from N" 6" to the south end of Peck Point; in Westcott Cove, North of N" 10"; and in the Cove Island Ship Channel, North of the Western tip of Horseshoe Beach on Cove Island; the speed limit for all vessels, boats, and craft shall be six (6) knots, and they shall leave no wake. The Police Department shall post signs at the beginning of each speed limited area.

2. Swimming areas shall be established as follows:

(a) Cove Island East Beach.

North of a line drawn between the South end of the rocks at the West end of East Beach and the South end of the breakwater at the East end of the East Beach. This area shall not include a 25 foot strip east of the rocks at the West end of East Beach.

(b) Cove Island Horseshoe Beach.

Bounded on the East by a line drawn due south 100 yards from the South end of the rocks at the West end of East Beach; on the West by a line drawn due south 100 yards

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from the South end of the point separating Horseshoe Beach from the Ship Channel; and on the South by a line connecting the South ends of the two above described lines.

(c) Cummings Beach.

Bounded on the East by a line drawn due South 250 yards from the Eastern boundary of the beach; on the West by a line drawn 160 yards along a line from the breakwater light to N" 10"; on the South by a line connecting the South ends of the two above described lines.

(d) West Beach.

Bounded on the South by a line extended from the Southern boundary of the beach due East to the Channel; and on the East by the Western boundary of the Channel.

(e) Southfield Beach.

Bounded on the North by the breakwater at the North end of the beach extended 110 yards out from the mean low water mark of the beach; on the South by the fence at the South end of the beach extended 110 yards out from the mean low water mark of the beach; and on the East by a line connecting the eastern most ends of the two above described lines.

These four swimming areas shall be marked by floating lines or markers which shall be established and maintained during the swimming season by the City of Stamford.

No vessels, boats, or craft other than lifeguard boats shall be permitted to enter these designated swimming areas for any reason other than an emergency.

3. No person shall swim in the following prohibited areas:

- (a) East of the breakwater at the East end of Cove Island East Beach.
- (b) 25 feet East of the rocks at the West end of Cove Island East Beach.
- (c) In the Cove Island Ship Channel.
- (d) West of the point separating Cove Island Horseshoe Beach from the Ship Channel.
- (e) In the Channel at Wescott Cove.
- (f) In the mudhole at Cummings Beach.
- (g) In the Channel between West Beach and Cummings Beach.
- (h) Off the West side of Cummings Beach.
- (i) Off the North side of West Beach.
- (j) North of the breakwater at Southfield Beach.

4. No person shall water ski in the swimming areas defined above, and in the Stamford Harbor Channels including the East and West branches, the Westcott Cove Channel, and the Cove Island Ship Channel.
5. No person shall moor or anchor any vessels, boats, or craft in such a manner as to obstruct or interfere with the free use of channels, or the approaches thereto.
6. No person shall operate a vessel, boat, or craft within the area under the jurisdiction of the City of Stamford for towing a person on water skis, a surfboard, or similar device, unless there is in such vessel, boat, or craft, a person in addition to the operator, in a position to observe the progress of the person being towed. This additional person shall be at least ten years old.
7. No person shall operate a vessel, boat, or craft within the area under the jurisdiction of the City of Stamford in a reckless or negligent manner or so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person.
8. No person shall operate any vessels, boats, or craft within the area under the jurisdiction of the City of Stamford while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.
9. Any person who violates any provision of Section 1 through 5 of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than ten dollars or more than fifty dollars for each offense. Any person who violates Sections 6, 7 or 8 of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than six months, or both, for each violation.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon the date of its adoption, or, upon the effective date of Special Act No. 220 adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, 1959 Session, under the provisions of which this Ordinance is adopted, whichever date is the later.

(7) Indemnity Bond and Performance and Maintenance Bond for Street Openings:

MR. BAKER: "The Committee has received from Mr. Fredericks re-drafted copies of the two bonds which were referred to him for an opinion concerning their form and effectiveness of application. In the cover letter, Mr. Fredericks has raised certain pertinent questions regarding some of the provisions which the Committee does not consider itself competent to answer. It is felt that the advice and cooperation of the City Engineer is required to resolve the questions and that the Public Works Committee of this Board is also directly interested.

"The Committee therefore proposes that a joint meeting of the Legislative and Rules and Public Works Committees be held in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works on Thursday evening, June 11, 1959 at 8 P.M. and requests that the Chairman of the Public Works Committee arrange for the presence at that meeting of the City Engineer, the Commissioner of Public Works, Mr. Fredericks and such other individuals as he may feel to be directly interested. If this proposal is agreeable to the Chairman of the Public Works Committee, we will proceed on that basis."

MR. TOPPING said the meeting was agreeable to him.

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MR. FREDERICKS: "I do not believe that it is good tactics to have the bond set forth in the Ordinances. I call to the attention of the Committee Chapter 28, Sec. 34 of the Code of General Ordinances (see page 134) and offer the thought that the elimination of the sentence starting with 'Any person...' on page 135 (7th line from top of page) should be made. I think that Ordinance with that change in it might possibly be satisfactory."

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. TOPPING read his Committee report. He stated that a joint meeting had been held with the Fiscal Committee on May 26th, with the following members present: Alan Ketcham, Anthony Marciano, John Maffucci, Llewellyn Nilan, and Thomas Topping, Chairman. Absent were: Bernard Geronimo and Vincent Vittl.

MR. TOPPING: "The powers granted to the Board of Representatives under Section 640.1 of Special Act No. 312, 1947 General Assembly, was amended to read as follows:

'The powers granted to the Board of Representatives by Section 640 shall not be exercised without approval by the Board of Finance, and are not to be construed as in any way restricting or affecting the powers and duties of the Mayor or the municipal departments to carry out and complete public improvements, or as conferring any executive or administrative powers upon the Board of Representatives.'

"Now, when we passed a resolution (Resolution No. 279 - August 4, 1958 Minutes, page 1975) concerning Pepper Ridge Place, we did it without knowledge of this Section of the Charter. I would like to -- in order to keep the proper continuity of procedure under Section 640, this Board should write a letter to the Board of Finance, explaining to them what we are trying to do under Section 640 and ask that they give their approval of our actions.

"This part of the procedure on roads was overlooked and was called to my attention by Mrs. Farrell. I MOVE that such a letter be written."

Mr. Fredericks seconded Mr. Topping's motion.

MR. RHOADES: "You will have to move for suspension first, Mr. Topping, as it was not on the Agenda. If there is no objection, it shall be considered as having been approved."

Mr. Russell said the Committee did not have the full facts on the cost of this work. Mr. Topping replied that in order to even proceed it would be first necessary to have the approval of the Board of Finance, and that it should not have even started before receiving this approval.

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

Resolution re SWAMPSCOTT ROAD: (See page 2519, Minutes of May 4, 1959)

MR. TOPPING: "Also, to put our continuity in proper form, we should have a resolution on Swampscott Road, and this is the resolution which I would like to have referred to the Legislative and Rules Committee for presentation to the Board, and I so MOVE. Seconded by Mr. Marciano and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION CONCERNING SWAMPSCOTT ROAD
TO BRING ROAD UP TO ACCEPTABLE CONDITION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 641 of the Stamford Charter,

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that said Board of Representatives respectfully requests the Mayor of said City of Stamford to cause a report to be made concerning such work as may be necessary to put Swampscott Road in proper condition to be accepted as a City Street. The cost of such work is to be assessed in full against the owners of the property on Swampscott Road.

MR. TOPPING: "Now, Mr. President, I would also like to MOVE that we send a letter to the Board of Finance on this road the same as we did on Pepper Ridge Road, requesting their approval of our action." Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED unanimously.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

MR. MILANO said his committee met May 28th with Mr. Leonard Leeds of the Parking Authority in regard to the installation of parking meters on the following streets, as indicated below and outlined in letter dated May 12, 1959 from the Parking Authority:

1. Under the Connecticut Turnpike on South Street - 6 stalls on the east side and 5 stalls on the west side. A total of 11 metered stalls.
2. Under the Connecticut Turnpike on Guernsey Street - 5 stalls on the east side and 5 stalls on the west side. A total of 10 metered stalls.
3. South State Street between Guernsey and Atlantic Streets - North side. A total of 16 metered stalls.
4. South State Street between Atlantic and Canal Streets - North side. A total of 32 metered stalls.

All of above meters are to be 25¢ per unit for 12 hour parking and are intended primarily for commuter use.

MR. MILANO MOVED for approval of all of the above requests, with the exception of #1 (Under Conn. Turnpike on South Street - 6 stalls on east side and 5 stalls on west side - a total of 11 metered stalls) which is to be kept in Committee for further investigation. Seconded by Mr. Longo and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. LEWIS: (Vice Chairman of Health & Protection Committee) "Our Committee, in conversation with the Chairman of the Parking Authority, Mr. Leeds, made the recommendation that this particular section (referring to #1 above) be denied at this time, pending a survey of the Police Department, who are going to be asked to place no parking signs underneath the bridge. The Committee felt that this would alleviate the congestion at this point."

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PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL said no regular meeting of his Committee was held. However, the Committee approved the following matter, for submission tonight.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for pre-publication of the following proposed Ordinance; seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously;

Proposed Supplemental OrdinanceCHANGING THE NAMES OF CERTAIN CITY STREETS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

The following street names shall be changed as shown below:

Change that portion of Crystal Lake Road, from High Ridge Road to Warchal Lane, and existing stone barrier, a distance of approximately 625 feet, to BRANDT ROAD:

Change Marcy Road to FOX RIDGE ROAD.

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: (See Petitions)PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

MR. RYBNICK, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He stated that the Committee met with the members of the Personnel Commission in the office of the Personnel Director, on Monday, May 18, 1959. The Committee members present were: William Hearing, Gerald Rybnick and George Connors. Absent were Mrs. Horner and George Georgoulis. (The report is on file in the office of the Board of Representatives)

Mr. Rybnick said in reference to appeals on the classification survey, that the Personnel Commission is setting up a schedule to set aside two nights a week for these hearings.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

MR. MACRIDES presented his committee report. He said a joint meeting was held with the Fiscal Committee on May 26th and Messrs. Truglia, Maffucci and Macrides were present. After the joint meeting the committee then met in Executive Session to take up matters referred to the committee other than fiscal matters.

New Circuit Court - Request contained in Mayor's letter of May 7, 1959 with attachment of letter dated May 1, 1959 from Judge Edward C. Fisher, Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, State of Conn.

MR. MACRIDES MOVED that a letter be sent to the Executive Secretary of the State Judicial Department, requesting the holding of sessions of the new Circuit Court in Stamford. Seconded by Mr. Nolan and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. MACRIDES: "The Committee also noted that the City must provide quarters and

furniture for the holding of such Court sessions and feels that this is the function of the Mayor.

"The Committee, however, has certain suggestions which it would like to make to him in this regard. It first feels that the present quarters being used for the Municipal Court are grossly inadequate. It is also reluctant to have any other space in the County Court House used by the new Court because of the fact that it feels that this space would be put to better use by an additional judge from both the Superior Court and the Court of Common Pleas. There is already a need for these additional Judges which is indicated by the growing size of the dockets in these Courts.

"The Committee feels that the Mayor's attention might be directed to the proposal made in 1951 for a unified police building and court house. It would also direct his attention to certain proposals made by our planners for the possible building of a new City Court house, either over the existing Police Department building, across the street from the Health Department building, or at the corner of Hoyt and Prospect Streets.

"We definitely feel that the Mayor should take these into consideration, together with other possibilities such as the Canal Street parking lot, or some tie in with the proposed redevelopment of the Southeast Quadrant. But, in any case, to take concrete steps toward the erection of a new municipal structure. Such a structure would be the ideal site location for the new Circuit Court.

Proposed relocation of departments at 303 Main Street:

"I would like to say, as an individual, if I may, in accordance with this report, that after the Committee met, the Board of Finance handed down its decision of turning down the requested appropriation for the moving of the departments located at 303 Main Street and the amount of rent that it would take at the Gurley Building.

"It would seem to me, that what we are talking about, is the possibility of moving the Public Works Department out of the Town Hall. The Mayor has already indicated that he could very easily move these other departments into the Town Hall and I would feel very certain that there is available space - municipal space that we already have - and, if not, certainly commercial space is available in the center of town. I think that if we got in touch with any number of realtors, they could very easily point out this space and find it in a place where the rental would be lower per square foot than the rental which we are now paying.

"The proposal to pay the \$185,000 over a period of ten years still amounts to paying exactly that - \$185,000. I don't think that what we would have after we purchased this building would make it worthwhile to us. But, at any rate, I feel that the Mayor should do something quickly. I think, that no matter what he does - even if he decides to buy this particular building - it would definitely be a concrete step forward as opposed to paying the rental which we have been paying, and which we will continue to have to pay on a month-to-month basis."

Re: The City Budget for fiscal year 1959-1960:

MR. NILAN: "I would like to read into the Minutes of this meeting an editorial which I wish that I had written. In my opinion, it is the editorial of the year. It is in regard to the City Budget which we have just passed. I beg your indulgence:

THE CITY BUDGET

The Board of Representatives has approved a combined Capital and Operating Budget for the City of \$18,284,254. This is not only a record high, it is almost 19 percent more than last year's budget. Some perspective of the increased cost of city government can be obtained when it is realized that only a decade ago the combined budget was \$7,805,086.

In its consideration of the budget, the Board of Representatives found no place where it believe it should cut. The less than \$20,000 taken out for office rental was not in the interest of economy. This was merely a small time political spite action to embarrass and harass. Its intent was not constructive.

Beyond this, the Board of Representatives cannot be criticized for its action. It was approving expenditures which had been requested by the various official bodies and which had been approved by the Board of Finance. It should be recognized by the public at large that everyone of these items was strongly supported by interested groups of citizens. Each one will improve the public service of the city. It should also be pointed out that the capital expenditures point to greater operating expenses in the future. Next year's budget will be greater than this year's without any new expansion.

Next week the new tax rate will be set. It will cause shock in many homes when the bills arrive next July. The only satisfaction is that they will be less than the bills arriving in July 1960. From a higher tax rate there is no recourse. If people want government services they must pay for them. This is true on the federal, state and local level. The day of payment can be concealed on the federal level by inflation, on the state level as Connecticut knows, by diversion of funds, but on the local level, there is no hiding. When the bill is due it must be paid.

Those who believe that the cost of city government is increasing too fast should not blame the Board of Finance or the Board of Representatives for not being fiscal watchdogs. The only pressure our officials get is for added services and increased costs. If there are those who are disturbed at the rapidly increasing size of their tax bill they should be alert enough to protest when the new government services are proposed - not when the tax rate is set. By then, it is far too late.

HOUSING COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL said he did not have a report. However, he commented on the fine reports the committee has been receiving from the Fire Department and the Health Department. He said that Southfield Village was pretty well cleaned up at this point, but in the report from the Health Department a great many references were being received lately in regard to the Dale Street project. He said: "Things are not so good over there and I think things have reached the point where our committee will have to start looking into this project a little closer."

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE:

MR. MACRIDES: "The Committee met on the morning of Saturday, May 30th with the members of the Charter Revision Commission. I therefore did not have any time in which to prepare minutes of this meeting, for which I must apologize.

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"However, as a result of this meeting, there resulted a letter from the Charter Revision Commission, which I shall read:

Charter Revision Commission

May 30, 1959

Mr. Norton Rhoades, President
Board of Representatives
City Hall
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Rhoades:

Pursuant to a request by Mr. John C. Macrides and in compliance with your letter of May 18th, the Charter Revision Commission met with Mr. Macrides and Mr. Connors of the Charter Revision Committee of the Board of Representatives. Considerable discussion evolved around a recent ruling of the Corporation Counsel regarding the right of the Commission to reject proposals submitted to it by the Board of Representatives.

The Commission is of the opinion, on competent legal advice, that it acted entirely within its authority when it submitted its report of April 6th.

Your letter indicates that the Board voted to recommend that all items referred to the Commission be restored.

Section 5 of the Home Rule Act provides that the Commission shall meet with the appointing authority, which in this case, is the Board of Representatives, to discuss recommendations made to it.

The Charter Revision Commission is desirous of arranging a meeting with your Board in compliance with the above provisions.

The Commission would also like to point out that, although resolution No. 278 limits the life of the Commission to June 1st, 1959, Sec. 4 of the Home Rule Act provides that the final report of the Commission shall be made not later than one year from the date of its appointment, which, in this case was July 7th, 1958.

We await your further instructions.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) JAMES N. MULREED
Chairman
Charter Revision Commission

MR. MACRIDES: "I think this is a mild form of anarchy here. However, at the same time there was a very definite indication from the Commission that even if the entire Board met with them that they would again reject our recommendations and again act in such a way as to show that they believed that what they did in the first place was correct and legal and therefore that the Corporation Counsel's opinion was not valid.

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"In light of this I think that the only thing we can do is to enact tonight the recommendations as the Charter Revision Commission gave them to us. If we do not do this, I think that all the work that has been done to now will come to naught. I think that we will just wind up in the position where the Charter Revision Commission refuses to act and where we, according to the Corporation Counsel, are in no position then to act on their recommendations. They will reject any recommendations that we make, and this, despite the fact that the Corporation Counsel says that they can't reject our recommendations and we will then find ourselves absolutely nowhere.

"So, I would suggest that we treat this letter as a re-referral to us of the original recommendations which they made and approve their original recommendations. I would so MOVE."

Mr. Macrides' motion was seconded by Mr. Cummings.

MR. RHOADES: "Mr. Macrides, does that include the police salary change? That has to be taken out somehow."

MR. MACRIDES: "Yes, that would have to be taken out."

After considerable discussion a vote was taken on Mr. Macrides' motion, leaving out item No. 5 in the report from the Charter Revision Commission, and CARRIED unanimously, resulting in the following amendments to the Charter being APPROVED:

- (1) Amend Section 706 of the Charter to read:

"Sec. 706 Qualifications. Every person elected or appointed to office shall be and remain a resident elector of the City of Stamford and if such officer shall cease to be such a resident elector his office shall be deemed vacant, except in such specific cases as the Board of Representatives may suspend this requirement for appointive offices."

- (2) Amend the second sentence of sub-section (e) of Sec. 731 to read:

"The other two members of the Commission shall be known to be in sympathy with the merit principle as applied to Civil Service, shall not be members of the same political party, shall neither hold nor be a candidate for any other political office or position, and shall not be a member of any local, state or national committee of a political party or an officer in any political partisan club or organization."

- (3) Amend Section 553.2 to read, by changing the third from the last sentence of said section, as follows:

"The number of signatures required on any such written petition shall be one hundred, or 20% of the owners of privately owned land within 500 feet of the area so zoned, whichever is least, if the proposed amendment applies to only one zone."

- (4) A new section to be added, to read:

"Sec. 206 Funds for Investigation. The Board of Represen-

tatives shall have authority, by a two-thirds vote of its entire membership, to incur any expenses which it deems necessary or advisable, in connection with any investigation authorized under Sec. 204.2 of this Charter. Expenses so incurred shall be paid by the Department of Finance on warrant issued by the Mayor and countersigned by the Clerk of the Board of Representatives. The Board of Representatives may, by a two-thirds vote of its entire membership, appropriate funds to cover expenses incurred pursuant to this section without request for such appropriation by any officer of any department of the Stamford government other than the Board of Representatives."

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HARBOR SAFETY:

MR. LEWIS requested that this Committee not be dissolved as there may be further matters that this committee may wish to bring before the Board, such as the need for a Harbor Commission.

SPECIAL POLICE FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE:

MR. CUMMINGS: "This Committee has resumed its fact-finding activities with the conclusion of the budget enactment. Interestingly, three members of this Committee serve on the Fiscal Committee, including both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman. The intensity of effort required for fiscal investigation needs no explanation, but the Police Committee has pursued its work with the same intensity for an extended period.

"From this work came preliminary recommendations which were presented to this Board. These were the proposed Charter Revisions to provide this Board with investigative funds, to alter the terms of members of the Board of Safety and to give them administrative jurisdiction over the Chiefs of the protective services. It is well for us, at this time, to iterate our conviction that these Charter revisions are vital to continuation of well ordered departments. Failing of adoption this year, the changes should come before succeeding Boards again and again until passed. We sincerely hope that the recommended action shall become law before any future circumstance belatedly demonstrates the wisdom of the proposals.

"The reason for the presentation of these recommendations separate from a complete report from this Committee is the time limitation imposed by the statute governing Charter revisions. We would have preferred to include the recommendations as a part of the complete report, and will do so in order to give effect to the inter-relationship of all parts of the report. We anticipate at this time having our report completed in time to present to the September meeting before the fever of political battle affects the rationale of both political bodies and the public. Meanwhile, we do not feel any compulsion to panic by pressure of press comment.

"It may be noted at this point, incidentally, that a new beat has been created by the Police Department, consisting of six men, in the Southfield area. We are informed that significant improvement has been noted as a result.

"As Chairman, I would like to note at this time, the most satisfactory bi-partisan operation of the Committee, and its excellent composition. This is a particularly timely comment, in view of the fortuitous continuation of the services of our highly competent Vice-Chairman, Sheriff Pat Fortunato."

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: (Special committee)

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Urban Redevelopment Commission - Regarding exchange and sale of minor pieces of property - Requested in Mayor's letter dated May 26, 1959

MR. NOLAN: "The Urban Redevelopment Committee met in the City Hall on May 27, 1959. Eight members were present, plus Mr. Harry E. Terhune, representing the Urban Redevelopment Commission.

"The Committee discussed with Mr. Terhune the need for cooperation between the various Boards and agencies concerned with urban redevelopment. The Committee was assured of the full cooperation of the Urban Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Terhune stated his Commission would be happy to have a representative of our Board sit in on any of their meetings.

"The Committee then discussed the Mayor's letter of May 26th concerning the transfer and purchase of certain property from the Urban Redevelopment Commission."

MR. NOLAN MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to take up the above request and in order to present a resolution. Seconded by Mr. Longo and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. NOLAN MOVED for adoption of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Murphy and CARRIED by a vote of 30 in FAVOR and 1 OPPOSED:

RESOLUTION NO. 300

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING EXCHANGE AND SALE OF LAND

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives, pursuant to Section 523 of the Stamford City Charter, to approve the proposed agreement between the City of Stamford and the City Investment Company, dated May 20, 1959, concerning the purchase by the City of Parcels C-3 and C-6 on a certain map entitled "Map No. 3 of property Surveyed for City of Stamford, Conn., Urban Redevelopment Commission, Stamford, Fairfield County, Conn." and the sale of Parcels C-1 and C-5 by the City.

PETITIONS:

Petition No. 256 - Memorial Day Parade, May 30th:

MR. KELLY MOVED that retroactive approval be given for the request from the Central Veterans' Association, which had been received too late to go on the agenda for the May 4th meeting, approval having been given by the President, the Minority and Majority Leaders of the Board, pending confirmation tonight. This was seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

Petition No. 258 - Request for Annual Fireworks Display, July 3rd - Stamford Yacht Club

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for suspension of the rules to take up the above matter. He explained that he had been contacted by the above Club in regard to the method of obtaining approval for fireworks display and because of a new manager for the Yacht Club, he had not understood the proper method of procedure.

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED that permission be given to the Stamford Yacht Club to hold their annual fireworks display on July 3rd, subject to the usual approval of the

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Police and Fire Departments. Mr. Kelly, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee stated that this was a little irregular, but because of the misunderstanding, his committee would go along with it. He seconded the motion which was CARRIED unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Re: Black Swamp - Springdale

MR. CUMMINGS brought up the matter of the change of name of the land known as the "Black Swamp" to be known as "Sleepy Hollow Park". This was referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Neglected Veterans' Graves:

M R. BLOIS spoke on the above subject and said he wants to know what can be done about neglected Veterans' graves. He read from Public Act #350, Sec. 1 on the "Care of graves by city or town." It was agreed that a letter be written to the Mayor, suggesting that a survey be conducted in collaboration with the Department of Parks and with the Central Veterans' Association and calling his attention to the portion of the Statute regarding the appointment of a three-man Commission and suggesting that he make such an appointment.

Meetings:

MR. RHOADES announced that the next Board meeting would be held on July 6th, which would bring the next Steering Committee meeting on June 22nd.

NEW BUSINESS:

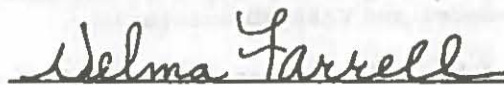
Private Garbage Collectors:

MR. McLAUGHLIN brought up the matter of out of town garbage collections being dumped in Stamford by private garbage collectors. He said he thought it might be possible to design an Ordinance to prevent this sort of thing happening. After some discussion this matter was referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee to consider whether or not such an Ordinance would be feasible.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon MOTION, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Velma Farrell
Executive Secretary

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APPROVED:



Norton Rhoades, President

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