

A Special Meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, May 9, 1960, pursuant to a "Call" from the President, John R. Nolan, at the Dolan Jr. High School Cafeteria, Toms Road, Stamford, Conn.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8.30 P.M.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 33 present and 7 absent at the calling of the roll. Mr. Blois arrived shortly thereafter, changing the roll call to 34 present and 6 absent. The absent members were: Joseph Mancusi, Rose Farina, Bernard Geronimo, Martin Pompadur, James Mulreed and George Russell.

"Call" of Meeting:

The President read the following "Call" of the meeting:

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES
STAMFORD, CONN.

April 25, 1960

I, JOHN R. NOLAN, 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

MONDAY, MAY 9, 1960

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

8:00 P.M.

for the following purpose:

To consider and act upon the OPERATING and CAPITAL BUDGETS for the fiscal year 1960-1961, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on April 21, 1960.

(Signed) JOHN R. NOLAN, President
Board of Representatives

THE PRESIDENT explained that all actions on appropriations require approval by a majority of the Board - 21 votes. He said he would read the totals for each budget item and votes would be taken upon the totals for each department, unless there was objection to any particular item and then it would be voted upon separately.

THE PRESIDENT called upon the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, Mr. Daniel Reback.

Fiscal Committee Report:

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

STAMFORD BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON 1960-1961 BUDGETS

On April 27, 1960 the Board of Representatives was called to receive and record the Capital Projects Budget and Operating Budget, as presented by the Board of Finance. The Fiscal Committee, having received these figures, proceeded at once to prepare for hearings with those interested Boards requesting funds. Due to the time allotted as provided in the Charter, the hearings with the various department heads, of necessity, had to be compressed into a five day period. The first recommendation that your Chairman offers to this Board and to the Charter Revision Commission, is the changing of the time schedule allowed the Board of Representatives for deliberation on the Budget figures. It seems unrealistic to me that the Mayor's Budget is presented to the Board of Finance and given sufficient time for intimate perusal, but on the other hand, a fraction of that time is reserved for deliberation by your Fiscal Committee, representing this august body.

In spite of the limited time, your Fiscal Committee devoted countless hundreds of man hours to intensive preparation and cool thought on the various items contained in the Capital Projects and Operating Budgets. With very few exceptions, most heads of departments were invited to closed meetings of the Fiscal Committee and questioned intensively concerning the various items in their budget, as well as to their future plans for the coming year. I should like to add that without exception the Fiscal Committee was afforded the fullest cooperation by these department heads, and I personally wish to thank each one of them for the time and effort they devoted.

It is apparent that when the State originated Home Rule and established the Board of Representatives and defined its duties, one of the prime objects was to create a check and balance system, one that would stand watch over the expenditures of the taxpayers' money.

With this in mind, the committee's questioning of the various items presented to it was geared toward the safeguarding of the public treasury, the direction in which its funds would be spent, and with an eye towards the tax rate for the coming year.

The City of Stamford occupies a unique position in the State of Connecticut, as well as the metropolitan area. It is a vital growing community, containing specialized industries, large, well developed housing areas and an appreciable commuting force. Its city problems therefore, are complicated and varied. Thus, the amount of improvements necessary for this type of community are so vast that it appears a sum of money larger than our present tax rate can produce, is required to elevate the facilities of Stamford to its proper level. With these basic facts in mind, your Fiscal Committee reviewed and deliberated over all requests, large and small.

The first Budget I wish to report on will be the OPERATING BUDGET:

In reviewing the various items of this years Operating Budget, your committee felt that it was tightly drawn and adequately checked by the Board of Finance. All items were questioned by your committee and approved unanimously. Your committee bore in mind the fact that salaries occupied the giant share of each budget and in many cases the employee load has not changed for many years, although the pressure of most departments has grown.

We also took cognizance of the fact that in the vindictive cutting of minor items, necessary to the operating of the various administrative offices, we were laying ourselves open to further requests during the coming fiscal year for additional funds to carry normal business procedure.

Registrars of Voters - Code 100 through 100.54 in the amount of \$41,075.36 - Approved

Board of Selectmen - Code 130 through 130.4 in the amount of \$1,100.00 - Approved

Board of Representatives - Code 200 through 200.24A in the amount of \$9,077.00
Approved

Mayor's office - Code 300 through 300.23 in the amount of \$30,022.00 - Approved

Department of Law - Code 450 through 450.22 in the amount of \$69,122.50 - Approved

Town and City Clerk - Code 470 through 470.22 in the amount of \$66,307.62 - Approved

Commissioner of Finance - Code 480 through 480.22 in the amount of \$19,393.00 -
Approved

Bureau of Accounts and Records - Code 482 through 482.22A in the amount of
\$60,988.72 - Approved

Incidental to this report, considerable time was spent in the discussion of future change in mechanical procedures. The Commissioner of Finance and his various aides agreed that a more modern and efficient machine system would save the city considerable time and money. Your Chairman and the various members of his committee strongly approve this contemplated modernization and asked for a progress report as soon as it is feasible.

Bureau of Purchases - Code 484 through 484.22 in the amount of \$24,929.98 - Approved

Stamford Museum - Code 481A in the amount of \$80,000 - Approved

Ferguson Library - Code 481B in the amount of \$350,000 - Approved

Veterans' Service - Code 481 through 481.8 in the amount of \$12,765.00 - Approved

Mimeograph Department - Code 485 through 485.22 in the amount of \$21,853.00 - Approved

Patriotic and Holiday Celebrations - Code 486 through 486.70D - Approved

General Insurance - Code 487 in the amount of \$64,175.75 - Approved

Employees' Medical and Hospital - Code 488 in the amount of \$7,500 - Approved

Planning Board - Code 520 through 520.22 in the amount of \$30,421.02 - Approved

Board of Tax Review - Code 530 through 530.3 in the amount of \$275 - Approved

Zoning Board - Code 550 through 550.23 in the amount of \$5,831 - Approved

Zoning Board of Appeals - Code 551 through 551.23 in the amount of \$7,482 - Approved

Taxation Board - Code 570 through 570.3 in the amount of \$350 - Approved

Assessor's Office - Code 571 through 571.22 in the amount of \$85,011.22 - Approved

Tax Collector - Code 575 through 575.23 in the amount of \$86,091 - Approved

Re: Decrease in Rent

It is the opinion of the Fiscal Committee that space be found in a city owned

building for the Assessor's and Tax Collector's office. With this in mind, it is hoped that these departments will be moved and adequately housed by the end of this calendar year.

Reserve for Tax Refunds - Code 575R in the amount of \$2,500 - Approved

Board of Finance - Code 650 through 650.23 in the amount of \$12,110 - Approved

Pensions - Code 710 through 833.A in the amount of \$558,618.23 - Approved

Civil Service Department - Code 731 through 731.23 in the amount of \$24,318.32 - Approved

Classified Employees Pension Fund - Code 732 through 732.9A in the amount of \$6,177 - Approved

City Court - Code 800 through 823.10 in the amount of \$19,904.50 - Approved

Probate Court - Code 830 through 830.22 in the amount of \$5,800 - Approved

Sewer Commission - Code S. C. 1 through S. C. 10 in the amount of \$6,064.72 - Approved

Debt Service - Code 480.C through 480.CCI in the amount of \$1,939,417 - Approved

Board of Education - Code 510 through 511.15 in the amount of \$7,100,000 - Approved

Welfare Department - Code 460 through 460.73 in the amount of \$332,892.75 - Approved

Hospitals - Code 461 through 461.B in the amount of \$108,500 - Approved

Sunset Home - Code 462 through 462.69 in the amount of \$68,708.89 - Approved

Health Department - Code 420 through 420.27 in the amount of \$117,944.30 - Approved

Dog Warden - Code 424 through 424.55 in the amount of \$4,676 - Approved

Police Department - Code 430.1 in the amount of \$1,215,717.31 - Approved

Protection to Persons and Property - Code 430.3 through 430.74 in the amount of \$1,341,870.09 - Approved

Fire Department - Code 440.1 in the amount of \$1,073,468.32 - Approved

Protection to Persons & Property - Code 440.3 through 440.26 in the amount of \$1,127,474.32 - Approved

Hydrants & Water Supply - Code 441 through 441.15 in the amount of \$105,241.90 - Approved

Civilian Defense - Code 444 through 444.E in the amount of \$20,422 - Approved

Volunteer Fire Departments - Code 443 through 443.S in the amount of \$148,075 - Approved

PUBLIC WORKS:

Administration - 410 through 410.22 in the amount of \$66,285 - Approved

PUBLIC WORKS:

Weights & Measures - Code 410.3 through 410.3.22 in the amount of \$5,886 - Approved

Bureau of Highways & Maintenance - Code 412A through 412A.22 in the amount of \$497,491 - Approved

Bureau of Highways - Code 412B through 412B.15B in the amount of \$28,541 -
Yard #2 Approved

Crosby Street Pumping Station - Code 412C through 412C.18 in the amount of \$4,500 - Approved

Bureau of Highways - Code 412D through 412D.15B in the amount of \$76,953 - Approved
Yard #1

Street Cleaning - Code 412E through 412E.22 in the amount of \$112,855 - Approved

Street Lighting - Code 412F in the amount of \$260,000 - Approved

Maintenance of Sanitary Sewers - Code 414A through 414A.22 in the amount of \$20,997 - Approved

Incinerator & Sewage Treatment Plant - Code 414B through 414B.22C in the amount of 410,929 - Approved

Pumping Stations - Code 414C through 414C.18 in the amount of \$17,776 - Approved
Nos. 2, 3 & 4

Garbage Collection - Code 414F.1 through 414F.23 in the amount of \$410,706 -
Approved

Engineering - Code 415 through 415.22 in the amount of \$232,439 - Approved

Building Bureau - Code 416 through 416.22 in the amount of \$72,287 - Approved

City Hall and Other - Code 416A through 416A.22 in the amount of \$47,003 -
Building Maintenance Approved

Elm Street School - Code 416B through 416B.18 in the amount of \$6,438 - Approved

Gas Oil & Repairs - Code 417 in the amount of \$50,000 - Approved

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET - \$2,318,109.29

PARKS & RECREATION:

Park Commission - Code 500 through 500.24A in the amount of \$291,308.02 - Approved

Board of Recreation - Code 540.1 through 540.74 in the amount of \$176,412.06 -
Approved

Hubbard Heights - Code 413A.1 through 413A.22 in the amount of \$67,027.04 -
Approved

TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION - \$534,747.12

OTHERS - SUNDRIES - In the amount of \$3,500 - Approved

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET: \$16,986 567.60

CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET:

Each department head concerned with Capital Projects Budget was particularly questioned, without exception. One full meeting was devoted to the Board of Education Capital Projects Budget and another full evening was spent with the Commissioner of Public Works. The other six departments were questioned at three meetings.

However, this Board is a Legislative Body, and may not originate requests, according to the Charter, but nowhere does it say that it cannot recommend and suggest. As an example, the City of Stamford has the distinction of being one of the few cities of its size in this area to have an inadequate sanitary sewer system. It is appalling to realize the potential health danger in which this City finds itself.

Each year, the construction of hundreds of new homes and commercial buildings are commenced, using antiquated sewage disposal systems. The nature of the land is hard pan and communities in the various sections of Stamford find themselves beset by septic problems. Your Fiscal Board passed without dissention the Sanitary Sewer request of \$809,800 and Storm Drain requests of \$281,875. There is no question in my mind that the entire City of Stamford should be properly sewered and properly drained, where feasible, and I would recommend that the Commissioner of Public Works speed to conclusion a complete plan of City sewerage and the Commissioner of Finance make adequate preparation for satisfactory financing. Mr. Canavan, Commissioner of Public Works, was questioned pointedly and in detail by this Committee for more than four hours concerning all facets of his office. I wish to state that his knowledge of the problems of his department and of the City of Stamford was thorough. Not only did he answer completely and in detail, but he offered suggestions and ideas, that when put into effect will benefit the community. The Public Works request for \$1,262,475 was unanimously approved by the committee.

PARK COMMISSION - Capital Project

Your Committee questioned the Commissioner of Parks in detail as to the contemplated expenditures for the coming year. Mr. Connell was detailed in his report on the various projects of his budget. Your Committee felt that all of the projects passed down to it by the Board of Finance were needed. But, by majority vote, it was felt that at this time \$100,000 for the completion of the Cummings Park Beach was in excess of the amount needed, and therefore your Committee recommends that the budget of \$100,000 for Cummings Park - Front Completion be reduced from \$100,000 to \$25,000. The Fiscal Committee with the knowledge of \$150,000 had been denied by prior Boards, strongly urge that the Park Commission take positive action to obtain sufficient land north of the Parkway as well as in other areas in order that we may bring up our park lands to a level by the City of Stamford. Therefore, the Fiscal Committee by a majority vote, recommends the approval in the amount of \$100,500.

BOARD OF RECREATION - Capital Project

The Fiscal Committee unanimously approved the amount of \$21,550.00.

HUBBARD HEIGHTS COLF COMMISSION - Capital Project

The Fiscal Committee unanimously approved the amount of \$3,227.00.

SUNSET HOME - Capital Project

The Fiscal Committee unanimously approved the amount of \$42,600.00.

STAMFORD MUSEUM - Capital Project

The Fiscal Committee unanimously approved the amount of \$1,500.00.

BOARD OF EDUCATION - Capital Project

In the opinion of many citizens of this community, the Capital Projects of the Board of Education is the most important of all. Stamford is a growing city, a city with an ever-increasing population of grade school children. Not only must new educational plants be found for the coming generation, but the aging older schools must be expanded to care for the children in established neighborhoods. It is unfair and unjust to pit one group against another. The repair, renovation and expansion of existing schools is just as important as the creation of new structures. There is no question in the minds of the Fiscal Committee that it is imperative that a new elementary school be constructed north of the Parkway. In fact, judging by the statistics presented at various public hearings and by the School Board itself, a second elementary school north of the Parkway should be planned for immediately. At the same time, a Junior High School large enough to assume a pupil population growing yearly, must be rushed to completion, for even now space becomes more difficult to locate in our school system.

The Fiscal Committee feels that the omission of the Rogers and Cloonan school improvement requests, while carefully considered, should be rectified quickly. It is heartening to know that our Mayor saw fit to submit immediately for reconsideration plans for the improvement of these two schools. The additional space that will be provided by the improvement of Rogers & Cloonan schools is not as important as the eradication of the potential dangers present to the children occupying these schools as they exist today. They are inadequate structurally and certain sections are antiquated. Your committee hopes that speedy action will be taken to reinstate the funds to complete the improvement of Rogers and Cloonan schools. The Fiscal Committee voted unanimously for the construction of an elementary school north of the Parkway. However, upon questioning of the various members of the Board of Education, your committee learned that the sites have not been chosen as yet, that the anticipated price per acre has not been established, that proper engineering plans for the construction of the school have not yet been completed as of this date. Therefore, we feel that the request for \$1,200,000 as given to the Fiscal Committee is premature. Detailed questioning brought out that in all probability, the cost for this school will be in excess of \$1,200,000. The Fiscal Committee has assured the Board of Education that when the final total figure for the construction of this school is referred to them in the months to come, there will be no hesitation in granting the full amount. Nevertheless, we feel that the arbitrary request for \$1,200,000 is not based on any factual plans or land purchases is unrealistic. We recommend to the Board that they proceed immediately to obtain the land necessary for a school site and proceed to contract for the proper engineering plans for school construction. With this in mind and knowing that the total cost is still indeterminate, the Fiscal Board recommends the reduction of the figure of \$1,200,000 to \$250,000, that sum to be used for the purchase of school land and completion of working engineering drawings. This is the sum that the Board of Education informed the Committee would be sufficient to cover site acquisition and completion of detailed plans.

The Fiscal Committee approves unanimously the Capital Projects budget for the Board of Education in the amount of \$759,000.00.

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - Capital Projects Budget

Southeast Quadrant

The Fiscal Committee questioned, at some length, members of the URC, and there is no question in the minds of the members of your committee that URC is essential, if not imperative. There is an intricate method of financing and the renewing of matching funds from the Federal government. The request for \$100,000 is merely a token amount. When this project is underway, large sums of money must be appropriated by the City of Stamford in order that land property designated by the URC, be purchased and leveled. Your Committee questioned the feasibility of appropriating \$100,000 when the total cost is more apt to reach six million or seven million dollars. We were assured by the URC that this sum was necessary in order that the City of Stamford be able to show good "faith" to the Federal government so that the City may obtain reciprocal funds. With this in mind, the Fiscal Committee approved unanimously the request of \$100,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel M. Ruback, Chairman
Fiscal Committee

THE PRESIDENT informed the members that he would go through the Budget, section by section, and if there was no objection to an item, it would be deemed approved. He stated that at any time any member of the Board or the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, objected to any item, they should move to amend, and that item would then be acted upon, giving the exact amount to be cut and the total figure to be acted upon. He announced that the first Budget to be acted upon would be the Operating Budget:

OPERATING BUDGET - 1960 - 1961

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 - REGISTRARS OF VOTERS: - Total of \$41,075.36 APPROVED

Page 3 - BOARD OF SELECTMEN: - Total of \$1,100.00 APPROVED

Page 3 - BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES: - Total of \$9,377.00 APPROVED

Page 5 - MAYOR'S OFFICE: - Total of \$29,522.00 APPROVED

Page 5 - DEPARTMENT OF LAW: - Total of \$69,122.50 APPROVED

Page 7 - TOWN AND CITY CLERK: - Total of \$66,307.62 APPROVED

Page 7 - COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE: - Total of \$19,393.00 APPROVED

Page 9 - BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS: - Total of \$60,988.72 APPROVED

Page 9 - BUREAU OF PURCHASES: Total of \$24,929.98 APPROVED

Page 11 - STAMFORD MUSEUM: Total of \$80,000.00 APPROVED

Page 11 - FERGUSON LIBRARY: Total of \$150,000.00 APPROVED

Page 11 - VETERANS SERVICE: Total of \$12,765.00 APPROVED

Page 13 - MIMEOGRAPH DEPARTMENT: Total of \$21,853.00 APPROVED

Page 13 - PATRIOTIC & HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS: Total of \$8,225.00 APPROVED

Page 15 - GENERAL INSURANCE: Total of \$64,175.75 APPROVED

Page 15 - EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL & HOSPITAL: Total of \$7,500.00 APPROVED

Page 15 - PLANNING BOARD: Total of \$30,421.02 APPROVED

Page 15 - BOARD OF TAX REVIEW: Total of \$275.00 APPROVED

Page 17 - ZONING BOARD: Total of \$5,831.00 APPROVED

Page 17 - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Total of \$7,482.00 APPROVED

Page 17 - TAXATION BOARD: Total of \$350.00 APPROVED

Page 19 - ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Re: Code #571.2 - Rent

MR. REBACK MOVED that there be a decrease in the rent for this office, from \$5,820.00 to \$2,910.00. Seconded by Mr. Murphy.
(Note: See Committee report for explanation) CARRIED unanimously.

Total of \$85,011.22 APPROVED for the Assessor's Office.

Page 21 - TAX COLLECTOR:

Re: Code #575.2 - Rent

MR. REBACK MOVED that there be a decrease in this item from \$11,760.00 to \$5,880.00. Seconded by Mr. Ivler and CARRIED unanimously.

Total of \$85,091.00 APPROVED for the office of the Tax Collector.

Page 21 - RESERVE FOR TAX REFUNDS: Total of \$2,500.00 APPROVED.

Page 23 - BOARD OF FINANCE: Total of \$12,110.00 APPROVED

Page 23 - PENSIONS: Total of \$558,618.23 APPROVED

Page 23 - CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENT: Total of \$24,318.32 APPROVED

Page 25 - CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES PENSION FUND: Total of \$6,177.00 APPROVED

Page 25 - CITY COURT: Total of \$19,904.50 APPROVED

Page 25 - PROBATE COURT: Total of \$5,800.00 APPROVED

Page 27 - SEWER COMMISSION Total of \$6,064.72 APPROVED

Page 27 - TOTAL, GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Total of \$1,716,988.94 APPROVED

Page 29 - DEBT SERVICE - Total of \$1,939,417.00 APPROVED

Page 35 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Total of \$7,100,000.00 APPROVED

(Note: J. M. Wright Technical School is eliminated this year, for the reason that all costs are now assumed by the State, since the building of the new school.)

Page 37 - WELFARE DEPARTMENT: Total of \$332,892.75 APPROVED

Page 39 - HOSPITALS: Total of \$108,500.00 APPROVED

Page 39 - SUNSET HOME: Total of \$68,708.89 APPROVED

Page 39 - TOTAL WELFARE & INSTITUTIONS: Total of \$510,101.64 APPROVED

Page 41 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Total of \$117,944.30 APPROVED

Page 41 - DOG WARDEN: Total of \$4,676.00 APPROVED

Page 43 - POLICE DEPARTMENT: Total Salaries of \$1,215,717.31 APPROVED

Page 45 - TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT: Total of \$1,341,870.09 APPROVED
(Protection to Persons and Property)

Page 47 - FIRE DEPARTMENT: Total Salaries of \$1,073,468.32 APPROVED

Page 49 - TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT Total of \$1,127,474.32 APPROVED
(Protection to Persons and Property)

Page 51 - HYDRANTS & WATER SUPPLY Total of \$105,241.90 APPROVED

Page 51 - CIVILIAN DEFENSE: Total of \$20,422.00 APPROVED

Page 53 - VOLUNTIZER FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

Belltown Fire Department - Total of \$20,000.00 APPROVED

New Hope Fire Department - Total of \$38,000.00 APPROVED

Long Ridge Fire Department - Total of \$25,000.00 APPROVED

Page 55: Turn-of-River Fire Department - Total of \$40,000.00 APPROVED

Investigation of Fires - Total of \$75.00 APPROVED

Springdale Fire Department - Total of \$25,000.00 APPROVED

TOTAL FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS: \$148,075.00 APPROVED

- Page 55 - TOTAL PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY: \$2,865,703.61 APPROVED
- Page 57 - PUBLIC WORKS - ADMINISTRATION: Total of \$66,285.00 APPROVED
- Page 57 - WEIGHTS & MEASURES: Total of \$5,886.00 APPROVED
- Page 59 - BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS & MAINTENANCE: Total of \$497,491.00 APPROVED
- Page 59 - BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS (Yard #2): Total of \$28,541.00 APPROVED
- Page 61 - CROSBY STREET PUMPING STATION: Total of \$4,500.00 APPROVED
- Page 61 - BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS (Yard #1): Total of \$76,953.00 APPROVED
- Page 61 - STREET CLEANING: Total of \$112,855.00 APPROVED
- Page 61 - STREET LIGHTING: Total of \$260,000.00 APPROVED
- Page 63 - MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY SEWERS: Total of \$20,997.00 APPROVED
- Page 63 - INCINERATOR & SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT: Total of \$407,952.29 APPROVED
- Page 65 - PUMPING STATIONS #2, #3, and #4: Total of \$17,776.00 APPROVED
- Page 65 - GARBAGE COLLECTION: Total of \$410,706.00 APPROVED
- Page 67 - ENGINEERING: Total of \$232,439.00 APPROVED
- Page 69 - BUILDING BUREAU: Total of \$72,287.00 APPROVED
- Page 69 - CITY HALL & OTHER BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Total of \$47,003.00 APPROVED
- Page 69 - ELM STREET SCHOOL: Total of \$6,438.00 APPROVED
(Custodian, Supplies, Fuel, Oil, Water)
- Page 69 - GAS OIL & REPAIRS: Total of \$50,000.00 APPROVED
- Page 69 - TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET: \$2,318,109.29 APPROVED
- Page 71 - PARK COMMISSION: Total of \$291,308.02 APPROVED
- Page 73 - BOARD OF RECREATION: Total of \$176,412.06 APPROVED
- Page 75 - HUBBARD HEIGHTS: Total of \$67,027.04 APPROVED
- Page 75 - TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION BUDGET: \$534,747.12 APPROVED
- Page 75 - OTHERS - Sundries: Total of \$3,500.00 APPROVED
- Page 75 - TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 1960-1961 - \$16,988,567.60 APPROVED

(Note: The summary of all above items appears on page 1
of the Operating Budget)

CAPITAL BUDGET - 1960 - 1961

THE PRESIDENT explained that each item would have to be considered separately, there being no code numbers.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

(Note: There were no cuts made in this Budget)

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

Page 3 - Sanitary Sewers:

Center Street - Scofield Avenue -----	\$50,000.00
Seaside Avenue -----	15,000.00
Fairfield Avenue -----	1,800.00
Northeast Section -----	733,000.00
Perry Street -----	10,000.00
Total -----	\$809,800.00

Page 5 - Storm Drains:

Unity Road -----	\$114,000.00
Givens Avenue -----	18,000.00
Dale Street -----	69,375.00
Riverside Avenue -----	4,500.00
Bertmor Drive -----	26,000.00
* Hirsch & Ogden -----	50,000.00
Total -----	\$281,875.00

*Re: Ogden Road

In regard to the above item, and in answer to a request to the Corporation Counsel for an opinion, Mr. Reback presented the following letter from the Corporation Counsel:

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

April 29, 1960

Mr. Daniel M. Reback, Chairman
Fiscal Committee

Dear Mr. Reback:

Miss Rose Farina asked me to inquire whether or not the appropriation of the Capital Projects Budget for the Ogden Road improvement could be passed if inserted in the budget without approval by the Planning Board. I have checked this matter with Mr. McDonald (Controller) and he has informed me that this item was advanced by the Planning Board and was approved by the Planning Board and that the figure was omitted from the Planning Board's recommendation because the letter was not received until after the budget was mimeographed. It was, however, approved by the Planning Board prior to the submission of the budget to the Board of Finance

and, therefore, this matter can be acted upon by the Fiscal Committee since the procedure required by the Charter was followed.

Very truly yours,

/Signed/ Isadore M. Mackler
Corporation Counsel

Page 7 - Highways:

Sidewalks - City-wide	\$ 15,000.00
Resurfacing Highways	25,000.00
Belltown Road	20,000.00
Intervale Road	30,000.00
Total	\$ 90,000.00

Page 9 - Sidewalks and/or Curbing:

Curbing - City-wide	\$ 15,000.00
Eighth Street	5,200.00
Center Street - Rose to Goorwin	1,800.00
Hillandale Avenue	8,500.00
Knickerbocker Avenue	7,000.00
Total	\$ 37,500.00

Page 11 - Flood and Erosion Control:

Beach Erosion (Cove Island Jetty & Beach Restoration already completed by State)	\$ 5,000.00
Cummings Park - Jetty & Beach Erosion	3,300.00
Flood Control (Small rivers and streams)	25,000.00
Survey of Rivers	10,000.00
Total	\$ 43,300.00

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET: \$ 1,262,475.00

Page 13 - PARK COMMISSION

Project: Cummings Park Beach - Front Completion:

MR. REBACK MOVED to reduce the amount of \$100,000 previously approved by the Board of Finance, to \$25,000.00. Seconded by Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. KELLY voiced his objections to Mr. Reback's motion and said he considered this a most important project.

MR. KELLY MOVED to AMEND Mr. Reback's motion that this item be approved at the \$100,000.00 originally approved by the Board of Finance. Seconded by Mr. Sileo.

MR. NOLAN (PRESIDENT) explained the parliamentary procedure - that a vote would first be taken on the amendment as offered by Mr. Kelly - to approve the \$100,000.00

for Cummings Park Beach - Front Completion. If this failed of passage, then a vote would be taken on Mr. Reback's motion to reduce this amount to \$25,000.00

MR. IVLER spoke in favor of Mr. Kelly's motion.

MR. RYBNICK said he agreed with Mr. Kelly.

MR. SILEO also agreed with Mr. Kelly.

MR. SCARELLA spoke in favor of Mr. Kelly's motion.

MR. BAKER said he was in favor of Mr. Kelly's motion.

MR. HENRY NOLAN also agreed with Mr. Kelly.

VOTE taken on Mr. Kelly's motion to APPROVE \$100,000.00 for this item No. 1 on page 13 "Cummings Park Beach - Front Completion" and APPROVED by unanimous vote.

The following items were all APPROVED:

Page 13 - Park Commission (continued)

<u>Projects:</u>	Carried forward -----	\$100,000.00
Rosa Hartman Park -----		\$ 36,000.00
Cummings Park - East Avenue Sewer -----		6,500.00
Sleepy Hollow Park -----		8,500.00
Springdale Park -----		8,000.00
Marinas -----		5,000.00
Turf Renovation -----		3,000.00
Asphalting -----		5,000.00
Trees: Highway Safety -----		3,500.00
	Total Projects -----	\$175,500.00

Page 15 - BOARD OF RECREATION:

<u>Projects:</u>	
Playgrounds, Recreation Areas & Centers, Improved and Developed -----	\$ 10,000.00
Fence - Courtland Park -----	1,550.00
Play Area, Picnic Grove, and Parking Area - Courtland Park -----	10,000.00
	Total Projects ----- \$ 21,550.00

Page 17 - HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COMMISSION:

<u>Projects:</u>	
Trees -----	\$ 500.00
Guard Rails -----	1,252.00
Refreshment Stand -----	1,475.00
	Total Projects ----- \$ 3,227.00

Page 19 - SUNSET HOME:

Projects:

Installation of Mechanical Disposal	
Plant and Pump House -----	\$38,000.00
Sun Porch-Remodeled to a Five Bed Ward -----	4,600.00
Total Projects -----	\$42,600.00

Page 21 - STAMFORD MUSEUM AND NATURE CENTER:Projects:

Paving Roadway for Observatory -----	\$ 1,500.00
Total Projects	\$ 1,500.00

Page 23 - BOARD OF EDUCATION:Projects:

New Senior High School -----	\$324,000.00
Jr. High School Vine Road -----	\$100,000.00

Elementary School - North of Parkway:

MR. REBACK read from his Committee report (Note: See report at beginning of Minutes) on the above project.

MR. REBACK MOVED that the \$1,200,000.00 previously approved by the Board of Finance for the Elementary School, North of Parkway be REDUCED to \$250,000.00 for the reasons previously given in his Committee report. He said this amount would be sufficient to cover site acquisition and the completion of detailed plans for this project. Seconded by Mr. Ivler.

There was considerable debate at this point.

MR. BAKER rose to a point of information. He inquired what effect the reduction of this item would have on delay of construction of this school.

MR. REBACK informed Mr. Baker that the Committee had gone into this very thoroughly and met with representatives of the Board of Education and were convinced this would in no way hold up the construction of the school. He said the questions the Committee asked were very much to the point. When they asked when the school would be open, there was no positive answer. When the Committee asked where the land was, they were informed that this question could not be answered at this time. When they asked if the price of the land had been decided upon, they were informed that this had not yet been decided. When the Committee asked if the school would be ready by September 1961, they received no assurance that this could be accomplished. He said all they were assured of was that they were working on the obtaining of a site for the school and at this time no site had as yet been selected and no price had been set for the land. He said the Committee felt that, considering the circumstances at this time, that \$250,000 would be an adequate sum to go ahead and purchase the land and to develop mechanical drawings and do the preliminary work necessary. In view of this, he said it would appear that no detailed determination could be made at this time of the ultimate amount of money needed for the project and therefore when more positive costs were made available, he was certain that it would go forward without any objections by any City Board.

MR. BAKER asked if it would mean that the money for this project would be delayed until the budget for the next fiscal year came along. He was informed that it would not be held up for another year - that as soon as the cost of the project was more definitely determined that there was no reason why it could not be handled in the same way it was handled in the case of the new Senior High School.

MR. HENRY NOLAN explained that the site of the school could certainly not be divulged until the time for purchase had arrived, for obvious real estate reasons. He said they could not go ahead with plans to purchase the site until the money was made available.

MR. REBACK said, although the contemplated site or sites could not be divulged at this time, he was sure the Board of Education had several sites in mind.

MR. IVLER and MR. SHAPERO both spoke in favor of the motion.

MR. REBACK explained the reason the amount of \$1,200,000 had been requested was based upon a previous request for construction of this type and no absolute guarantee could be given at this time that this would be the actual cost.

The Chairman of the Fiscal Committee was questioned at some length by the various members, as to the reasons for the Committee's recommendation for the reduction in the requested appropriation. He answered all questions in great detail.

THE PRESIDENT relinquished the Chair to the Clerk, Peter Sileo, at this time in order to question Mr. Reback and to arrive at a full explanation of the reasons for the recommended reduction. He said he agreed with the Fiscal Committee that the first matter that should be taken care of would have to necessarily be site acquisition and planning. After that, more details would be available on the amount of money needed to complete the project and it could easily be taken care of in the same way it had been done in previous years by then appropriating the amount needed by amending the Capital Projects Budget.

THE PRESIDENT assumed the Chair again.

MR. SCARELLA said he agreed with Mr. Reback.

MR. HUIZINGA spoke in disagreement of the motion offered by Mr. Reback.

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED TO AMEND Mr. Reback's motion by increasing it to the original amount requested and approved by the Board of Finance, namely \$1,200,000.00. He said he did not vote on this when the Fiscal Committee had this under consideration, as he arrived after the vote was taken. However, he said he did not oppose it at that time. He quoted from the notes he had taken at the meeting with the members of the Board of Education on this matter, and explained the reasons for his motion. Mr. DeForest seconded the motion.

MR. SCARELLA spoke in opposition to Mr. Huizinga's motion to amend.

After a great deal of further debate, Mr. Connors MOVED THE QUESTION.

VOTE taken on Mr. Huizinga's motion to amend the original motion by approving \$1,200,000.00. LOST by a vote of 5 in favor and 29 opposed.

VOTE was then taken on Mr. Reback's motion to approve \$250,000 for item #3 on page 23 entitled "Elementary School, North of Parkway" and CARRIED unanimously.

Page 23 - Board of Education (Continued): APPROVED the following:

Stamford High School, Science Department -
Improvement ----- \$ 35,000.00

(Note: No vote was taken upon the next two items
in the budget - #5, Rogers School Improvement,
and #6, Clonan School, Improvement, as these
were previously denied by the Board of Finance.)

Hart School-Service Addition ----- 25,000.00

Contingency Fund - New Senior High School ----- 25,000.00

BOARD OF EDUCATION - Total APPROVED ----- \$759,000.00

MR. CONNORS was excused at this time (10:30 P.M.)

Page 25 - URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Re: South East Quadrant Project ----- \$100,000.00

(Note: See Fiscal Committee report on above item)

MR. REBACK read from his Committee report at this time and urged the approval of this item, and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Carey.

MR. GEORGIOULIS spoke in opposition and stated it should be gone into very thoroughly before action is taken and said he thought a public hearing should be held to find out whether the people of Stamford approved of this project.

MR. REBACK suggested that Mr. Carey, the Chairman of the URC Committee, explain the points questioned by Mr. Georgoulis.

MR. CAREY stated that there had been no official public hearing and one could not be held until matters had progressed further.

This debate went on for some time.

MR. MURPHY, MR. SHAPERO, MR. MACRI and MR. DEFOREST spoke in favor of the appropriation.

After considerable further debate, MR. IVLER MOVED to amend that the \$100,000 requested for the South East Quadrant be REJECTED. Seconded by Mr. Georgoulis.

Several questions were asked by the various members as to how this project was to be handled. Mr. Carey and Mr. Reback explained.

The debate went on for some time. MR. MURPHY MOVED the question. Seconded by Mr. Reback.

VOTE taken on Mr. Ivler's motion. LOST.

VOTE taken on the \$100,000 appropriation for the South East Quadrant Project and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. REBACK thanked the members of his committee for their hard work on the budget and their fine cooperation.

GRAND TOTAL - CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET (Page 1) ----- \$2,365,852.00 APPROVED

The following resolution was presented. MR. REBACK MOVED its adoption. Seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and CARRIED unanimously: (by a rising vote)

RESOLUTION NO. 323

ADOPTION OF THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL
BUDGETS FROM JULY 1, 1960 TO JUNE 30, 1961

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance has transmitted to the Board of Representatives its recommended budget for the ensuing fiscal year, commencing July 1, 1960 and ending June 30, 1961, 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 1960-1961 in the budgets as submitted by the Mayor and as acted upon by the Board of Representatives, in the amounts of


\$ 2,365,852.00 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET
\$16,988,567.60 OPERATING BUDGET

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.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 P.M., upon motion, duly seconded and CARRIED.

APPROVED:


John R. Nolan, President
Board of Representatives


Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant

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John R. Nolan, President