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Minutes of September 11, 1961
Meeting of the Board of Representatives
Stamford, Connecticut

A regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, September 11, 1961 in the Cafeteria of the Dolan Junior High School, Toms Road, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, John R. Nolan, at 8:10 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Rev. Stephen A. Grinvalsky of St. Benedict's Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG: The President led the members in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 35 present at the calling of the roll. However, two members arrived later in the meeting, changing the roll call to 38 present and 2 absent.

The absent members were: Robert Meyers and Raymond Mazza.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Meeting of August 7, 1961.

There being no corrections to the Minutes, they were accepted.

Re: Resolution commending people of the Jewish faith in the City of Stamford

MR. CONNORS asked permission to present a resolution, commending the people of the Jewish faith in the City of Stamford on the period of their New Year and the period of Penitence and Prayer. He requested a copy of the resolution be sent to the three Clergymen of the Jewish faith, and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and Mr. McLaughlin and CARRIED unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The President requested Mrs. Farrell to read the Steering Committee report, which follows:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT
Meeting held Monday, August 28, 1961

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, August 28, 1961 in the Mayor's office, City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M. by the Chairman, John R. Nolan.

The following members were present: William Murphy, Henry Nolan, Peter Sileo, Eleanor Austin, Clyde O'Connell, John DeForest, Allen Shanen, George Connors and John Nolan, Chairman. Also attending the meeting was Paul Callahan.

The absent members were: Daniel Reback, Paul Shapero, Daniel Baker, Stephen Kelly, Bernard Geronimo, George Russell and Jack McLaughlin.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

(1) Additional appropriations:

All requests for additional appropriations approved by the Board

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of Finance on August 10, 1961 were ordered placed on the Agenda under Fiscal Committee. All appropriations over \$2,000 were referred to a second committee.

Two matters that were deferred at the August 7th Board meeting, concerning \$4,000 for the Veterans' Grave Commission and \$5,000 for the Patriotic Observances Commission were also ordered placed on the Agenda under Fiscal Committee and also referred to the Education, Welfare & Government Committee.

(2) Appointments:

The Chairman informed the members that certain appointments would be forthcoming at the next meeting, but were not ready as yet.

(3) Resignations:

The Chairman announced that there was a resignation from the Board of Education, namely Alfred J. Sette, Jr. (Democrat), whose term ends December 1, 1962 and one from the Board of Finance, being Joseph G. Gleason (Democrat), whose term ends December 1, 1961.

The above were ordered placed on the Agenda under "Communications from Other Boards and Individuals" at which time the replacements for the vacancies would be acted upon.

(4) Building Board of Appeals - Request in letter of 7/25/61 for confirmation of decision reversing ruling of Building Inspector on request from THE HARTFORD ELECTRIC LIGHT CO. to install gas-fired, above-the-floor space heaters in Warehouse and Office Building to be erected at Harbor View Avenue and Blondell Street (In accordance with provisions of Sec. 13. d, of Building Code, page 11)

The above matter, having been deferred at the August 7th Board meeting, was ordered placed on the Agenda under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE (See 8/7/61 Minutes, item #5 under Steering Committee report, and item #3, under Legislative & Rules Committee)

(5) Concerning proposed amendment to BUILDING CODE - Letter dated 8/23/61 from William F. Hickey, Jr., law firm of Hickey & Peluso, asking that certain sections pertaining to Journeyman Heater be omitted from the Code. REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

(6) Building Board of Appeals - Letter dated August 2, 1961, requesting confirmation of their decision relative to the ROGER SMITH HOTELS CORPORATION'S request for an exception to the Building Code. REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

(7) Letter dated 8/9/61 from Mayor, concerning action taken at Board of Representatives' meeting on August 7th, 1961 on the possible acquisition of waterfront property next to Southfield Park, owned by Timothy Egan.

The Chairman asked the members to refrain in the future, from encroaching on matters pertaining strictly to the Administrative branch of the City government. It was agreed that the members would try to abide by this protocol in the future. ORDERED PLACED ON AGENDA UNDER "COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR"

- (8) United Fund of Stamford, Inc. - Petition dated 8/4/61, requesting permission to erect banners and progress indicator on downtown city streets
REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

- (9) Letter dated 7/26/61 from Julius B. Kuriansky of law firm of Wofsey, Kweskin & Kuriansky, representing the MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, concerning inequities in the Classified Employees' Pension Plan and requesting revisions to the Plan.

The Chairman read the letter and his reply dated 7/27/61 in which he stated that an appropriation for making an actuarial study was approved by the Board of Representatives on March 7, 1960 (See page 2769 of Minutes) and it was being conducted at the present time. ORDERED FILED.

- (10) Letter dated 8/28/61 from the Mayor, concerning Resolution No. 368 passed by the Board of Representatives on August 7, 1961 re: PINNER LANE and improvements thereto under Section 641 of the Charter. REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

- (11) Concerning report of the CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE on the recommendations presented to the Board of Representatives at their August 7, 1961 meeting

Mr. Paul Callahan, Chairman of the Charter Revision Committee, announced that a Public Hearing by the Board of Representatives will be held in the Auditorium of Dolan J. High School on Thursday of this week (August 31, 1961) to hear speakers regarding amendments to the Charter as approved by the Charter Revision Commission. ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA UNDER CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE

- (12) Parking Authority balance sheet as of June 1961 - NOTED AND FILED

- (13) Public Welfare Department report for May 1961 - NOTED AND FILED

- (14) Health Department July 1961 monthly report on Southfield Village - ORDERED FILED

- (15) Parking Authority - Request dated 8/9/61 to install 24 parking meters on North side of McCullough Street, from Greenwich Avenue to South Street and 14 meters on both sides of Greenwich Avenue under Turnpike. To be all day 25¢ meters.
REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

- (16) APPEAL from decision of Planning Board - Dorothy Doyle, et al, Strawberry Hill Court - Master Plan change --- REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE AND THE LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE (Note: Transcript of hearing and excerpts from Minutes of Planning Board not yet received)

- (17) Request for abandonment of portion of STILLVIEW DRIVE - Letter of 8/23/61 from law firm of Spelke & Weil - REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

- (18) VIRGIL STREET STORM DRAIN - Carbon copy of letter dated 8/24/61 from Planning Board to Mayor, approving \$4,000 additional appropriation. (Note: requested in Mayor's letter of 8/8/61 - No action

taken by Board of Finance at 8/10/61 meeting
on this) REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE AND
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

(19) Picnic Committee:

Mr. Russell, Chairman, reported that the Board picnic would be held this year in September. No firm date was decided upon.

(20) Concerning bus transportation for children in East Side area:

Mr. Connors brought up the subject of the need for bus transportation for school children in the area of Waterbury Avenue, Houston Terrace, Weed Avenue, etc. He said the lack of sidewalks or bus transportation for the children walking to and from Rogers School constituted a very hazardous condition. REFERRED TO EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

(21) Hazardous parking by residents of apartment houses:

This matter, previously brought up by Mr. Shanen at the August 7th Board meeting and referred to the Steering Committee at that time, was discussed
REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. NOLAN, Chairman
Steering Committee

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE.

MRS. AUSTIN, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee. She reported that a meeting of the Committee was held this evening at 6.45 P.M. Present were: Paul Callahan, John DeForest and Eleanor Austin, Chairman. Absent: George Georgoulis and Paul Shapero, who arrived later and indicated their approval of the action taken by the Committee.

JOSEPH FAHEY, JR. (Democrat) 60 Auldwood Road, appointment to
PLANNING BOARD, replacing Joseph P. Zone,
resigned - Term ending: December 1, 1963

MRS. AUSTIN said the Committee interviewed Mr. Fahey and unanimously recommends his appointment. (Submitted in Mayor's letter of August 30, 1961)

Mr. Patrick Scarella arrived at this time, changing the roll call to 36 present and 4 absent.

The Tellers distributed ballots to all members present and recorded the following
VOTE:

Votes in favor: 29
 Votes opposed: 6
 Void vote: 1

There were 36 members present at time of voting. Mr. Fahey was declared appointed as a member of the Planning Board.

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. REBACK presented his committee report. He said a meeting was held on Thursday, September 7, 1961 in the Mayor's Office, City Hall. Present were: Mrs. Austin, Miss Farina, Messrs. Sileo, Callahan, Russell, Reback. Absent were Messrs. McLaughlin and Connors. He reported that the committee unanimously recommends approval of all items on the agenda.

- (1) a. \$4,000.00 - VETERANS' GRAVE COMMISSION - Covering the following.
 (Mayor's letter 7/7/61)

Code 128.5710 Salaries-----	\$2,000.00
Code 128.5711 Care of Graves -----	2,000.00
	<u>\$4,000.00</u>

- b. \$5,000.00 - PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES COMMISSION - Covering the following:
 (Mayor's letter 7/7/61)

Veterans Day Observance -----	\$2,500.00
Memorial Day Observance -----	2,000.00
Other Civic Observances -----	500.00
	<u>\$5,000.00</u>

MR. REBACK MOVED for approval of item (a) \$4,000 above. Seconded by Mr. Truglia.

MR. BLOIS, through the Chairman asked Mr. Reback a question. He said: "It is my understanding that there are only 25 graves to be taken care of. Why should it cost so much?"

MR. REBACK: "That question was raised in Committee. The exact number of graves was not given to us, but it is in the hundreds. Much of the work of caring for the graves is done by the Park Department as well, and this \$2,000 goes to reimburse the Park Department for the work they do in caring for the graves."

MR. CAREY said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee also concurs in approval of this expenditure.

VOTE taken on item (1) a. above. CARRIED unanimously.

MR. REBACK MOVED for approval of item (b) above for \$5,000. Seconded by Mr. Sileo.

MR. CAREY reported that the Education, Welfare & Government Committee also approved this appropriation.

VOTE taken on item (1) b. above. CARRIED unanimously.

- (2) \$1,050.00 - Rental increase, 303 Main Street (For first 6 months of 1961-1962 fiscal year) (Mayor's letter 8/8/61)

MR. REBACK said the Committee recommended that the lease run for two years instead of for five years. He said the rental will now become \$1,775.00.

MR. REBACK MOVED for approval of the above appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Carey and CARRIED unanimously.

- (3) \$3,278.33 - Public Works Department - Code 634.0101, Circuit Court House, Salaries - 10 months salary for additional Custodian, based on annual salary of \$3,934.00 (Mayor's letter 8/8/61)

MR. REBACK MOVED for approval of the above appropriation. Mr. Henry Nolan said the Public Works Committee concurred in approving the appropriation and seconded the motion. CARRIED unanimously.

MR. MACRI arrived at this time, changing the roll call to 37 present and 3 absent.

- (4) \$225,000.00 - Board of Education - Requested in letter of 8/29/61 from Board of Education and letter of 6/28/61 to Board of Finance for restoration of Operating Budget funds from State Aid.
(Note: The original request was for \$400,000 but the Board of Finance reduced it to \$225,000)

MR. REBACK: "This is for an increase and restoration of part of the Operating Budget funds. The State of Connecticut has given to the City of Stamford certain funds and of these funds \$225,000 has been requested to be given to the Board of Education. Every member has received a copy of their budget studies where it breaks down in minute detail exactly how the money is to be used. The committee has gone over this and unanimously voted for approval of the allocation to the Board of Education and I MOVE for its approval. Seconded by Mr. Callahan. Mr. Carey, Chairman of the Education, Welfare & Government Committee, said his committee recommended approval.

MR. REBACK: "This \$225,000 will have nothing to do with raising taxes, as it will come out of the General Fund and will not have any influence on taxes for this fiscal year.

HENRY NOLAN: "Actually this money is coming from the State Aid to education and is increased over last year's because of the new formula set by the State Legislature in the past session."

MR. BAKER spoke in favor of the appropriation.

VOTE taken on item (4) above. CARRIED unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

MR. SHAPERO gave a verbal report of his committee meeting. He said a meeting was held this evening and present were: Mr. Shapero, Mr. Baker, Mr. Johnson, with Mr. Macri, Mr. Mazza and Mr. Meyers absent.

- (1) Confirmation of decision of BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS in letter dated 7/25/61 reversing decision of Building Inspector on request from THE HARTFORD ELECTRIC LIGHT CO. to install gas-fired, above-the-floor space heaters in Warehouse

and Office Building to be erected at Harbor View Avenue and Blondell Street.
(In accordance with provisions of Sec. 13. d. of Building Code, page 11)

(NOTE: Deferred at the August 7, 1961 meeting - Pages 3184-85)

MR. SHAPERO explained that this matter had been deferred at the last Board meeting in order to have it fully explained to the Committee. He said the building contained some 36,000 square feet with 30,000 square feet to be used for the Warehouse and 6,000 to be devoted to office space.

MR. SHAPERO: "under our present code it will be considered a mercantile building, but it will be a combined building and therefore this type of heating could not be used. However, the Building Board of Appeals consists of specialists in the field of building and they know far more about it than most of us on this Board. They know what problems are involved and have recommended that the Hartford Electric Light Co. be permitted to use this type of heating, so therefore our committee concurs in the recommendations of the Building Board of Appeals and I MOVE for confirmation of their approval."

Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

MR. GERONIMO said he thought that in the future when the Building Board of Appeals overrules the findings of the Building Inspector, this Board should be informed of all the facts concerning the matter.

MR. McLAUGHLIN wanted to know why an exception was being made in this particular case, when the Building Code calls for a certain type of heating system.

MR. SHAPERO: "The reason why this problem was created is the fact that our Building Code as it now stands has not got a definition to cover this particular type of building." He went on to read from the last paragraph of the letter received from the Building Board of Appeals: (To Mr. Swinnerton, dated July 10, 1961)

"This Board recommends that the Stamford Building Code be amended to include the following:

1. A more explicit definition for Storage Building in Use - Groups A, B-1 and B-2.
2. The addition of another Use Group Classification for combined Warehouse and Office Buildings where the receipt, storage and distribution of merchandise to retail and wholesale firms forms the principal use of such a building. The display of merchandise for the purpose of direct sales to the public to be prohibited and the occupancy of the warehouse portion of this building to be limited to 75 persons."

MR. SHAPERO: "Evidently there is not such a definition in our Building Code. For that reason this problem resulted of a mercantile building, when in fact it is not a mercantile building. It's not a store that makes direct sales to the public. Of course it contains merchandise that will be sold to the public, and the Building Inspector felt that it should be classified as a mercantile building. The Building Board of Appeals felt otherwise, because it is not a mercantile building. Later on we will ask that the Building Code be amended to provide a proper category for this type of building."

MR. MURPHY arrived at this time, changing the roll call to 38 present and 2 absent.

After considerable further discussion, the matter was VOTED upon and CARRIED, with Mr. Scarella abstaining from voting.

- (2) Confirmation of decision of BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS - Letter dated 8/2/61 concerning ROGER SMITH HOTELS CORPORATION'S request for an exception to the Building Code.

MR. SHAPERO explained that in this instance the problem was created by Sec. 121, paragraph 3 of the Building Code, controlling the erection of a wall sign on a building and limiting its projection to eight inches beyond the face of such a building wall. He said the committee recommends that the decision of the Building Board of Appeals in this matter, be upheld, and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and CARRIED unanimously.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

MR. BAKER reported that there would be a final public hearing on fluoridation of the city water supply the evening of September 21, 1961 at Dolan School, at 8 PM in the Auditorium.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

(Note: These were not taken up in the manner in which they appear on the agenda)

- (1) Concerning PINNER LANE - Letter of 8/28/61 from Mayor regarding Resolution No. 368 adopted at the 8/7/61 Board meeting - See page 3183 of the Minutes

MR. RUSSELL: "The Committee agreed to move for approval of a resolution covering that step of procedure which will permit the improvement of Pinner Lane, largely at the expense of the adjoining property owners. Because of the timing, the Committee recommends that this improvement step be expedited so that the road can be completed before winter."

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 370

DIRECTING IMPROVEMENT TO BE
CARRIED OUT ON PINNER LANE

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, that the report of the Commissioner of Finance to the Board of Representatives, dated September 7, 1961 regarding the improvement of the following road is hereby approved:

PINNER LANE

and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of said report by the Mayor of the City of Stamford, said improvements shall be carried out in accordance with said report, after notice of such finally approved report has been given according to law, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the report when so approved by the Mayor and when funds have been appropriated to pay for the cost of the improvement shall be recorded in the land records of the City of Stamford.

(2) Acceptance of new roads:

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for acceptance of the following roads as city streets: Seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and CARRIED unanimously:

CUSTER STREET (Extension): Extending from the previously accepted portion easterly, northerly and thence easterly to Lawn Avenue. This portion of Custer Street is located within the City Housing Authority development off Lawn Avenue. Length: approximately 1,230 ft., width: 40 feet. There is no map on file in the City Clerk's office on this.

ACRE VIEW DRIVE: Extending easterly and northerly from High Ridge Road to a temporary turnaround. Length: 1,150 ft., Width: 27 ft., as shown on Map #6913

MR. RUSSELL explained that both of the above roads has been certified for acceptance by the City Engineer in his letters of July 6, 1961 and September 7, 1961.

(3) Final adoption of resolution accepting ALLYN PLACE and HOMESTEAD AVENUE, being streets open to vehicular travel prior to April 16, 1950 (Adopted for publication at August 7, 1961 meeting and published August 16, 1961)

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for approval of the following resolution; seconded by Mr. Koslowski and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 371

ACCEPTING STREETS BUILT PRIOR TO CONSOLIDATION
WHICH HAVE NEVER BEEN ACCEPTED AS CITY STREETS

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED that the following named streets and highways, which were open to vehicular travel prior to April 16, 1950 as public streets and highways, are accepted as City streets:

ALLYN PLACE ----- That portion, running easterly for approximately 390 feet from Fairfield Avenue.

HOMESTEAD AVENUE ----- That portion running easterly from Orchard Street to Southfield Avenue.

(4) Requested abandonment of portion of STILLVIEW DRIVE (In letter of 8/23/61 from law firm of Spelke & Weil)

MR. RUSSELL: "The Committee is holding this item until the next meeting for the reason that we would like to receive the opinion of the Planning Board before action is taken."

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Kelly presented his committee report of meeting held September 7, 1961, with Messrs. Esposito, Cole, Kozlowski and Kelly attending.

- (1) Concerning acquisition of property adjoining Southfield Park (See Minutes of 8/7/61 pages 3188-89) (Also see Mayor's letter of 8/9/61 under "Communications from Mayor")

MR. KELLY: "We have received a copy of a letter from Mayor Kennedy, addressed to Mr. Robert Nolan, Chairman of the Park Commission, dated 8/29/61, being a progress report on the Park Commission's request to the Mayor to acquire the so-called 'Egan property' at Southfield Point.

"Upon investigation it would seem that the title of the property indicates that there are restrictive covenants which limit the use of the land for private residential purposes only.

"The Corporation Counsel's office is preparing to discuss the matter with adjacent property owners. We have been informed they have grouped together and have hired legal counsel to protect their interests. This may lead to difficulty in acquiring the property for park purposes. Mayor Kennedy will advise of the progress being made.

"On August 13, 1961 several members of the Committee, including Edward Cole, Tony Esposito and myself joined Mr. Truglia of the Second District and had a talk with Mr. Egan, who said he was prepared to do business with the City at any time, but since these complications came up, your committee will have to report progress on the acquisition of this land and ask that it be kept in committee until we receive a further report from the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel."

PETITIONS:

Because petitions are handled by the Parks & Recreation Committee, it was decided to report on this now.

PETITION NO. 278 - "UNITED FUND OF STAMFORD, INC. - Requesting permission to erect banners and progress indicator on downtown city streets.

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of the above request, provided the United Fund arrange for proper liability insurance covering the banners and the progress indicator in the same manner they have done in the past and providing permission is given by the Fire and Police Departments and all city ordinances are complied with. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

MR. SHANEN: "The Personnel Committee met Sunday, September 10th. Present were: Paul Kuczo, Jr., Anthony Truglia; absent were Alvin Philpotts and James McDonald because of previous commitments.

"This was not a regular business meeting, but a meeting to discuss the functions of the Personnel Committee and its relationship to the Personnel Commission.

"Since our last Board meeting we have had a conference with Mr. McCutcheon, the Personnel Director. He informs me of the following facts: The Personnel Committee can only act on matters of reclassification, providing that the Board of Finance approves the funds for the raise in pay. If the Board of Finance disapproves the funds, no action can be taken by the Personnel Committee.

"Any member of the Personnel Committee can sit in on the monthly meeting, but no action can be taken by these members - they are just to sit in and observe. In fact, it is an open meeting and any member of any committee can sit in on their monthly meetings.

"Minutes of the meetings are sent - the Personnel Commission's meetings - are sent to the Chairman. No member of the Personnel Committee is allowed in the executive sessions of the Personnel Commission.

"As the result of my conference with Mr. McCutcheon at the meeting of the Personnel Committee, I submit the following recommendations: Since the Personnel Committee has been extremely inactive, the District Board should expand its present rules governing the Personnel Committee. Any personnel reclassification that will appear before this Board, should also be made the business of the Personnel Committee, so that they can sit jointly with and advise the Fiscal Committee. A member of the Personnel Committee should be present at all meetings of the Personnel Commission; that minutes of the Personnel Commission be sent to all regular members of the Personnel Committee. That closes my report."

MR. SHANEN: "Mr. Chairman, I wish to rise on a point of personal privilege. Last month during our Board meeting, certain inferences were made pertaining to the functions of the Personnel Committee and the Chairman of that Committee. These generalities had adverse implications regarding the efficiency of the Personnel Committee and its Chairman.

"In all fairness to the members of my Committee, I question why this matter was brought out on the floor of the Board in an open meeting and never mentioned at a Steering Committee meeting, where it should have been properly placed.

"I wish to state for the record that at no time during the past six months of my tenure as Chairman did any member of this Board, or the members who have made these inferences on the Board floor, had the courtesy, or, possibly I should say, the courage, to confer with me personally regarding the functions, procedures and policies governing the Personnel Committee. Obviously, my questions were answered during the past month, when a chain of circumstances developed. I can only conclude that the intent of such generalities were only meant to embarrass myself, the previous Chairman and the members of the Personnel Committee. Thank you."

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE:

MR. CALLAHAN, Chairman, presented his committee report at this time, as follows:

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE REPORT

In accordance with the Home Rule Act, State of Connecticut, a public hearing was held by the Charter Revision Committee of the Board of Representatives at Dolan Junior High School on August 31, 1961, on the report of the Fourth Charter Revision Commission. The Committee is pleased to note that 25 members of this Board attended the hearing.

The Committee met in executive session in the Mayor's Office on Friday evening September 8 1961 all members being present: Paul T. Callahan, Rose Farina Clyde O'Connell, Paul Shapiro, Peter Sileo, George Connors, George Russell and John DeForest.

The following is the Committee's report to this Board on the report of the Fourth Charter Revision Commission: (Submitted to the August 7, 1961 meeting)
(See page 3189 of Minutes)

PROPOSAL NO. 1

Concerning revision of Sections 501, 502.2 and 503 to provide for the appointment of alternate members to the Planning, Zoning and Zoning Board of Appeals Boards

Sec. 501. Appointive Board Members. Each appointed board, except the personnel commission, the board of public safety and the public welfare commission, each of which shall consist of three members, shall consist of five members. The planning board, the zoning board and the zoning board of appeals shall, however, in addition to the five regular members of each such board, have three alternate members on each such board and such alternate members, also referred to as the "panel of alternates" shall, when seated on their respective boards, have all the powers and duties of the regular members of such boards and shall not be members of any other boards. All members and alternate members shall be resident electors of the municipality and not more than a bare majority of the members of any board or of any "panel of alternates" shall be registered members of the same political party. If a regular member of the planning board, the zoning board or the zoning board of appeals is absent or disqualifies himself, the chairman of such board shall designate an alternate from the panel of alternates for his board, choosing alternates in rotation so that they shall act as nearly equal a number of times as possible. If any alternate is not available in accordance with such rotation, such fact shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Sec. 502.2. Appointment of Panel of Alternates to Planning, Zoning and Zoning Board of Appeals. The mayor in office in December 1961, shall submit to the board of representatives at its first meeting after December first, his nominations of three alternate members for each of the following boards: the planning board, the zoning board and the zoning board of appeals one alternate member of each such board to serve for three years, one for four years and one for five years and thereafter each new alternate member shall be appointed to serve for five years.

Section. 503. Appointment and Removal of Board Members and Alternate Members. The mayor shall, annually, submit to the board of representatives at its first meeting after December first his nomination of one member to each appointive five member board to serve five years, and one member of each appointive three member board to serve three years, except appointments to the board of public safety. The mayor shall also submit to the board of representatives at such meeting his nomination of alternate members of the planning board, the zoning board and the zoning board of appeals to fill any vacancies on any "panel of alternates." No nomination to such appointive boards or "panel of alternates" made by the mayor shall become effective until approved by the board of representatives. The board of representatives

shall defer final action on all nominations until its next regular meeting. The mayor may remove a member of an appointive board or "panel of alternates" for cause after a public hearing. Written charges and notice of hearing shall be served upon such member or alternate member at least seven days before the hearing, either personally or by leaving the same at his place of residence. Such member or alternate member shall have the right to be represented by counsel at the hearing.

MR. CALLAHAN: "Mr. President, your Committee unanimously recommends that Proposal No. 1 be approved by this Board and placed on the ballot at the November 7, 1961 municipal election and I SO MOVE."

MR. SILEO seconded Mr. Callahan's motion.

VOTE taken on Mr. Callahan's motion to APPROVE Proposal No. 1, as read by him. CARRIED unanimously.

THE PRESIDENT called attention to the fact that there are now 38 members present.

MR. CALLAHAN continued with his Committee report.

PROPOSAL NO. 2

Concerning revision to Section 500 and new Sections 424 and 425 to provide for the creation of a five-member Health Commission.

Sec. 500. Appointive Boards. The appointive boards shall be: the planning board, the board of tax review, the board of recreation, the zoning board, the board of zoning appeals, the board of taxation, the board of public safety, the health commission, the park commission, the personnel commission and the public welfare commission.

The new sections - 424 and 425 will read as follows:

Sec. 424. Appointment of the Health Commission. The mayor shall, before January 1, 1962, submit his nominations of five members of the Health Commission to the board of representatives, one member to serve one year, one member to serve two years, one member to serve three years, one member to serve four years and one member to serve five years. Each succeeding appointment will then be for five years.

Sec. 425. Duties of the Health Commission: The Health Commission shall determine within applicable state statutes and/or special acts the health policies for the City of Stamford except as may otherwise be determined by the board of representatives, and make recommendations to the Health Commissioner and/or the mayor for the implementation of those policies and for dissemination of information to the public.

MR. CALLAHAN: "Mr. President, your Committee unanimously recommends that Proposal No. 2 be approved by this Board and placed on the ballot at the November 7, 1961 municipal election and I SO MOVE."

MR. REBACK seconded Mr. Callahan's motion.

MR. BAKER and MR. DEFOREST both spoke in favor of the charter amendments.

VOTE taken on Mr. Callahan's motion to APPROVE Proposal No. 2, as read by him.
CARRIED unanimously.

MR. CALLAHAN continued with his Committee report.

PROPOSAL NO. 3

Concerning revision to Section 500 and to amend Chapter 50 by adding
thereto Sections 502.3 and 502.4, to create a Patriotic and Special
Events Commission.

MR. CALLAHAN: "Your Committee unanimously recommends that Proposal No. 3 be amended to add: 'three of whom shall be veterans', following 'Special Events Commission', on line 4, Sec. 502.3.

"Your Committee also unanimously recommends that the title of the Commission be amended to read: 'Patriotic and Special Events Commission'.

"The amended proposal would then read as follows:

Sec. 500. Appointive Boards. The appointive boards shall be: the planning board, the board of tax review, the board of recreation, the zoning board, the board of zoning appeals, the board of taxation, the board of public safety, the park commission, the personnel commission, the public welfare commission and the Patriotic and Special Events Commission.

"To amend Chapter 50 by adding thereto, Section 502.3, as follows:

Sec. 502.3. Appointment of Patriotic and Special Events Commission. The mayor shall submit to the board of representatives, not later than January 1, 1962, his nomination of five members of the patriotic and special events commission, three of whom shall be veterans. Of the five members thus nominated, one member shall serve for one year, one member shall serve for two years, one member shall serve for three years, one member shall serve for four years and one member shall serve for five years. Each succeeding appointment will then be for five years. The mayor and the finance commissioner shall be ex-officio members of this commission.

"To amend Chapter 50 by adding thereto Section 502.4, as follows:

Sec. 502.4. Powers and duties of the Patriotic and Special Events Commission. The patriotic and special events commission is authorized to arrange for all patriotic and special events for which the City of Stamford provides funds or otherwise participates, such as observances of patriotic and other holiday celebrations. The commission shall specifically make arrangements for appropriate observance of Memorial Day, Flag Day, Veterans Day, Independence Day and other national holidays and for receptions of distinguished visitors to the City. Under the provisions of Chapter 61 of the Charter, it shall furnish annually a budget of estimated revenues and expenditures for the ensuing year, sufficient to provide for appropriate observance. The commission is to act as liaison between said City and all interested individuals and organizations who may wish to participate in such patriotic and special events.

Said commission may receive gifts of property or money for patriotic and special events and shall maintain proper financial records and shall render a report annually to the mayor, the board of finance and the board of representatives, in accordance with Section 508.

MR. CALLAHAN: "Mr. President, your Committee unanimously recommends that the amended proposal No. 3 be re-submitted to the Charter Revision Commission for approval and I SO MOVE."

MR. MURPHY seconded Mr. Callahan's motion.

MR. GERONIMO: "Through the Chair, I would like to ask Mr. Callahan a question. You say there will be three veterans on that commission - right? In choosing the veterans who will be members of that Commission - who will do the choosing --- the Mayor?"

MR. CALLAHAN: "He will choose all five, including the three veterans."

MR. GERONIMO: "In other words - the Veterans organizations do not have any say on that?"

MR. CALLAHAN: "Well, it's not written into the Charter."

There was some discussion at th's point, with several members asking questions as to how this would be handled.

MR. RUSSELL asked the President if Mr. LiVolsi could be heard at this time.

THE PRESIDENT: "Mr. Russell, I would suggest that this is certainly not the regular procedure of this Board. However, if the members wish to depart from the orderly procedure, they may do so. I might suggest to Mr. LiVolsi, however, that since the Proposal has been amended, it will obviously have to go back to the Charter Revision Commission and he could get an opportunity to talk at that time.

"Once anything has been amended by this Board, it would have to go back to the Charter Revision Commission and Mr. LiVolsi would have a chance at that time to give his opinion to that Commission who would send it back to us for final approval."

There being no further speakers on this proposal, as amended, the Chair called for a vote on the proposal (No. 3) as amended and MOVED by Mr. Callahan.

VOTE taken on Proposal No. 3 as amended, for re-submission to the Charter Revision Commission. CARRIED unanimously.

MR. CALLAHAN: "Mr. President, I would MOVE at this time that the Committee be authorized to act as agents for the Board in its deliberations with the Commission."

MR. GERONIMO seconded the motion. CARRIED unanimously.

PROPOSAL NO. 4

Concerning a separate classification for members of the Police Department, including salary increases. The proposed new section 735.1 to read as follows:

Sec. 735.1. The rules for the classified service shall contain a separate classification of all of the classified positions within the Police Department

separate and distinct from the classification of all other positions within the classified service and shall provide a pay plan for positions within the Police Department separate and distinct from the pay plan established for all other positions within the classified service. Said pay plan shall provide at the outset for a rate of pay which shall be at least \$500.00 per year higher than the rate of pay paid the various members of the Police Department during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1961, provided, however, that any increase in the rate of pay in excess of \$500.00 shall be subject to the approval of the personnel commission and the board of representatives. All raises in rate of pay required by the provisions of this section and new pay plan shall be retroactive to July 1, 1961.

MR. CALLAHAN: "Because of the interest and importance of this proposal, the Committee submits what they believe to be a comprehensive and thorough study of the question. The report is broken down into findings and recommendations."

MR. CALLAHAN continued with the reading of the Charter Revision Committee report:

FINDINGS:

- (1) The Committee finds the most expedient position that could be taken would be for this Board to place the responsibility of deciding important questions in the hands of the voters. The Committee feels expedient judgment is not always the most responsible judgment. If all questions of importance were to be put to the people, it would appear that there would be no need for a representative form of government. Therefore, your Committee finds that this Board has the responsible position of placing only those questions that are legal, clear-cut and understandable to referendum.
- (2) The Committee finds that consideration of the municipal employees concerning salary classification, along with police and firemen is somewhat difficult, as these municipal employees can and are constantly reclassified individually; whereby the police and firemen are classified together as a group, without benefit of individual reclassification.
- (3) The Committee finds that presently in our classified service, the police and firemen are separately and distinctly classified together, totally separated from the other municipal employees; this having been done in accordance with the recommendations of the Griffenhagen Report. Therefore, the Committee recognizes that the police request for separate classification, is in effect, their attempt to be separated from the firemen and firemen only.
- (4) The Committee finds that it is genuinely apprehensive over the morale of our Stamford Fire Department should the Police Department be placed in a superior financial position. No information was supplied the Committee to justify the separation in salary classification of our protective services. Your Committee feels the positions of firemen and policemen are of equal hazard and demand.
- (5) The Committee finds that some of the proponents of the proposal question the propriety of placing salaries and increases in our Charter, but supported it on the basis of past attempts and failures on the part of the Stamford Police Association. The Committee also questions the propriety of placing salaries and increases in our Charter. The Committee is concerned over the dangerous precedent that could be initiated in this situation.

- (6) The Committee finds that the Second Charter Revision Commission, the first Commission to report on the police salary question to the Board of Representatives, did, on May 4, 1959 (Board of Representatives Minutes, page 2528) recommend that both police and firemen receive equal attention in salary matters and they further indicated their displeasure in placing to referendum the salaries of our protective services. Your Committee heartily concurs in their report. The Committee also finds that the Special Police Fact-Finding Committee, (Board of Representatives Minutes, page 2693) opposed salary placement into the City Charter.
 - (7) The Committee finds that any substantial increase given to the Police and/or Fire Department in the future be predicated on increased contributions to the Pension Fund.
 - (8) The Committee finds that any attempt to place both the police and firemen on the ballot would be unnecessary, as both groups are presently classified together, separate from other municipal employees.
 - (9) The Committee finds itself in sympathy with both our Police and Fire Departments in their attempts to better the positions of our protective services. The Committee realizes that Stamford must have the finest Police and Fire Departments and therefore, a proper living salary must be paid to recruit the highest caliber of men to serve in these important positions in our city government.
- The Committee, therefore, in its recommendations, supports an effort to bring the proper salary scale into reality, through nevertheless, the normal and responsible procedures available. The Committee will not accede to pressure in this election year to subvert the normal responsible procedures. It would indeed be simple to be with everybody and approve everything, but the committee recognizes we represent all the people of Stamford and must act in the best interests of our city. The Committee also recognizes that the electorate is not as versed in our City Charter as the members of the Board of Representatives. Therefore, placing a question of Charter inclusion to them, which is unclear and questionable, would be a gross neglect of our responsibilities to the community.
- (10) The Committee finds itself in agreement with the Administration's genuine attempts to bring about realistic living wages within the city's ability to finance them. The Committee believes this to be sound financial planning to eliminate long-standing inequities.

MR. CALLAHAN: "That concludes the findings of the Committee. The following are the recommendations of the Committee."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Because the Committee findings indicate a sympathy, to our protective services for better salaries, and also a sense of responsible fiscal procedure, we feel if salary inequities exist, they should be traced to the immediate Budget preparing body - our Board of Public Safety. It is the Committee's impression, that through its recommendations that follow, we can develop the initial steps to secure the overall desired results. The Committee therefore, recommends; unanimously:

- (1) The proposal (Proposal No. 4) as submitted by the Charter Revision Commission be rejected.
- (2) The Police Department in the City of Stamford not be separated, salary wise, from the Fire Department within the City of Stamford.
- (3) Salaries and increases in salaries for members of the Police and/or Fire Departments not be placed in the Charter of the City of Stamford.
- (4) That this Board appoint, immediately, a Committee of five civic minded, interested citizens of Stamford, whose charge shall be:
 - (a) To determine, through proper investigation, the salary scale for members of the Police and Fire Departments of the City of Stamford.
 - (b) To report to the Mayor, Board of Finance, Board of Representatives, Board of Public Safety and Personnel Commission, not later than March 1st, 1962, their findings for implementation, if necessary in the annual Operating Budget for 1962-1963.
- (5) That the Citizen's Committee report be accepted by the aforementioned Boards and individuals, because of its thorough, non-partisan and responsible study of the question.

MR. CALLAHAN: "Mr. President, I MOVE that the Committee's recommendations be accepted and approved by this Board." (boos and applause)

THE PRESIDENT: "We will have order in the house, or we will have to ask to have the house cleared." (boos)

THE PRESIDENT: "I would suggest----well, I won't make any comment."

THE PRESIDENT called for a seconder to Mr. Callahan's motion. It was seconded by Mr. Murphy.

MR. DEFOREST said he is going to vote against the entire report. (applause)

THE PRESIDENT called for order in the house.

MR. DEFOREST: "I am going to vote against the entire report for one very good reason. I am in favor of this Committee, but I voted against it for one reason. I feel that at this time we could very easily submit to the public, by referendum, the issue of reclassification and after that, a Committee or Commission, would find it very much simpler. It would seem to me, to consider the entire problem. This is a very complex one and includes a great many points that go back quite far. The Personnel Commission is certainly very much included in this. And, in order to bring about a fair and honest conclusion, it seems to be the only thing to do.

"I certainly am very well aware of the problems of the Police. I was on the Special Investigating Committee during the term of the Fifth Board, and I know the subject about as well as anybody does. However, there are ways for doing things and I'm not awfully sure that some things that are suggested for referendum are always correct.

"After the meeting the other night, I went back and read the Charter over again in regard to the portion that has to do with reclassification. I feel that I cannot vote to support Mr. Callahan's report. However, I would like to see the reclassification for the Police placed on the ballot for referendum." (applause)

THE PRESIDENT: "We would ask that you please have a little respect for law and order in the house. We do not allow applause. I would thank you for your cooperation, please."

MR. GEORGIOULIS: "I would like to speak against the formation of the five man committee. Does anyone really believe that the appointment of another committee can do any more study on this matter? This is merely a maneuver to sidetrack the issue. We have had committees, which Mr. Callahan has pointed out - the Special Police Fact-Finding Committee. The Board of Representatives has studied this matter - the Fiscal Committee of the Board has studied this matter; the Health and Protection Committee of the Board has studied this matter; the Personnel Committee of the Board has studied this matter; the Charter Revision Committee of the Board has studied this matter three years ago.

"All of these Committees recommended that everybody be reclassified and their salaries upgraded. Back in 1959 the Board of Representatives unanimously voted - 36 to nothing, recommending that Sec. 735 be amended. The Charter Revision Commission, after a comprehensive study of the matter, recommended that this matter be brought directly to the people.

"My prime concern is the Griffenhagen report which was carried out at the expense of the taxpayers and recommended that this be done. At that time, Gerald Rybnick was Chairman of the Personnel Committee, George Connors and myself were the other two Representatives. We attended every meeting. I believe, Mr. Nolan was then Chairman. We placed a lot of faith in the Griffenhagen Report. It cost the taxpayers \$14,800.00, and today, everything is just tossed aside. They are disregarding everything and here we go again with another Fact Finding Committee to find out whether the Police are being paid properly.

"I happen to know something about the Griffenhagen report, because I took an active interest. I liked it very much, because it follows the same line as industry. We have something similar to this where I work at - where every characteristic is weighed, every category is considered, regarding the work load, the hazards, the conditions, etc. Each of these items fall in a certain category and a point system has been brought into effect. The amount of points a person has constitutes a certain labor grade, which is followed. Now, this includes all the city employees, but there definitely was an exception where the Police, the Firemen, were in a separate category, grouped in the protective services. And, they have a separate classification, using the above methods for rating the job. There should be a separate classification for the Police, and a separate classification for the Firemen, even though they are both in the category of protective services.

"If they followed the separate classification as outlined for each employee, they would then, or WERE supposed to receive periodic increases. And, if there were any discrepancies in their labor grade, they were subject to review - I think it was every six months, and the Griffenhagen Associates, which were supposed to have sent one of their personnel down once a year, where if the services in our city were unsatisfactory, they would review it----where the Fire Department representatives, where the Police Department representatives, and any other city worker, or his representative, can ask for a review. It was supposed to be flexible to the point

of giving the labor grade the job to fit his category and everything to fix the salary - all these were supposed to agree.

"It is plain to me that someone, or some department is shying the whole issue. It appears to me that they are leaving it to the Board of Representatives as the board of last resort. It's very easy for us to say: 'let's leave it to the people' and I know exactly what would happen. The people are sick and tired of this tax situation at the present time, so figure another tax increase."

MR. GEORGIOULIS spoke for some time. He said that the Griffenhagen Report contained provisions whereby any employee or group of employees could have a review. He said he has heard no mention by anyone that the Personnel Commission can take advantage of the services of the Griffenhagen Associates to seek a job review. He said the Charter states clearly that the Director should personally review all classifications and recommend changes to the Personnel Commission.

MR. CONNORS: "As a member of the Charter Revision Committee, I will have to go along with what Mr. DeForest says. I am the author of something I didn't think I was, but I did make the suggestion for a Committee when I was asked a couple of questions as one of the oldest members of this Board. I feel that the Fire and Police Departments did not receive proper treatment. I feel that other department heads, since we have the Griffenhagen Report, have come in, changed items, got their whole department changed over wholesale - they've all received increases, since the Griffenhagen survey.

"Now, put yourself in the place of the Safety Committee, or rather the Safety Board, who have to come in and speak for roughly 400 men. They haven't got a chance - they have three strikes against them before they even start. If they come in, like other Department Heads with three or four people, they go before the Fiscal Committee, they go before the Board of Finance and they don't have any trouble at all.

"I sat down at all these hearings during the Griffenhagen Survey, as Mr. Georgoulis has mentioned, and I felt that this was something that they were going to start and they were going to keep it up - but now I think we just wasted a lot of money. I said last Friday night I thought it was a waste of money, and I still think it was.

"When I made that suggestion - or I was accused of making it, which I don't think I did - I thought that it might be something that if we could follow it through and keep it up for other years to come - not at the present time. But, the way things stand right at the present, the Police Department and the Fire Department seem to be standing out by themselves.

"I've heard the story about how much money it's going to cost. There's no doubt in my mind, if the Police Department and the Fire Department could have followed through, as has happened in other communities. I don't see why we tonight should deny the Police Department the right to help themselves. If the Police Department are reclassified, so will the Fire Department, because they have always been grouped together. How much money they're going to get I don't know. I'll have to go along with what Mr. Georgoulis here said about a point system. No doubt they will be put back in the same category with the same amount of wages. But, if we don't grab 'the bull by the horns' tonight, and start something (which we have done in the past, by neglecting it and say give it to another board) and EVERY board seems to pass the buck.

"If the Safety Board should come before the Mayor, the Finance Board and the Board of Representatives asking for an increase and get it, this wouldn't be necessary

at all. But, what happens? They want to give them an increase of \$200 at a time. We talk about pensions. Why don't they give them a decent salary and then maybe they'd be willing to pay more into the pension fund. I don't think the Police or the Firemen would mind paying more into the pension fund, if you were willing to pay them enough. As I mentioned the other night, if you gave them \$700 maybe they'd be willing to pay in \$200. There's no doubt in my mind that they wouldn't.

"Now, when we talk about the Pension Plan. With these new men coming into the Police and Fire Departments. I wonder if we'll have enough money in the Pension Fund to pay them when they are ready to retire - I won't be around to see it, but there's a doubt in my mind that we'll ever have enough money to pay them a pension at the rate we're going. But, if we give them a decent living wage. I think that they'd be willing to pay in more money to the Pension Plan."

MR. CONNORS spoke for some time, urging that action be taken tonight. He said he believed in action, not more studies, and that a remedy is required now. He said if this goes to referendum and the people think the Police should have an increase they'll get it, and if they give it to the Policemen, they will also be willing to give it to the Firemen. He said: "I think it's up to the people to decide this issue and not to any of us. I don't think it's up to me to tell my constituents whether they should pay more taxes or pay less - let them decide what should be done."

MR. KUCZO: "To me the report of the Charter Revision Committee sounded like so much double talk. On one side they say they think the salaries should be higher and so on, and then on the other hand they want to stall them off for another year - that doesn't make sense to me."

"Mr. Georgoulis has already mentioned the fact that there is no need for any new investigation, since several investigations have already been carried out. Let's not waste any more time. Let the voters themselves decide the question. After all they are the ones who will have to pay for it. If they think these men are worth it, it will go through."

MR. SCARELLA: "Mr. Chairman, I think that at this time, this Board should review what has occurred up to now. A Charter Revision Commission was appointed. It was composed of Democrats and Republicans. This Commission recommended that it go on the ballot in November the proposal of the reclassification of the Police and an increase in their salaries. Up to that time, no politician had entered into this matter, but merely a determination if it should be presented to the voters."

"What has happened since then? The Administration suddenly realized that its fiscal policy was what has caused the greatest tax rise in our history. Since the Charter Revision Commission made its recommendations this proposal has become a political football for both parties, where the only thought has been to get votes, and not for what is best for the City of Stamford as a whole. Never before have I seen such political cowardice displayed by our elected officials and by the Charter Revision Committee of this Board tonight-----"

MR. CALLAHAN: "Point of order, Mr. Chairman. I resent the implication Mr. Scarella made about my Committee. They are responsible members of this Board, and I resent his remarks."

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Scarella to confine his remarks to the subject and avoid personalities.

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Mr. Scarella spoke for some time, urging that the voters be allowed to make the decision as to whether the Police should or should not be given an increase.

MR. RYBNICK also spoke in favor of letting this go to referendum.

MR. JOHNSON requested permission through the Chair to ask Mr. Callahan a question.

MR. JOHNSON: "Mr. Callahan does this report specify that the findings of your Committee will be accepted not only by this Board but by other Boards?"

MR. CALLAHAN: "The Committee RECOMMENDS. The Committee put a lot of time and work into this and came up with what they thought was the best recommendation. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Boards involved would give great attention. There can be no binding recommendation - this is for the next Board of Representatives. The Committee could put no teeth into the proposal, but the Committee felt that it should be accepted in good faith because of the non partisan, thorough investigation to be made by a civic group."

MR. JOHNSON: "I see. Now Mr. Callahan would you please read again for me the last part of your report?"

MR. CALLAHAN: "On the recommendations?"

MR. JOHNSON: "Yes."

MR. CALLAHAN: "I guess you would mean this No. 5 - That the Citizen's Committee report be accepted by the aforementioned Boards and individuals, because of its thorough, non partisan and responsible study of the question."

MR. JOHNSON: "Mr. President I don't think that I can go along with this. I think that by accepting this report, we would be giving up our own authority."

MR. RUSSELL suggested an amendment under the Committee recommendations, namely, item No. 4 (a). That it not be limited to strictly deciding the salary issue.

He said it was a well known fact that since the Griffenhagen Survey there has been considerable up grading of salaries in other departments from as little as a few hundred to as high or higher than \$1,000 to employees who had also received the \$200 increase given to members of the Police Department.

MR. RUSSELL: "I say this because I do not think giving a \$200 increase is the right answer to correcting a problem in our Police Department. It was mentioned in the Committee report and in their discussions, that this was a major step to correct the problem, but it is not equalizing things. Some people are well paid, and in some cases more than well paid as against others who are being underpaid.

"It came out in our discussions in the Committee that they felt there was no question that our Police are underpaid. The recommendations of the Committee report would seem to me to limit the Citizen's Committee to a rather small field than was the general impression that I received at our Committee meeting. There is the question of pensions, which is of considerable importance, which should be looked into.

"I also think that the question of the method on how other departments are able to handle upgrading of their employees and how it has been done in the past, adding

cost to the taxpayer, too, because this has been going on over the years and it amounts to a few pennies. And, yet the Police and the Firemen have had to be limited because they were all grouped together under one classification and they are such a large group. You cannot give it to one and not the other. Perhaps there could be some changes made in the methods of upgrading members of the Police and Fire Departments.

"I would like to amend that section of the report, No. 4 (a) to not limit this Citizen's Committee to deal strictly with the salary part. I think they should consider all the problems relating to it. Since we had ten findings, I think it might be an implication that our findings are binding on the Committee."

MR. CALLAHAN: "I would presume that if th's Board accepts these recommendations, that the findings and all would go to the Citizen's Committee. They will have the benefit of everything. You can make the recommendations three or four pages long, but I assume that when they check into it, they will look at all the facts, and I assume that they will also take our findings into consideration. They would not just take the recommendations by itself."

MR. TRUGLIA said he wants to know why this should have to be studied further by a citizens group.

The debate continued for some time, with members speaking for and against the recommendations of the Committee.

MR. SHANEN MOVED for a ROLL CALL VOTE. Seconded by Mr. Murphy. CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT explained that an affirmative motion would be to ACCEPT the recommendations of the Charter Revision Committee. He said: "If you are going to vote in favor of the recommendations of the Committee, you will vote 'yes'. If you are going to vote against it, you will vote 'no'. Are there any more points of parliamentary inquiry? If not, the Clerk will call the roll."

The VOTE resulted as follows, there being 24 affirmative votes and 13 negative votes, with the President not voting as is customary:

VOTES IN FAVOR

Eleanor R. Austin (D)
Daniel Foker (D)
Fred C. Blois (D)
Paul T. Callahan (D)
James E. Carey (D)
Edwin W. Cole (D)
Edward Dombroski (D)
Anthony Esposito (D)
Rose C. Farina (D)
Bernard B. Geronimo (D)
Carmine V. Longo (D)
Michael D. Macri (D)
Joseph Mancusi (D)
James P. McDonald (D)
James E. Mulreed (D)
William D. Murphy (D)
Henry F. Nolan (D)
J. Clyde O'Connell (D)

VOTES OPPOSED

George V. Connors (D)
John L. DeForest (R)
George Georgoulis (D)
David L. Johnson (R)
Stephen E. Kelly (D)
Benjamin Kozlowski (D)
Paul J. Kuczo, Jr. (D)
Stanley J. Kulish (D)
Jack McLaughlin (R)
Alvin T. Philpotts (R)
Gerald J. Rybnick (D)
Patrick J. Scarella (D)
Anthony D. Truglia (D)

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VOTES IN FAVOR

Stuart Palmer (D)
Daniel M. Reback (D)
George Russell (R)
Allen J. Shenen (D)
Paul D. Shapero (D)
Peter C. Sileo (D)

VOTES OPPOSED

THE PRESIDENT announced the motion passed.

A short recess was taken at this time to allow the room to clear of visitors.

Note: The appointment of a five-member Citizen's Committee, as provided under the recommendations of the Charter Revision Committee was announced by the President on September 20, 1961. They are as follows:

Democrats

Clement Raiteri, Sr.
Edward Rivlin
Joseph Morrow

Republicans

Aurelio Rich
Alan H. Ketcham

The meeting was called to order by the President and the regular order of business resumed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- (1) Letter concerning waterfront property next to Southfield Park, dated August 9, 1961. The letter follows:

"I read with much interest a report of the Board of Representatives' meeting on Monday night, during which several of the district members expressed concern over the possible acquisition of waterfront property next to Southfield Park, owned by Timothy Egan.

"I note that one of the members 'urged the Board to pressure the Mayor to investigate purchase of the property' and another member said his committee should 'get on the Park Commission's neck' about it.

"For your interest and the interest of all Board members, we are proceeding in this matter according to a procedure that has been followed throughout my administration.

"On July 26, 1961, in a letter to me, the Park Commission formally recommended the purchase of this property. In order for me to properly present this recommendation to the Board of Finance, it is necessary to have an appraisal. This is being done at the present time.

"If the appraisal conforms with the asking price, it is my intention to recommend purchase of this property to the Board of Finance at its September meeting.

"You and your Board members, can be assured that there is no necessity to 'pressure the Mayor' on this matter or any other matter. There is a proper procedure for all such situations and these are being followed."

Sincerely,

J. Walter Kennedy, Mayor

- (2) Letter dated August 30, 1961 Concerning resignations from BOARD OF EDUCATION, BOARD OF FINANCE and PLANNING BOARD and replacements for same. The letter follows:

"I have at hand resignations from the following:

"Alfred Sette, Board of Education
Joseph Gleason, Board of Finance
Joseph P. Zone, Planning Board

"The Democratic City Committee, through its Chairman, Joseph J. Tooher, Sr., has endorsed for replacements, and they are herewith submitted to the Board of Representatives for approval, the following:

"Henry F. Nolan, to replace Alfred Sette, and
Peter Sileo to replace Joseph Gleason

"To replace Joseph P. Zone, I hereby nominate Joseph Fahey, Jr. for the term to expire December 1, 1963 on the Planning Board.

"I am sending a carbon of this letter to Mrs. Austin with whom I spoke last evening to request that Mr. Fahey's nomination be acted upon at the September meeting of the Board of Representatives.

"If there are any questions about this, please call me."

Sincerely yours,

J. Walter Kennedy, Mayor

NEW BUSINESS:

Re: Sidewalks at east side of WEST AVENUE, from Post Road to Thruway - Dangerous Condition (Petition from residents)

MR. MANCUSI brought up the above matter and said: "There is a very dangerous condition there and before any fatal accident happens, I would like to urge some quick action be taken." Mr. Mancusi said he had a petition from the residents requesting that action be taken on this matter.

MR. MANCUSI MOVED that this be referred to the Steering Committee for referral to the proper committee so that action may be taken. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

Re: Newfield Court

MR. REBACK: "I should like to refer this to Steering Committee, too. I have a request from a group of residents on Newfield Court, and they are petitioning for a street widening because of the dangerous condition that exists on this street. This is not a city-accepted street. However, the children that are living on this street find conditions extremely hazardous and I should like very much to have this also referred to the Steering Committee and I so MOVE. Seconded by Mr. Carey. CARRIED. (Note: There was nothing in writing from Mr. Reback on this matter)

Re: Replacements for vacancies in Board of Education, created by resignation of Alfred J. Sette; and for Board of Finance, created by resignation of Joseph G. Gleason

THE PRESIDENT: "The reason I kept this to the last part of the meeting was because of somewhat obvious reasons - that because the replacements are now members of the Board of Representatives and if elected would thereupon be eliminated as members of this Board and we would lose their services for the remainder of the meeting."

RESIGNATION OF ALFRED J. SETTE as a member of the BOARD OF EDUCATION and REPLACEMENT of HENRY F. NOLAN to fill out unexpired term, ending December 1, 1962

MR. O'CONNELL offered the name of HENRY F. NOLAN, (Democrat) in nomination to fill this vacancy. Seconded by Mr. Baker, Mr. Macri and Mr. Kelly, who spoke in favor of this nomination.

MR. KUCZO placed the name of FRANK LI VOLSI, (Democrat) to fill this vacancy. Seconded by Mr. Scarella.

THE PRESIDENT informed the members that the rules call for a secret ballot in these replacements when there is more than one candidate.

The Tellers distributed the ballots, with the resulting vote: (Henry Nolan not voting)

25 votes in favor of Henry Nolan
11 votes for Frank LiVolsi

THE PRESIDENT declared HENRY NOLAN elected as a replacement for Mr. Sette on the Board of Education, to fill out the unexpired term ending December 1, 1962.

RESIGNATION OF JOSEPH G. GLEASON as a member of the BOARD OF FINANCE and REPLACEMENT of PETER C. SILEO to fill out unexpired term, ending December 1, 1961

MR. O'CONNELL offered the name of PETER C. SILEO (Democrat) in nomination to fill this vacancy. Seconded by Mr. Cole, Mr. Reback, Mr. Baker and Mr. McLaughlin, who all spoke in favor of the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Sileo was declared elected by UNANIMOUS VOTE, Mr. Sileo not voting.

MR. HENRY NOLAN thanked the Board for electing him as a member of the Board of Education. (applause)

MR. PETER SILEO also thanked the members for electing him a member of the Board of Finance (applause)

PICNIC:

MR. RUSSELL, Chairman of the Picnic Committee, announced that the picnic for the Board would be held Sunday, September 24th at the Turn of River Firehouse annex, in Roxbury.

ADJOURNMENT:

On MOTION, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 P.M.

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APPROVED:

John R. Nolan
John R. Nolan, President
Board of Representatives

Velma Farrell
Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

Note: The above meeting was broadcast over Radio Station WSTC and Audograph recordings made.

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Minutes of October 2, 1961
Meeting of the Board of Representatives
Stamford, Connecticut

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A regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, October 2, 1961 in the Cafeteria of the Dolan Junior High School, Toms Road, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, John R. Nolan, at 8:10 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Rev. George Czar, Springdale Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG: The President led the members in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL was taken by Mrs. Farrell, in the absence of a Clerk; Peter Sileo having resigned at the last Board meeting, to accept an appointment to the Board of Finance.

There were 34 present at the calling of the roll. However, after the replacements for Peter C. Sileo and Henry F. Nolan were sworn in, there were 36 present and 4 absent. The absent members were: Joseph Mancusi, George Georgoulis, Michael Macri and Stuart Palmer.

RESIGNATIONS:

- (1) PETER C. SILEO, Democrat, 1st District Representative and Clerk of Board
- (2) HENRY F. NOLAN, Democrat, 18th District Representative

(Note: See Minutes of Sept. 11, 1961 - Page 3237)

REPLACEMENTS FOR ABOVE RESIGNATIONS:

Mr. Cole placed the name of MILTON ELLERIN, Democrat, 1st District, in nomination, as replacement to fill out the unexpired term of Peter C. Sileo, resigned, as a member of the Board of Representatives, to term ending November 30, 1961. Seconded by Mr. O'Connell.

There being no further nominations to fill this vacancy, the President declared Mr. Ellerin ELECTED.

Mr. Baker nominated IVAN DELSERRA, Democrat, 18th District, as replacement to fill out the unexpired term of Henry F. Nolan, resigned, as a member of the Board of Representatives, to term ending November 30, 1961. Seconded by Mr. O'Connell.

There being no further nominations to fill this vacancy, the President declared Mr. DelSerra ELECTED.

The above newly elected members of the Board were sworn into office and assumed their seats, changing the roll call to 36 present and 4 absent.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK:

MR. SHAPERO nominated ROSE C. FARINA as replacement for Clerk of the Board, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Sileo. Seconded by Mrs. Austin.