

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.

Mr. O'Connell, Mr. DeForest, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Russell, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Kelly all spoke in favor of the nomination of Miss Farina as Clerk of the Board, and seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the President declared Miss Rose C. Farina elected as successor to Mr. Sileo as Clerk.

APPOINTMENT OF REPLACEMENTS ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES (Occasioned by the resignations of Mr. Nolan and Mr. Sileo)

THE PRESIDENT announced the following changes in Committee assignments:

On Steering Committee:

Rose C. Farina, replacing Peter C. Sileo
Fred C. Blois, replacing Henry F. Nolan

On Fiscal Committee:

Milton Ellerín, replacing Peter C. Sileo

On Health & Protection Committee:

Ivan DelSerra, replacing Carmine V. Longo

On Public Works Committee:

Carmine V. Longo, replacing Henry F. Nolan
(Note: Mr. Blois, former Vice-Chairman, now becomes Chairman)

On Urban Redevelopment Committee:

Ivan DelSerra, replacing Henry F. Nolan

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of September 11, 1961

THE PRESIDENT announced a correction in the numbering of the Public Hearing of August 31, 1961 and the Minutes of September 11, 1961, as follows:

August 31, 1961 - Starts with page 3197, ends with page 3211

September 11, 1961 - Starts with page 3212, ends with page 3238

The members were requested to re-number these pages so that it will not be necessary to have the Mimeograph Department do these over again and also to avoid future confusion when referring to these meetings by page number.

MR. SCARELLA asked that two corrections be made - page 3232, Minutes of September 11th, second line of third paragraph from bottom of page: After the word "policy" in second line, add "or lack of policy". In the last sentence of same paragraph, the word "cowa:ds" to be changed to read "cowardice".

MR. SCARELLA asked that the exact context of what he stated be incorporated in the Minutes. (See top of page 3233, first paragraph)

* See note at end of Minutes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT
Meeting held Monday, September 25, 1961

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, September 25, 1961 in the Mayor's Office, City Hall, at 8:10 P.M.

The Chairman, John R. Nolan, presided. The following members were present: Eleanor Austin, John Nolan, William Murphy, James Carey, Paul Shapero, Jack McLaughlin, John DeForest, Daniel Reback, Allen Shanen and George Russell. Mr. Cole and Mr. Blois were also present.

Absent were: Clyde O'Connell, Daniel Baker, Stephen Kelly, Bernard Geronimo and George Connors.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

(1) Additional Appropriations:

All requests for additional appropriations, previously approved by the Board of Finance at their September 14th meeting, were referred to the FISCAL COMMITTEE. In the case of items of \$2,000 and over, with the exception of pensions, these were also referred to a secondary committee.

(2) Resignations - Peter C. Sileo, Democrat, 1st District Representative, & Henry F. Nolan, Democrat, 18th District Representative

The Chairman announced that two resignations from the Board of Representatives would be acted upon at the next meeting and would necessarily have to be the first order of business, so that successors could be appointed. ORDERED PLACED ON AGENDA AS FIRST ORDER-OF BUSINESS.

(3) APPEAL from decision of Planning Board, concerning application of DOPOTHY DOYLE, ET AL, approved by Planning Board August 1, 1961 - ORDERED PLACED ON AGENDA UNDER LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

(4) City Housing Authority - Request for discontinuance of private way known as GARFIELD AVENUE, between westerly line of Lawn Avenue and easterly line of Custer Street - ORDERED PLACED ON AGENDA UNDER LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

(5) Snow Emergency Ordinance - Requested by Mayor in letter of 5/16/61 ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE

(6) 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 25¢ all day meters. (See Minutes of 9/11/61,

page 3214. item #15) ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER
HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

- (7) Concerning Fencing in of Swimming Pools on Private Property - Requested in letter dated 5/4/61 from John DeForest, 19th District Representative (See Minutes of 6/5/61, page 3134, item #5)

Mr. DeForest asked what had happened to this request. He was informed that it had been referred to the HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE. Mr. Cole, a member of that Committee, said he would inquire about it.

- (8) Pembroke Drive - Petition dated 9/13/61 from residents, requesting improvement of road under Sec. 640 of Charter - REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE; ORDERED ON AGENDA
- (9) Stillview Drive - Request for abandonment in letter of 8/23/61 from law firm of Spelke & Weil (See Minutes of 9/11/61, page 3214, item #17) REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE AND ORDERED ON AGENDA
- (10) Charter Revision, Concerning Proposal No. 3 - To appoint a PATRIOTIC AND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMISSION - Letter (undated) from 4th Charter Revision Commission, approving Proposal No. 3, as amended by the Board of Representatives 9/11/61 - REFERRED TO CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE
- (11) Petition from Residents Concerning Sidewalks at East Side of WEST AVENUE, from Post Road to Thruway - Dangerous Condition (Brought up by Mr. Mancusi at September 11th meeting under "New Business") REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
- (12) Concerning Fallout Shelters
- There was some discussion of the need for fallout shelters. Mr. Reback said he had received several telephone calls on the matter.
- (13) Urban Redevelopment Commission - Annual Report for 1960-1961 - REFERRED TO URC COMMITTEE
- (14) Personnel Commission Report for June 1961 - REFERRED TO PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
- (15) PUC Notice dated 9/12/61, concerning increased rates for Long Ridge and High Ridge Bus Lines - ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER "COMMUNICATIONS"
- (16) 7th Annual Veterans' Day Celebration - Invitation for Board members to attend Memorial Services on Veterans' Day, November 11th, 1961, at 10 A.M. at Central Park and St. John's Park - ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER "COMMUNICATIONS"

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. NOLAN, Chairman
Steering Committee

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FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. REBACK presented his committee report. He said a meeting was held Monday, September 27th in the Mayor's office. Present were: Dan Reback, Chairman; Rose Farina, Eleanor Austin, Jack McLaughlin and George Russell. Absent were Paul Callahan and George Connors. He said all items on the agenda were approved with the exception of one, which was deferred for further information.

- (1) Resolution No. 372 amending the 1961-1962 Capital Projects Budget, by adding to item known as "VIRGIL STREET STORM DRAIN" the additional sum of \$4,000.00 and appropriation of said sum for said project, which sum is to be raised by direct taxation (Mayor's letter August 8, 1961)

MR. REBACK presented the following resolution and MOVED for its adoption. Seconded by Mr. McLaughlin. Mr. Blois said the Public Works Committee concurred in its approval. CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 372

AMENDING 1961-1962 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET
BY ADDING THE SUM OF \$4,000.00 TO PROJECT
KNOWN AS "VIRGIL STREET STORM DRAIN"

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, pursuant to Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, to approve an amendment to the 1961-1962 Capital Projects Budget, to project therein designated as "VIRGIL STREET STORM DRAIN" the additional sum of \$4,000.00 in order to complete said project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said project be financed by direct taxation

- (2) Resolution amending the 1961-1962 Capital Projects Budget, by adding to item known as "SMITH HOUSE EQUIPMENT" the additional sum of \$100,000.00 and appropriation of said sum for project, which sum is to be raised by direct taxation (Mayor's letter August 8, 1961)

MR. REBACK reported that the Committee took no action on the above matter.

MR. SCARELIA asked, through the Chair, why this was not brought out of Committee.

MR. REBACK said it was because the Committee felt they would like more time to study this request before voting on it.

MR. K. NICK asked if this would delay the opening of the Smith House.

MR. REBACK said this was one of the factors they had considered and some of the members visited the construction site and reported back that the project would not be ready for at least a minimum of 90 days, so the committee did not feel

they would be holding up the opening by not acting tonight. He said the Welfare Department has \$75,000 for the project which was given to them in June in the Budget and could get started without being inconvenienced.

- (3) Resolution No. 373 amending the 1961-1962 Capital Projects Budget by adding thereto an item in the amount of \$35,000.00 to be known as "STILLWATER ROAD WIDENING" and the appropriation of said sum for project, which sum is to be raised by direct taxation. (Mayor's letter of Sept. 7, 1961)
(REDUCED by Board of Finance 9/14/61)

MR. REBACK presented the following resolution and MOVED for its adoption.
Seconded by Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Baker.

MR. BIOIS said the Public Works Committee concurred in its approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 373

AMENDING 1961-1962 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY
ADDING THERETO AN ITEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.00
TO BE KNOWN AS "STILLWATER ROAD WIDENING"

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, pursuant to Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, to approve an amendment to the 1961-1962 Capital Projects Budget, by adding thereto an item in the amount of \$35,000.00 to be known as "STILLWATER ROAD WIDENING" and the appropriation of said sum for said project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Project be financed by direct taxation.

MR. BAXER and MR. DELSERRA spoke in favor of the resolution.

MR. SCARELLA asked if this road abuts in state highway.

MR. REBACK replied that it runs into it. He explained the location and various aspects of why this widening is necessary.

MR. BAKER said one point should be emphasized and that is the fact that this road has become a major artery for commuters, causing heavy traffic congestion.

After some further discussion, the resolution was voted upon and CARRIED unanimously.

- (4) \$580.00 - TAX ASSESSOR - Code 144-2201, New Equipment (2 new file cabinets)
(Mayor's letter Sept. 7, 1961)

MR. REBACK MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. DEFOREST asked what kind of cabinets these were as the cost seemed to be exorbitant.

MR. REBACK explained that they were special IBM cabinets that will take 82,000 cards and will be used in the switchover to the IBM setup now being used by the Finance Department and will provide the tax records for personal property, motor vehicle records.

- (5) \$11,700.00 - REGISTRARS OF VOTERS - To cover cost of two City-wide primaries to take place on Sept. 26th and Sept. 28th. (Mayor's letter of Sept. 13, 1961)

MR. REBACK MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Carey, who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurred in the approval. CARRIED unanimously.

- (6) \$2,162.21 - PENSION, in favor of Fina Brucato, widow of Patrolman John F. Brucato, effective 9/23/61, based on annual pension of \$2,800.00 or 50% of his salary of \$5,600.00 (Mayor's letter of Sept. 14, 1961)

MR. REBACK MOVED for approval of the above pension. Seconded by Mr. Cole and CARRIED unanimously.

- (7) \$3,808.99 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Code 628-0101, Salaries, Building Dept., representing salary for a Heating and Air Conditioning Inspector for period 11/1/61 through 6/30/62 (Mayor's letter August 8, 1961)

MR. REBACK MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Callahan. Mr. Blois said the Public Works Committee also approved this request. CARRIED unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. SHAPERO presented his committee report. He said a meeting was held Saturday September 30, 1961 in the Mayor's office, City Hall. Present were: Paul Shapero, Chairman; Daniel Baker, David Johnson and Robert Meyers. Absent were Michael Macri and Raymond Mazza.

- (1) APPEAL from decision of Planning Board concerning Application MP-95 of DOROTHY DOYLE, ET AL, approved by Planning Board on August 1, 1961

(Note: Also referred to Planning & Zoning Committee)

MR. SHAPERO reported that it was the unanimous decision of the Committee that the appeal was properly before the Board of Representatives. He said this concluded the report of his committee on the matter and a further report would be forthcoming from the Planning & Zoning Committee.

MR. RUSSELL, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee, said he would report on this matter later under his Committee report.

- (2) Concerning Discontinuance of private way known as GARFIELD AVENUE, between westerly line of Lawn Avenue and easterly line of Custer Street - Requested by Housing Authority of City of Stamford and Paul Bacco & Son, Inc. in Mayor's letter of June 22, 1961.

MR. SHAPERO said it was the unanimous opinion of his Committee that this Board approve the discontinuance of this street. He said this was on Map No. 445 filed in the office of the Town and City Clerk. He called the attention of the members to the fact that Garfield Avenue has never been used as a public road; has never been constructed, maintained, or used as a highway, nor has it ever been accepted by the city. He said the area in question was approximately 25 feet wide and 700 feet long and has merely been used as an adjunct to the rest

of the property, by the present owners. He said it was important to discontinue this street, so that an exchange may be effected between the City Housing Authority and Paul Eacco & Son to incorporate this strip within the present location of what is described as Moderate Rental Project No. 68, which is the official name of the Lawn Avenue Moderate Rental Housing Project.

MR. SHAPERO MOVED that this Board approve the discontinuance of Garfield Avenue as laid out on the sketch. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and CARRIED unanimously.

(3) Proposed SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE - (Mayor's letter of May 16, 1961 - See page 3135, item #16 Minutes 6/5/61)

MR. SHAPERO said his Committee considered and recommends approval of the following proposed Ordinance for publication:

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE RESTRICTION
OF PARKING VEHICLES ON PUBLIC STREETS DURING
PERIOD OF SNOW EMERGENCIES

BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

- Sec. 1. This Ordinance shall hereafter be referred to as the "Snow Emergency Ordinance".
- Sec. 2. It is hereby declared to be in the best interests of the public policy and public safety of the City of Stamford to regulate and restrict the parking of vehicles on public streets during snow emergencies.
- Sec. 3. A snow emergency is hereby defined to be a period of time prior to as forecast by the United States Weather Bureau, during or after a fall of snow, sleet or freezing rain, during which period vehicular or pedestrian traffic is expected to be particularly hazardous or congested, due to the elements, and during which period the parking of motor vehicles could hinder, delay or obstruct the safe flow of such traffic and/or the proper cleaning, clearing and making safe of the public streets of the City of Stamford.
- Sec. 4. A snow emergency shall be declared by the Commissioner of Public Works of the City of Stamford either before, during, or after a fall of snow, sleet or freezing rain, when, in his sound judgement and discretion, the circumstances warrant the determination of such an emergency in the interests of safety upon the public streets of the City of Stamford. The Commissioner of Public Works shall cause a public announcement of such determination of snow emergency to be made at least once (1) hourly over the local radio station, for at least four (4) hours prior to the time of becoming effective, after which time a snow emergency shall be in effect. Publication of this fact shall be made on the next publication date of a newspaper published in the City of Stamford and shall be an advertisement of not less than two (2) columns wide and four (4) inches deep. Such snow emergency shall continue in effect until the Commissioner of Public Works shall determine that such emergency no longer exists and shall make public announcement of the same in the manner above provided.

- Sec. 5. It shall be unlawful for the owner, driver or operator of any vehicle to park the same upon any public street of the City of Stamford at any time during the period of any snow emergency existing under the provisions of this Ordinance in such a manner to constitute a hazard or obstruction to vehicular or pedestrian traffic or to hamper the snow or ice removal operations of the City of Stamford.
- Sec. 6. For purposes of this Ordinance, the registered owner of any such vehicle shall prima facie be considered to have parked or to have authorized, the parking of said vehicle.
- Sec. 7. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance, or any subsequent amendment thereto, shall be fined for each such violation a sum not exceeding Ten (\$10.00) Dollars for any such offense.
- Sec. 8. In addition to the foregoing penalties, any police officer, upon discovering any such vehicle so parked in violation of this Ordinance, may remove, or cause said vehicle to be removed, to a garage or other parking area, either public or private.
- Sec. 9. Whenever such a police officer removes or causes the removal of a vehicle from a public street as authorized by this Ordinance, and he knows, or is able to ascertain from the registration records in the vehicle, the name and address of the owner thereof, he shall immediately give or cause to be given, notice in writing to such owner, of the fact of such removal and the reasons therefor and of the place to which such vehicle has been removed. A copy of said notice shall also be given to any person who is in charge of the place to which such vehicle has been removed. If the name and address of the owner is not ascertainable as above, and the vehicle is not claimed within a period of three (3) days, the police department shall request such information from the Department of Motor Vehicles of the State where such vehicle is registered.
- Sec. 10. Before the owner or person in charge of any vehicle taken into custody, as above provided, shall be allowed to remove the same from the place where it has been impounded, he shall furnish to a member of the police department, evidence of his identity and ownership, shall sign a receipt for such vehicle, and shall pay the cost of removal, not to exceed the sum of Five (\$5.00) Dollars, plus the cost of storage, not to exceed Fifty (.50) Cents for each day, or portion of a day, that such vehicle is so stored in excess of the first twenty-four (24) hours.
- Sec. 11. It shall be the duty of the police department to keep a record of the names of the owners of all vehicles taken into custody under these provisions, the numbers of their state license plates, the place where each vehicle is being stored, and the nature, circumstances and disposition of each case.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

MR. SHAPERO MOVED for approval of the above Ordinance for publication, which he read in full at this time. Seconded by Mr. Meyers.

MR. SCARELLA asked why the cost of removal was \$5.00.

MR. SHAPERO replied that when the proposed Ordinance was first received, it contained a fee of \$19.00 for removal, which the Committee had considered to be much too high. He said if it can be shown that these vehicles cannot be towed away for \$5.00, the Ordinance can then be amended.

MR. SCARELLA said he did not believe a car could be towed away for \$5.00.

MR. SHAPERO said the Committee would be willing to hear any suggestions or amendments.

THE PRESIDENT reminded the members that the Ordinance would not get final approval until the next Board meeting and this was merely for publication of the Ordinance.

VOTE taken on Mr. Shapero's motion for approval of the Ordinance for publication. CARRIED unanimously.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

PARKING AUTHORITY - Request in letter of 8/9/61 for installation of 24 meters on North side of McCullough Street, running from Greenwich Avenue to South Street, and 14 meters (7 on each side) on Greenwich Avenue under Turnpike. (To be all-day 25c meters)

MR. BAKER MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Cole and CARRIED unanimously.

Concerning fencing in of private swimming pools - Letter from John L. DeForest, 19th District Representative, dated 5/4/61 (See page 3134, Minutes of June 5, 1961 item #5)

MR. BAKER reported on the above matter. He said he has been informed by the Department of Public Works and in particular, Mr. Swinnerton, Building Inspector, that the State Building Code has made provisions for the authority to regulate construction of such swimming pools and this is considered as being incorporated under Stamford's own Building Code and is being enforced as such.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

MR. RUSSELL presented his Committee report at this time. He said a joint meeting was held with the members of the Legislative & Rules Committee on Saturday, September 30, 1961. Present were: Stanley Kulish, Patrick Scarella and George Russell, Chairman. Also present were: Attorney John D. Hertz, Dr. K. Doyle and Mr. Arthur Joyce.

(1) APPEAL from decision of Planning Board concerning Application MP-95 of DOROTHY DOYLE, et al. approved by Planning Board on August 1, 1961
(Note: Also referred to Planning & Zoning Committee)

MR. RUSSELL said the Committee members who were present at the meeting voted to sustain the Planning Board thus rejecting the appeal. He gave their reasons

for this vote as follows:

- (1) The Committee agreed with the Planning Board as to their powers under the Charter to project orderly future land uses.
- (2) That this land use change in the Master Plan was in line with a projected multi-family land use category, as a natural use in this area.
- (3) That the Planning Board made their decision after a careful and lengthy investigation, giving consideration to the impact of the possible change and its relationship to the needs of the nearby hospital, the heavy residential population of the area, traffic conditions and the fact that building would be strictly a professional office building for doctors. After such consideration, the Planning Board had then voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve the change in the Master Plan, subject to extensive screening between the involved property and adjoining residential property.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED that the appeal be open for discussion.

THE PRESIDENT informed the members that there must be an affirmative motion.

MR. MULREED MOVED to uphold the appeal taken from the decision of the Planning Board, under Section 522.4 of the Charter on this matter. Seconded by Mr. Geronimo.

THE PRESIDENT explained the motion. He said a vote of "no" means you are voting in favor of the Planning Board's decision and a vote of "yes" means you are voting in favor of the appellants.

After considerable debate, a VOTE was taken on Mr. Mulreed's motion and LOST. The action taken by the Planning Board was sustained by a vote of 10 in favor and 24 opposed, with Mr. Reback abstaining from voting and the President not voting as is customary. (A vote of 21 is necessary to carry)

- (2) Petition from residents and property owners on PEMBROKE DRIVE (dated 9/13/61) requesting improvement of road in accordance with Sec. 640 of Charter

MR. RUSSELL presented the following resolution on the above matter and MOVED for its adoption. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 374

DIRECTING IMPROVEMENTS TO BE CARRIED
OUT ON PEMBROKE DRIVE

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD:

That it is the opinion of the Board of Representatives that the public health, safety, welfare, convenience and necessity require the construction and layout of the highway known as PEMBROKE DRIVE in conformity with the specifications set forth in Ordinance No. 79 Supplemental of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intention of the Board of Representatives with the approval of the Mayor, to construct and layout said highway, together with any curbing, drainage or other incidental installations required to carry out said project, pursuant to the powers granted it under Section 640 of the Charter of the City of Stamford; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be and is hereby requested to direct the Department of Public Works to do the preliminary engineering work, including preparation of surveys, plans, profiles, specifications and estimates of the total cost of the improvement and to submit a report thereon to the Commissioner of Finance, who shall make estimates of the value of any land proposed to be taken and of the amounts of the benefits or damages which should be assessed against, or in favor, of each piece of property affected; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be requested to submit a report thereon to the Board of Representatives; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that 100% of the cost of the work and improvements, as aforesaid, shall be assessed against the properties benefited thereby, except in the event the Commissioner of Finance and the City Engineer deem it necessary the City pay for drainage improvements; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that all necessary and requisite steps be taken toward the construction and layout of said highway, curbing, drainage and incidental installations, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 64 of the Charter of the City of Stamford.

- (3) Abandonment of portion of STILLVIEW DRIVE (Requested in letter of 8/23/61 from law firm of Spelke & Weil - Deferred at Sept. 11th Board meeting)

MR. RUSSELL reported that the above matter was being held in Committee because of needed additional information.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

MR. KELLY, Chairman, said his Committee did not hold a meeting this month, as nothing was before them. However, something was received after the Steering Committee meeting, which he would have to present under suspension of the rules.

Concerning possibility of purchasing land situated on west side of Hope Street, extending from Rock Spring Road to property of Bernard J. Coughlin, for a "passive recreation" area. (Letter from Mrs. Eleanor Austin, 8th District Representative, dated 9/25/61)

MR. KELLY reported that his Committee did not receive the above request in time to act upon it, but will bring in a report on this at the next meeting.

PETITION NO. 279 - From Retail Merchants' Council of the Stamford Chamber of Commerce, requesting permission to erect and maintain Christmas lighting poles and arches across the major city streets during the 1961 Christmas Season (letter dated 9/29/61)

MR. KELLY reported that the above petition was received after the meeting of the Steering Committee. He MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to consider the request. Seconded by Mr. Cole and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of the above petition in the same manner as provided last year, with the usual permission of the Police and Fire Departments, and provided that proper insurance coverage and necessary bonds to protect the City are obtained. Seconded by Mr. Murphy and CARRIED unanimously.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE:

MR. CALLAHAN, Chairman, presented the committee report. He said the Committee met with the Charter Revision Commission on September 22, 1961, and in executive session the Commission approved unanimously the amended proposal.

Concerning approval by Charter Revision Commission of amended PROPOSAL NO. 3, re-submitted to them at Sept. 11, 1961 Board meeting

MR. CALLAHAN submitted the following amended proposal, previously approved by this Board at the September 11, 1961 meeting and re-submitted to the Charter Revision Commission and approved by them.

MR. CALLAHAN said the Committee unanimously recommends that the amended proposal be approved by this Board and placed on the ballot at the November 7, 1961 election, and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and CARRIED unanimously:

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.

The amended proposal is 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. JOHNSON asked if this Board could be assured that there would always be three members of the Patriotic and Special Events Commission who were veterans. He was assured that this was the legislative intent.

THE PRESIDENT asked that notation be made of the fact that at all times there would be three members of the Commission who are veterans.

PICNIC COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL, Chairman, reported that everyone seemed to have a very enjoyable time at the picnic, and the weather cooperated, as they had a beautiful day.

He suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to the Turn-of-River Fire Department for their kindness and hospitality in allowing the members the use of their facilities at Station #2, and so MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. SHAPERO MOVED that the members of this Board thank the members of the Picnic Committee for doing an outstanding job. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously. (applause)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS:

- (1) Personnel Commission report of June meeting.
- (2) PUC notice of approval of petition for increased bus fares on Long Ridge and High Ridge lines. (dated 9/12/61)
- (3) Urban Redevelopment Commission's annual report for 1960-1961.
- (4) Invitation to Board members to attend memorial services on Veterans' Day, November 11, 1961, at 10 A.M. at Central Park and St. John's Park - From the 7th Annual Veteran's Day Celebration.

THE PRESIDENT called the members' attention to the above communications.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fallout Shelters:

MR. REBACK spoke in reference to the above matter, having brought it up previously at the Steering Committee meeting. He suggested that it would be a good idea if the office of Civilian Defense would provide speakers to educate the public, as the biggest problem is obtaining adequate information on the subject. This was REFERRED TO THE EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

Concerning need for a light at end of WILLOWBROOK AVENUE:

MR. KELLY said he had received a verbal request for the installation of a light at the end of Willowbrook Avenue so as to light up the turnaround area, where cars park every night, littering the area with all kinds of objectionable items. He said the beach area is used for a "lovers' lane" and residents in the area have complained and would like to have a light placed there in order to eliminate a nuisance. This was REFERRED TO THE HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon MOTION, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

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Velma Farrell, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:


John R. Nolan, President