

Minutes of July 2, 1962  
Meeting of the 7th Board of Representatives  
Stamford, Connecticut

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A regular meeting of the 7th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, July 2, 1962 in the Cafeteria of the Dolan Junior High School, Toms Road, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Paul D. Shapero, at 8:05 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Rev. William D. Henderson, Calvary Baptist 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 30 members present and 10 absent at the calling of the roll. However, three members arrived shortly thereafter, changing the roll call to 33 present and 7 absent. The absent members were: Benjamin Kozlowski, Vincent Vitti, James Mulreed, Franklin Melzer, John Nolan, Allen Shanen and Raymond Masza.

**EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY:**

MR. BAKER MOVED that the condolences and sympathy of the Board be extended to Mr. Melzer and his wife on the recent loss of their baby. Seconded by Mr. Russell and many others. CARRIED unanimously.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of June 4, 1962**

The Minutes were accepted with the following corrections:

Page 3408, 13th paragraph from bottom of page, starting with "MR. O'NEILL spoke....." changed to read: "MR. O'NEILL spoke for the appeal."

Page 3396, bottom of page under items (3) and (4):

MR. SCHWARTZ: "The paragraph under item (3) starting with the words MR. BAKER said----- belongs, I think you will agree, under paragraph (4) and underneath paragraph (4) where it says: 'The above matter was deferred.' appropriately belongs under paragraph (3). In other words, the reference to Sec. 613 of the Plumbing Code was deferred. Section 105-16 was - the recommendation was that no action be taken."

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

THE PRESIDENT read the following report:

**STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**Meeting held Monday, June 18, 1962**

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, June 18, 1962 in the Mayor's Office, City Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. The Chairman, Paul D. Shapero, presided. All members were present, with the exception of Mr. Johnson, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Russell and Mr. Melzer.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

- (1) Mayor's letter dated June 18, 1962 concerning appointments for confirmation at July 2, 1962 Board meeting. Names to be submitted.  
REFERRED TO APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- (2) Additional Appropriations - Previously approved by Board of Finance on June 14, 1962 - REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE (In appropriations of \$2,000 and over, these were also referred to a secondary committee).
- (3) Lease between City of Stamford and U. S. NAVY - For property on Magee Avenue, for period beginning July 1, 1962 and ending June 30, 1963, previously approved by Board of Finance. (Mayor's letter 6/7/62)  
REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and ordered on agenda.
- (4) Proposed amendment to Sec. 3.4 of Ordinance No. 65 Supplemental (Mayor's letter 3/16/62) (See Minutes 4/2/62, item #2, page 3337 - Deferred 5/7/62 See page 3360, item #3 - Deferred again 6/4/62 - See page 3396, item #2)  
ORDERED PLACED ON AGENDA UNDER LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE
- (5) Requesting approval of conveyance of City-owned land to the HOUSING AUTHORITY of City of Stamford, three tracts situated on Greenwich Avenue, for the purpose of a public housing project. (Mayor's letter undated)  
REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and ordered on agenda.
- (6) Elimination of dust and excess dirt in area of excavations - Letter of 6/4/62 from Anthony D. Truglia, 2nd District Representative, concerning complaint from residents in his district. REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE and ordered on agenda.
- (7) Parking Authority - Letter dated 5/8/62 requesting permission to establish metered parking to accommodate 17 cars on city-owned property at junction of Main and West Main Streets (Deferred 6/4/62) REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE and ordered on agenda.
- (8) Traffic light at corner of 8th Street & Summer Street - (Requested by Mr. Meyers, 7th District Representative on behalf of resident) REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE and ordered on agenda.
- (9) Request from Mrs. Joseph Ackerman, (dated 5/11/62) asking that a portion of EAST LANE which abuts lot #12 owned by her, be accepted as an addition to REVONAH AVENUE (Deferred 6/4/62) ORDERED PLACED ON AGENDA UNDER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE
- (10) MUNKO DRIVE - Hazardous condition because of island at end of street - Deferred 3/5/62 - See page 3333, item #3 - Deferred 5/7/62 and again on 6/4/62 - ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE
- (11) Petition from San Manghese Society requesting permission to have procession and music during celebration to commemorate the Feast of St. Theodore on August 23rd through 26th (Deferred 6/4/62) ORDERED ON AGENDA (Previously referred to Parks & Recreation Committee)



- (12) Petition from Veterans of Foreign Wars for use of Magee Avenue for CIRCUS on September 1, 1962 - REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE and ordered on agenda.
- (13) Resignation of Juan Torres as Constable (Letter of 3/27/62) and appointment of successor. Ordered on agenda.
- (14) Copy of minutes of Personnel Commission meeting held May 21, 1962 - REFERRED TO PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
- (15) Board of Education financial statement dated 5/31/62 - REFERRED TO EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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

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PAUL D. SHAPERO, Chairman  
Steering Committee

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MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE - Fiscal Year 1961-1962

Copies of the Mayor's annual message were distributed to all Board members.

THE PRESIDENT announced that due to the Mayor's illness, he would be unable to present it in person.

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. MEYERS presented the report of his committee. He said he had been unable to be present at the meeting, due to illness in the family and Miss Farina served as Chairman in his absence. He reported a meeting was held on June 25, 1962, with all items referred to his committee being approved.

(1) \$139,810.00 - COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE (Mayor's letter 6/8/62)

Code 154.0000 Custodian Pensions-----	\$ 7,200.00
Code 132.0000 Employee Medical-----	4,000.00
Code 130.0000 General Insurance-----	6,700.00
Code 220.0000 Consolidated City Bonds, Principal	
Installment-----	88,072.00
Code 222.0000 Consolidated City Bonds, Interest-----	33,838.00
	<u>\$139,810.00</u>

MR. MEYERS MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Miss Farina.

MRS. CLARKE, said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee also concurred in approval. CARRIED unanimously.

(2) \$250.00 - MAYOR'S OFFICE - Code 108.0501 - Telephone, Telegraph, etc.  
(Mayor's letter 6/7/62)

MR. MEYERS MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mrs. Austin.  
CARRIED unanimously.

- (3) \$100.00 - CITY AND TOWN CLERK - Code 112.501. Telephone & Telegraph  
(Mayor's letter 6/8/62) (REDUCED by Board of Finance from \$2,350.00)

MR. MEYERS MOVED for approval of above request. Seconded by Mrs. Austin and CARRIED unanimously.

- (4) \$400.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - Code 530.0501 - Telephone, Teletype, Telegrams and Dictaphone Supplies (Mayor's letter 6/7/62 (REDUCED by Board of Finance from \$886.87)

MR. MEYERS MOVED for approval of above request. Seconded by Mrs. Austin and several others. CARRIED unanimously.

- (5) \$16,000.00 - WELFARE DEPARTMENT - Code 422.0000 General Hospitals  
(Note: Another item, requested in same letter from Mayor for Cash Relief was approved at a previous meeting called for the purpose, on June 22, 1962)

MR. MEYERS MOVED for approval of above request. Seconded by Mrs. Clarke, who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurred in the approval. CARRIED unanimously.

- (6) \$3,883.92 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Code 624.0101 - Division of Collection, Salaries (Mayor's letter 6/8/62)

MR. MEYERS MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Blois and Miss Farina. Mr. Blois said the Public Works Committee concurred in approval of this item. CARRIED unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. BAKER presented his committee report.

- (1) Lease between City of Stamford and U. S. Navy for property on Magee Avenue for period beginning July 1, 1962 and ending June 30, 1963 (Mayor's letter 6/7/62)

MR. BAKER explained this is a routine renewal of lease of property used by the U. S. Navy for training purposes. He said very recently this lease was amended, the city recalling a certain portion of the property for city use, previously incorporated in the lease, passed upon by this Board at a previous meeting. What is now before the Board is a renewal of that amended lease at an annual rental of a token sum of \$1.00 per year. Mr. Baker said the committee unanimously recommends the renewal of the lease and SO MOVED.

Seconded by Mr. Murphy and CARRIED unanimously.

- (2) Proposed amendment to Sec. 3,4 of Ordinance No. 65 Supplemental (See Mayor's letter 3/16/62 and item #2, Minutes of 4/2/62. page 3337 - Deferred 5/7/62 see page 3360, item #3 - Deferred 6/4/62

The above matter was DEFERRED.

- (3) HOUSING AUTHORITY of City of Stamford - Request for approval of conveyance of city-owned land - 3 tracts situated on GREENWICH AVENUE, for the purpose of a public housing project. (Mayor's letter 6/21/62)



MR. BAKER said the Board of Finance has not yet acted on the above matter. He explained the proposed project is for housing facilities for elderly citizens. This land is in three parcels, which begins on the east side of Greenwich Avenue and proceeds to the Thruway, with the other parcel on the other side of the Thruway, running down to Pulaski Street.

Mr. Baker said the property would be sold by the city to the Housing Authority, and the Housing Authority will erect the facilities; the cost to be paid entirely by the State of Connecticut through the issuance of State bonds; the cost of running the project, which will be run by the Housing Authority, will be defrayed through rentals.

Mr. Baker said the committee is unanimously in favor of this project and have an ordinance prepared for submission to the Board tonight for approval for publication only, as the Board of Finance has not, as yet, acted and it cannot be final without the approval of the Board of Finance.

He said in order to expedite matters, the Committee decided to present the Ordinance for publication, with the thought in mind that by the time of the next Board meeting in August, the Board of Finance will have acted.

MR. BAKER MOVED for approval for publication of the following Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Meyers.

Mr. Connors, Mr. Dombroski and Mr. Blois arrived at this time, changing the roll call to 33 present and 7 absent.

The following proposed Ordinance was APPROVED for publication by unanimous vote:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING CONVEYANCE OF CITY-OWNED  
PROPERTY TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

In conformity with Section 488 of the Stamford Charter and notwithstanding any provisions of Chapter 2, Sections 24 to 27, inclusive, of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford, the conveyance to the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD, a public body corporate and politic, located in the County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, created and existing by virtue of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, of the following properties:

FIRST TRACT:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in the City of Stamford, County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, shown and designated as Parcel "A" on a certain map entitled: "Map No. 1 Showing Property At Greenwich Avenue Surveyed For The City of Stamford, Conn.", which map is on file in the office of the City and Town Clerk of the said City of Stamford as the map numbered ---- reference thereto being hereby had.

Said parcel as shown on said map is bounded:

Northerly: One hundred sixty seven and 4/100 (167.04) feet more or

less, as shown on said map, by an old burying ground, or Greenwich Avenue Cemetery, so called;

- Easterly: Two hundred and thirty six (236) feet more or less, as shown on said map, by the Rippowam or Mill River;
- Southerly: One Hundred forty seven and 5/100 (147.05) feet more or less, as shown on said map, by land of the State of Connecticut, being the northerly boundary of the Connecticut Turnpike; and
- Westerly: Two hundred fifty six and 63/100 (256.63) feet as shown on said map, by Greenwich Avenue.

#### SECOND TRACT:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land together with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in the City of Stamford, County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, shown and designated as Parcel "B" on a certain map entitled "Map No. 1 Showing Property At Greenwich Avenue Surveyed For The City of Stamford, Conn.", which map is on file in the office of the City and Town Clerk of the said City of Stamford as the map numbered --- reference thereto being hereby had.

Said parcel as shown on said map is bounded:

- Northerly: Ninety four and 1/100 (94.01) feet more or less as shown on said map, by land of the State of Connecticut, being the southerly boundary of the Connecticut Turnpike;
- Easterly: Ninety nine (99) feet more or less, as shown on said map, by the Rippowam or Mill River;
- Southerly: Forty seven and 96/100 (47.96) feet more or less as shown on said map, by South State Street; and
- Westerly: One hundred seven and 18/100 (107.18) feet as shown on said map, by Greenwich Avenue.

#### THIRD TRACT:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in the City of Stamford, County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, shown and designated as Parcel "C" on a certain map entitled "Map No. 2 Showing Property At Greenwich Avenue Surveyed For The City of Stamford, Conn.", which map is on file in the office of the City and Town Clerk of the said City of Stamford as the map numbered ---- reference thereto being hereby had.

Said parcel as shown on said map is bounded:

- Northerly: One hundred seventy six and 58/100 (176.58) feet more or less as shown on said map, by land of J. Walter Johnson and Lillian Johnson;



- Easterly: Two hundred and forty three (243) feet more or less as shown on said map, by the Rippowam or Mill River;
- Westerly: Thirty five (35) feet more or less as shown on said map, by the said Rippowam or Mill River;
- Southerly: Seven (7) feet as shown on said map, by the said Rippowam or Mill River; and again
- Easterly: Seventy one and 32/100 (71.32) feet as shown on said map, by the said Rippowam or Mill River; and again
- Southerly: One hundred five and 8/100 (105.08) feet as shown on said map, by Pulaski Street; and again
- Westerly: Two hundred eighty six and 45/100 (286.45) feet as shown on said map.

Including all right, title and interest in and to a certain abandoned passageway shown as "Pecks Lane" on said map,

for the price of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) is hereby approved, approval of the Mayor, the Planning Board and the Board of Finance having been previously granted.

The Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to act for the City and to execute all documents necessary to transfer title to said property.

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

- (4) Proposed amendments to Building Code (Sec. 613, page 161 of Plumbing Code)  
(Presented in letter from 16th District Representatives at 4/2/62 meeting-  
Deferred 5/7/62 - See page 3360, item #4)

(Note: Above matter inadvertently left off when agenda was prepared.)

MR. BAKER spoke in favor of this amendment to the Building Code. He said it had the approval of the Fire Chief and unanimous approval of his committee.

MR. BAKER MOVED for approval for publication of the following amendment to the Stamford Building Code. Seconded by Mr. Schwartz:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 613 OF THE BUILDING CODE  
OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD. CONCERNING SHUT-OFF VALVES

1. Every building hereafter erected and in every existing building other than dwellings, which may be supplied from some outside source with gas, vapor or fluid, except potable waters, shall have a conveniently accessible stopcock or other suitable device fixed to the supply pipes at a place outside of the building arranged to allow the supply to be shut off. Such stopcock or other device shall be marked to indicate the contents and purpose of the supply pipe to which it is attached.

- (a) All water shut off valves controlling water supplies to such building shall be placed so they will be easily accessible for operation and shall be installed and maintained, so as not to create a nuisance.
- (b) In multiple family buildings supplied through a master meter, or where meters are not readily accessible from the appliance location, an individual shut off valve for each apartment or for each separate house line shall be provided at a convenient point of general accessibility.
- (c) "Building" as provided for in this section shall include theaters, churches, schools, factories, multi-family dwellings, as well as other buildings where large number of persons assemble.
- (d) It shall be unlawful to tamper with, cover, obscure, or in any way impede ready accessibility.

2. Effective date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Note: Underlined portions of body of proposed Ordinance are new. Also, former Section (a) has been deleted.

MR. BAKER explained this amendment to the Code is urgent because of the possibility that there might be a disaster, due to the fact that the shut off valves are required to be on the sidewalk and may become covered over when the sidewalks are surfaced with concrete or asphalt. He said in one instance where there was a fire, it took the Fire Department two and one half hours to locate the shut off valve.

There was considerable debate at this time.

MR. CONNORS said he thought the ordinance should embrace all dwellings, single as well as multi-family. He said he knew of a particular instance on Matthews Street where all curb boxes on the entire street had been covered over when sidewalks were installed. He MOVED that all dwellings be included. Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

MR. BAKER expressed some reluctance to include single family dwellings in this as it might be too expensive for a home owner to uncover these curb boxes.

MR. KELLY said he thought it should be the responsibility of the city and not the individual home owner. He said if the city covered up these curb boxes, it should be their responsibility to uncover them.

MR. MURPHY spoke against the amendment.

MR. CONNORS spoke for the second time, urging that all dwellings be included in the amendment to the Building Code.

MR. MEYERS suggested that any amendments be given to the Legislative and Rules Committee so that they may be incorporated into the Ordinance when it is given final adoption.

MR. RUSSELL agreed that it is a problem to locate these cut offs when they are buried beneath asphalt.

MR. SCHWARTZ read a letter from the Fire Chief in which he went on record as approving this amendment to the Code.



MR. MORRIS said from his experience an ordinary house fire is relatively easy to handle and the Water Company has a fairly accurate record of where each curb box is located.

MR. CONNORS said he did not agree with this thinking. He said he felt it was just as important to single dwellings as multiple dwellings.

VOTE taken on Mr. Connors' amendment. LOST by a vote of 26 opposed and 6 in favor, with the President not voting.

VOTE taken on Mr. Baker's motion for publication. CARRIED, with one dissenting vote. (Mr. Connors)

(5) Concerning Ordinance No. 100 Supplemental - "Approval of City of Stamford Joining the Southwestern Fairfield County Planning Region" (Approved at the June 4, 1962 Board meeting)

MR. BAKER said that when this Board had the above matter before it, considerable concern was expressed with regard to giving the agency authority to enter into interstate contracts. He said the Attorney General has given an opinion, which should allay any concern which has been created in that respect.

Mr. Baker read the following letter at this time from the Attorney General's office:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE  
HARTFORD

June 1, 1962

Connecticut Development Commission  
314 Washington Street  
Hartford, Connecticut

Att: Horace H. Brown, Chief, Planning and  
Redevelopment Division

Gentlemen:

We have your letter of May 24, 1962, in which you ask us whether or not a regional planning agency is a "public agency" as defined in Sec. 7-339a, General Statutes, 1961 Sup., and whether or not a regional planning agency can enter into an interlocal agreement under the provisions of said statute.

In said Sec. 7-339a "public agency" is defined as "and city, town, borough, fire district, school district, improvement district or district corporation of the State of Connecticut and any local governmental unit, subdivision or special district of another state". Regional planning agencies, on the other hand, are established pursuant to Chapter 127, General Statutes, 1961 Sup., Sec. 8-31a et seq.

Referring to public agency as defined in Sec. 7-339a, the applicable rule of construction is "Expressio unius est exclusio alterius" (the expression of one is the exclusion of the other). State ex rel. McNamara vs. Civil Service Commission, 128 Conn. 585, 590. Since regional planning agencies are not included in the definition of public agencies in the statutes, we conclude that a regional planning agency is not a public agency as defined in the statute. We therefore answer your first question in the negative.

We deem it unnecessary to answer your second question in view of the answer to your first question. The general powers of a regional planning agency are set forth in Chapter 127, General Statutes, 1961 Sup., Sec. 8-31a et seq.

Very truly yours,

Albert L. Coles  
Attorney General

By: /s/ Carl D. Eisenman  
Assistant Attorney General

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(6) Proposed amendment to Building Code relating to PLATE GLASS or PATIO DOORS  
(Submitted in letter of May 28, 1962 from Ronald Schwartz, 16th District  
Representative)

For the reason that this had been inadvertently overlooked at the time of the Steering Committee meeting held June 18th, the President explained this had been subsequently referred to the Legislative and Rules Committee and apologized to Mr. Schwartz for failure to mention it in the report of the Steering Committee.

MR. BAKER reported that the Committee had this under consideration and would report on it at a later date.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Elimination of dust and excess dirt in the area of excavations -

(Letter of 6/4/62 from Anthony D. Truglia, 2nd District Representative, concerning complaint from residents in his district)

MR. BLOIS, Chairman, reported on the above matter. He said the committee had consulted with the Commissioner of Public Works, who explained that no monies are included in bids for keeping excessive dust down, but could be included in specifications for contracts of this kind. However, he felt the money could be better spent on better quality work, where the work is permanent and will service the residents longer, rather than on top, where oiling and watering down are only employed as temporary measures, with no lasting benefits to be obtained thereby.

Mr. Blois reported that he had personally investigated this particular situation and found evidence that the contractor did attempt to hold the dust to a minimum by oiling the roads where the work had been completed. He said the Committee feels that a good job is being done by all parties concerned in this tremendous sewerage job throughout the city, and for every tax dollar being spent, the taxpayers are getting a good return. He said if there is any further discussion on this matter,



the committee feels the course of action should come from this Board.

MR. TRUGLIA said if the investigation had been made at the time this work was being done, the committee would have found the conditions to be unbearable and a health hazard. He said as far as putting this into a specification, he seriously doubted that it cost any great sum, but would be a very minute figure - that in a project that costs as much as these sewer projects cost, a couple of dollars for water to hold down the dust would not even be felt.

MR. McLAUGHLIN spoke in regard to overloading of trucks with dirt and stones. He said we now have an ordinance on our books (Ordinance #64) to take care of this sort of thing.

MR. RUSSELL said this Ordinance was passed for this express purpose, at the time of the Thruway construction as they were having a lot of trouble at that time from the contractors overloading trucks and the spilling of dirt and stones into the streets.

MR. SCARELLA said he failed to see how the city can progress with these various construction projects going on, without having some discomfort and it must be expected.

MR. BLOIS said it is only a temporary thing and after the work is completed everyone will only remember how nice it is to have these sewers and forget about the discomforts - that all construction causes dust.

#### HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

- (1) Parking Authority - Request for permission to establish metered parking to accommodate 17 cars on city-owned property at junction of Main and West Main Street, in letter dated 5/8/62 (Deferred 6/4/62)

MR. TRUGLIA MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Rybnick and Mr. Morris.

MR. SCHWARTZ said he was somewhat concerned about this, as he remembered this question had been before the Legislative and Rules Committee at one time and he remembered that there was some problem in regard to the advisability of using this land as there was a question of legality as to how this land could be used.

MR. BAKER, Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee, said he had no recollection of the installation of meters at this site ever coming before his committee.

MR. SCHWARTZ said all he remembered was that this question had come up in the past and had been discussed by the Legislative and Rules Committee with the question being raised at that time as to the legality of using land earmarked for other purposes.

MR. SHERMAN said he remembered this question being raised - that this land is to be eventually used for a new bridge across the Rippowam River.

MR. RUSSELL said this land is now being used as a parking lot to a certain degree - and this might be the best and the cheapest way, if we are going in there and blacktop the area, it will be a long time before we get our money back.

THE PRESIDENT informed the members that it was his understanding that any operation of this sort does not entail any cost to the city, but is handled by the Parking Authority.

MR. RUSSELL said this might be true, but it is a known fact that there are some lots that pay very well and others that we are better off without - that he realizes it is under the jurisdiction of the Parking Authority, but the Board of Representatives gives the authority to install new meters and in which direction the money is to be spent. However, he said it was his belief that it would place an added burden on the better parking areas.

MR. SCARELLA said if you will look at the deed, you will find it is dedicated park land.

MR. CONNORS said he would go along with what Mr. Sherman said - that this land will eventually be used for a new bridge - that it is dedicated park property and thinks because of the eventual use of it, to make it into a parking lot and place meters there would be a waste of money. He said he often parks there and has never found a parking problem - that the people come and go too often to create any great parking problem.

VOTE taken on Mr. Truglia's motion, to approve the Parking Authority's request to place 17 parking meters on this site. LOST.

- (2) Traffic light at corner of 8th Street and Summer Street (Requested by Mr. Meyers, 7th District Representative, on behalf of resident) (Deferred 6/4/62)

MR. TRUGLIA said his committee had inquired of Mr. Oefinger of the Police Department Communications Division and had received the following reply:

June 20, 1962

To: Lt. George Harvey  
Stamford Police Headquarters

1. A request from Mr. Robert Meyers, Representative from the 7th District, forwarded to Mr. Anthony Truglia, Chairman, Health and Protection Committee of the Board of Representatives for the study regarding the installation of a traffic light at Summer and 8th Streets has been received by this office.

It is requested that traffic counts be obtained for this intersection in order to prepare warrants for this system.

Under study at this time is a complete new system for Summer and Sixth and Summer and Bridge Streets. This would give Summer Street a change in timing at the peak hours of the day. This is not possible at this time, due to the type of controller system now installed.

If the traffic counts warrant a system at Summer and Eight Streets, this would be an interconnected system, to allow progression on Summer Street.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to Mr. Anthony Truglia so that it may be on the coming month's agenda for the Board of Representatives.

Hawley C. Oefinger  
Supt. Communications

cc: Chief Kinsella

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PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

All matters in above committee were DEFERRED.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

MRS. LILLIENDAHL, in the absence of Mr. Shanen, the Chairman, gave the following report:

Although no meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was called by its Chairman, Mr. Shanen, about two hours ago, I received a 'phone call in which he told me to report that permission is granted and that approval is given to both petitions (on the agenda), provided that there is compliance with city ordinances, police protection and fire insurance.

For the reason that there had been no meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee, the Chairman ruled that it would be necessary to have a motion to bring these matters before the Board for action.

PETITIONS:

- (1) PETITION NO. 289 - From San Manghese Society (dated 4/24/62) requesting permission to have procession and music during celebration to commemorate the Feast of St. Theodore on August 23rd through 26th (Deferred on June 4, 1962)

MISS FARINA MOVED the above matter be removed from committee so that it can be acted upon. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously, subject to the usual conditions being met.

MR. CONNORS MOVED for approval of the above petition. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

- (2) PETITION NO. 290 - From Veterans of Foreign Wars (dated 6/8/62) for use of Magee Avenue grounds for Circus on September 1, 1962

MR. RUSSELL MOVED this be removed from committee and placed on the floor. Seconded by Mr. Blois and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. MEAD said there was no denying this organization is a very worthy one. However, he said he would like to go back over the record. He said it was just last May that this Board approved another Circus for this area; that the residents in that area did not complain at the time, because they felt they were putting up for a worthy cause that would only occur at least once a year.

Later on, a Carnival was approved for this same area, and now another Circus. He said this was beginning to get very annoying, because these Carnivals and Circuses begin arriving and setting up their tents, etc. around 4 A.M. Then, later on comes the ferris wheels, merry-go-rounds, music and crowds, the noise, dust and comotion. He said it is true that the debris left by each departing Circus or Carnival, etc. is eventually cleaned up, and the bill is sent to some "Whistle Stop" for collection

MR. MEAD pointed out that although these people are charged for clean up services, the money goes into our General Fund and the Department of Public Works, who is commissioned to do the cleaning up, is not reimbursed as the money is not in their budget. It is therefore a great drain on the man-power and the regular hours that the men in this department have to work.

Mr. <sup>MEAD</sup>~~Sherman~~ said homes in this area were there prior to the Heliport, prior to the dumping of the dirty snow in the winter time, prior to the movie and prior to the "million dollar race track" there. He said the residents that are affected by all this live on Hanover Street, Halloween Blvd., St. Mary's Place and Gleason Street.

He said the residents feel that all these "worthy causes" should be shared with some of the other districts in Stamford - that having had two of these, they have proven their civic duty.

MR. RUSSELL said he was afraid at the time Ordinance No. 98 Supplemental was passed, which amended the old Ordinance (No. 61) allowing Circuses and Carnivals to perform in Stamford under the auspices of charitable organizations, that this was going to happen. He said some of the older Board members remember why the Ordinance banning all Circuses, etc. was adopted. He said what is now being said is merely a mild echo of what was said on the floor of the Board at the time Circuses were banned. He said the reasons being given tonight are some of the reasons behind why this Board decided not to allow Circuses and Carnivals in Stamford at the time they adopted Ordinance No. 61. He said it looked very much as if this Board has started something up again that they will later regret - that at the time it seemed as if it would work out, but they overlooked some of the unpleasant aspects of allowing these Circuses and Carnivals to return to Stamford.

Mr. Russell said it was about time the Board admitted to themselves that they may have made the wrong move and it should go back to the Legislative and Rules Committee to remove the amendments which the passage of Ordinance No. 98 incurred. He said it was about time for the Legislative and Rules Committee to give serious thought to the problems involved and perhaps reconsider, and return things to the way they were.

He pointed out that all the adjoining communities, such as Greenwich, Darien, Norwalk, and others, are very happy to have Stamford get all the Circuses with the problems that go with them. For this reason, he said, we are not talking about the sponsors of these shows, as it has been discovered that many times it was amazing how little the sponsoring organization got out of these shows. He said there were many problems, such as the traffic problem, parking, cleaning up afterward and many others.

Mr. Russell said he believed that as long as permission has been given to other worthy organizations, it should not be withheld at this time to the veterans organization, but that before another season rolls around, this ordinance should be changed back to eliminate circuses and carnivals performing in Stamford.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED that permission be given in this case only. Seconded by Mr. Cushing.

MR. OPPENHEIMER asked, through the Chair, why an exception is being granted at this time.

MR. RUSSELL replied we are not granting an exception - we are granting an allowance under the terms of the amended Ordinance which allowed other circuses to come here.

He said that knowing very well the background of how and why the original ordinance originated some years past and in view of the remarks made by Mr. Mead as well as the fact that other circuses and carnivals have been allowed to come to Stamford this season, that we shouldn't clamp down until the season is over - that way no one would be penalized unduly.



MR. SHERMAN rose on a point of information. He asked if this particular organization qualifies under the terms of the present Ordinance - in other words, is it a local, fraternal or charitable organization - for what purpose is the revenue going to be used.

THE PRESIDENT read an excerpt from the letter:

"-----We are a patriotic and charitable organization. We have donated funds to the Newington Veterans Hospital, the Rocky Hill Veterans Hospital, and the West Haven Veterans Hospital. Also, we have taken veterans who were in the hospital more than one year, to football games and other sports events. In the future, we plan to donate the use of twelve wheel chairs to disabled citizens of Stamford."

MR. SHERMAN said he recalled at the time this Board voted on the amended Ordinance, that it specified that these organizations were to be LOCAL organizations, and that this was specified when the Junior League first came to this Board for permission to hold a Circus and the old Ordinance was amended to allow local, charitable organizations to hold these circuses, etc.

THE PRESIDENT said the title of this organization is the "Kijek-Poltrack Post, Stamford, Conn." which would indicate that it is a local organization.

MR. KELLY said in all fairness to this organization, the name of the Post signifies the names of two Stamford boys in the Kijek family and one in the Poltrack family who died in the service of their country; that this organization is well qualified under the terms of the Ordinance and do many charitable deeds, being very outstanding in this regard. He urged approval of the motion.

MR. CONNORS also spoke in favor of this request.

After considerable further debate a VOTE was taken on the motion to approve this petition, subject to the usual conditions. CARRIED, with two negative votes. (Mr. Mead and Mr. Cushing)

#### URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

MR. OPPENHEIMER, Chairman, presented the following report:

On Saturday, June 23, the Stamford Chamber of Commerce invited the Urban Redevelopment Committee, along with the other elected and appointed City officials on a tour of the Hartford redevelopment projects. Thirty members of the municipal government boarded a special one car train which stopped in New Haven to pick up Mr. Frank Clarke of the Hartford Redevelopment Commission. As we continued to Hartford, he addressed the group, describing the various projects, buildings and redevelopment problems which would be of most interest and use to us. At the Hartford Station we transferred to a large bus and were taken on a well planned and commented tour of the projects. At Constitution Plaza, Hartford's first project, we walked around and examined the site plan and construction. The Constitution Plaza area had been one of deteriorating substandard housing, further plagued by frequent flooding. The flooding problem has been solved and the site has been redeveloped, primarily as a commercial

zone, with a hotel, office buildings and retail stores. Before redevelopment, the assessed value was approximately three million dollars. Upon completion of the present plan the expected assessment will be \$35 million.

Slides of the sites before and after, were shown to the group in the Hartford Library. This was followed by a question and answer period. Our private train and lunch awaited us at the Hartford Station and we returned to Stamford at 2:15 p.m.

This was a most valuable and informative trip. Hartford began its program in 1950. Legal complications, financial problems, etc., delayed action. The final modified approach which made Urban Renewal a success in Hartford has benefited us in our planning. We are enormously grateful to the Stamford Chamber of Commerce who made this tour possible.

David E. Oppenheimer, Chairman,  
Urban Redevelopment Committee

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#### PICNIC COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL, Chairman of the Picnic Committee, said the picnic is definitely scheduled for next Sunday, July 8th, in back of Turn of River Fire Station #2 where it was held last year. He said the charge would be \$3.00 each this year, with no charge for children, as usual, and it would begin any time after 12 or 1 P.M.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR:

Concerning article which appeared in the Stamford Advocate on June 19, 1962 regarding budget information, 1962-1963 Budget

THE PRESIDENT read a letter from Mayor J. Walter Kennedy, (dated 7/2/62) on the above matter.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS:

Resignation of Juan Torres (Democrat), as Constable, effective 3/27/62 and appointment of replacement

THE PRESIDENT read a letter from Mr. Torres, addressed to Mr. Toner, the Town and City Clerk, offering his resignation as Constable, effective 3/27/62. Mr. Torres resigned because of a ruling from the Liquor Control Commission which forbids him to hold a beer permit as long as he is a Constable.

MRS. AUSTIN, Assistant Majority Leader, in the absence of the Majority Leader, offered the name of PETER STAMATELOS, Democrat, 450 Pacific Street, in nomination as replacement for Mr. Torres, as Constable. Seconded by several.

MR. KUCZO placed the name of GEORGE WOOD, Democrat, 119 Willowbrook Avenue, in nomination, as replacement for Mr. Torres, as Constable. Seconded by Mr. Cushing.

MR. MEYERS asked Mr. Kuczo if Mr. Wood was interviewed by anyone in regard to his qualifications.



MR. CUSHING said this was not necessary in a case of this sort.  
MR. SCARELLA MOVED for a five minute recess at this time. (10 P.M.) His request was granted.

THE PRESIDENT called the meeting to order at 10:15 P.M. He explained the procedure to be followed.

Ballots were distributed to the members by the Tellers, with the VOTE resulting as follows:

PETER STAMATELOS - 20 votes

GEORGE WOOD ---- 12 votes

1 Ballot declared void

THE PRESIDENT announced that PETER STAMATELOS was elected as Constable, replacing Juan Torres.

NEW BUSINESS:

Concerning Survey (or study) of Welfare Department:

MR. JOHNSON said many of the Board members are aware of the fact that the Welfare Department has recently been the subject of much comment. He said whether this comment is based on fact or phantasy should be determined and would be of great value to the city, particularly to the Welfare Department itself and if it should be determined that it was based on phantasy, the Welfare Department could then rest at ease. He said it was his feeling that the Department in question is entitled to have a survey made which would clear the air of this comment, especially when comments are a pre-judgment of the Welfare Department. He called attention to Section 204.2 of the Charter, under the terms of which this could be done.

Mr. Johnson said he thought a special committee should be appointed, rather than a standing committee. He MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES to consider a resolution to allow the formation of such a special committee.

MR. CONNORS asked what was the reason for this "survey".

MR. JOHNSON said he felt there has been a great deal of comment and personally feels this comment may be unfair and is based more on phantasy rather than fact. He said he thought because this particular department is charged with a great deal of responsibility, it should be given the right to have the facts made public and the Charter provisions under which such a committee could act would be the logical and proper place.

THE PRESIDENT asked the members to confine their remarks solely to the question of the suspension of the rules.

MRS. AUSTIN said there was some doubt in her mind that an emergency existed.

MR. RUSSELL said he agreed with Mrs. Austin to terming this an "emergency" but felt that the members would agree that a great deal of money has been expended over the years, and it might be well to look into the facts and reasons behind all this expense, and it must be agreed that welfare is a problem.

There was an objection at this point that the speaker was not confining his remarks to the motion. Mr. Russell said you have to go into the background a little bit.

THE PRESIDENT asked the speaker to confine his remarks to the motion.

Mr. Russell continued speaking in favor of the motion to suspend.

MR. MURPHY said he thought this should be referred to the Steering Committee for proper referral to a regular committee, rather than forming another special committee.

MR. CONNORS said it looks as if the Republicans are using this as a political move. He said there is a monthly report issued by the Welfare Department which is furnished to this Board and he wondered if there was one member of the Republican party who has ever read this report. He spoke of the manner in which this money is allocated to this department.

MR. SCARELLA rose on a point of order.

MR. CONNORS said he did not think he was out of order. The President asked him to confine his remarks to the motion.

MR. CONNORS said all matters in the Welfare Department are checked, double-checked, audited-audited-and audited -- in fact many more audits than the other City departments are subjected to. He said if there was anything wrong it is up to the State auditors to pick it up-----.

MR. SCARELLA again rose on a point of order.

MR. SHERMAN said apparently this Board has a great deal of confidence in its system, and this Board has now standing committees within whose realm this would come. There also are competent Welfare Department heads who are responsible to the Mayor and to this Board and he feels they should be given an opportunity to explain the facts to a standing committee of this Board. In the event this committee feels there is need for further study, it should call for the fact-finding study to be made.

MR. SCARELLA said in view of all the innuendoes and inferences that have been passed here tonight, although he is opposed to this particular thing, he now feels he is in favor of suspending the rules.

MRS. CLARKE said her committee (Education, Welfare and Government) gets the monthly report from the Welfare Department and she does study the report, although she does not claim to be an expert on the subject.

MR. BAKER spoke against the motion and said he sees no particular urgency at this time, and it sounds like propaganda to him, and is an injustice to those doing a decent job.

MR. JOHNSON said it is his opinion that this is an emergency for the reason that considerable comment has been passed by members of the Board. He said he does not feel qualified to pre-judge this, but merely that this department is entitled to have this cleared up as quickly as possible. He urged the members to consider suspending the rules.



THE PRESIDENT explained the question now before the Board - as to whether or not the rules should be suspended and that this will take a two-thirds vote.

VOTE taken on suspension of the rules. LOST, by a vote of 16 in favor and 15 opposed.

THE PRESIDENT said this matter should be referred to the Steering Committee.

Re: Water Pollution

MR. HEARING said the Town of Darien has recently tested their waters for pollution and discovered quite a bit and it is his suggestion that Stamford should do the same thing. He said he thought the Health Officers should do this job for Stamford.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Hearing that this would be referred to the Steering Committee.

Re: Board Members

MR. SCHWARTZ asked that a certain matter be referred to the Steering Committee. He said he wished to call the attention of the Board to the fact that one of the members of this Board has moved out of his district and "we really haven't had the support of another member". He requested the President to refer the filling of what he termed "two vacancies" on the Legislative and Rules Committee to the Steering Committee.

MR. BAKER said he considered this to be a disservice to the Chairman of the Committee; that this is a proper function of the Chairman of the Committee concerned and he thinks Mr. Schwartz should have first consulted with the Chairman. He said the fact of the matter is that he has already raised this question with the President, to whom this matter is well known. He said if Mr. Schwartz feels that the Chairman of the committee is not performing his functions, then he is properly within his rights in requesting that the chairman be removed.

THE PRESIDENT called for order.

Re: Circuses and Carnivals

MR. OPPENHEIMER said he wanted to raise a question at this time because he did not have the opportunity earlier. He spoke on the above matter. He said earlier in this meeting Mr. Russell remarked about the history and the reasons for banning this type of entertainment in Stamford. He said there must have been a good reason for passing the original Ordinance banning this type of entertainment - that he is new on this Board and naturally knows nothing about the past history.

He asked what was meant by "an exception must be made" and now this Board has made three exceptions, how many more do we intend to make and when will this stop.

THE PRESIDENT said he did not wish to cut off the speaker, but it was his understanding that Mr. Russell intends to present this whole problem to the Steering Committee and at that time the question can be resolved.

Re: Ruling of Supreme Court on prayers in schools

MR. RUSSELL spoke on the above subject and said it was his impression that the recent decision of the Supreme Court, banning prayers in schools has left a strong impact on the American people and members of this Board.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED that this Board go on record as disapproving this decision insofar as the City of Stamford is concerned.

MR. MEYERS objected to the motion and even to it being referred to the Steering Committee. He said this Board cannot, as a duly elected legislative body, go on record in a matter of this sort - that they are bound to uphold the laws of the country - and even take the oath of office that this Board will uphold the Charter of the City of Stamford, the Constitution of the State of Connecticut and, he believes, also the Constitution of the United States. He said this Board cannot under any circumstances go on record as being opposed to a decision of the Supreme Court - that an act of this sort would certainly be unconstitutional and opposed to the very oath of office.

MR. RUSSELL said he did not disagree with the right of the Supreme Court to make the decision, but he merely disapproved of the decision.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

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Velma Farrell  
Administrative Assistant  
(Recording Secretary)

APPROVED:

  
Paul D. Shapero, President  
Board of Representatives

Notes: The proceedings of the above meeting  
were broadcast over Radio Station  
WSTC.