

Minutes of June 3, 1963  
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, June 3, 1963, 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 8:15 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Rabbi W. Pearlman, Temple Beth El

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 38 present and 2 absent at the calling of the roll. However, after the election of a replacement for Mr. Robert M. Meyers, 7th District Representative, who resigned, there were 39 members present and one absent. The absent member was Edward Dombroski.

RESIGNATION - ROBERT M. MEYERS, Democrat, 7th District Representative

THE PRESIDENT read a letter of resignation from Mr. Meyers, who resigned for the reason that he is moving out of the City.

REPLACEMENT IN 7TH DISTRICT:

MR. MULREED presented the name of CHARLES A. RODIN, Democrat, 37 Bracewood Lane, as a replacement in the 7th District for Mr. Meyers. Seconded by Dr. Grove, Mr. Baer and Mr. Gurliacci.

MR. KUCZO presented the name of JULIUS J. BLOIS, Democrat, 21 Spring Street, as replacement in the 7th District for Mr. Meyers. Seconded by Mr. Connors and Mr. Longo.

There being no further nominations, the President declared the nominations closed and directed the Tellers to distribute the ballots to the members. In order to avoid difficulties which have been experienced in the past, he instructed the members how to proceed. He said each member would receive one ballot on which they are to write the name of the candidate for whom they are voting - then the Teller will pass among the members with a ballot box in which the ballot is to be placed. He said any member who wishes to abstain may do one of two things - either do not place a ballot in the box, or he may place a blank ballot in the box. He asked if there were any questions as to the method of procedure.

MR. SCARELLA said he wished to make a suggestion. He asked if it would not be permissible for the ballot box to be placed before the President and have each member deposit his ballot in the ballot box as his name is called.

THE PRESIDENT said there should be no confusion if the Tellers circulate among the members.

MR. PHILPOTT asked the President to spell the names of the candidates, which he did at this time.

THE TELLERS distributed the ballots among the members and collected them in the ballot box, as previously instructed by the President.

The Tellers counted the ballots and presented the result of their count to the President, who announced the following vote:

17 votes for JULIUS J. BLOIS  
20 votes for CHARLES A. RODIN  
1 blank ballot

THE PRESIDENT declared Mr. Rodin elected and asked him to step forward to be sworn in as a member of the Board of Representatives, and he thereupon was administered the oath of office by the President and took his seat as a member of the Board.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of May 6, 1963:

The Minutes were accepted, with the following correction on page 3640, top of page, first line, which will now read as follows:

"....custodial care, that the avenue be at least open for negotiation,  
or acquisition of the facility by the State."

(underlined words are the correction)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MR. SHAPERO presented the following report of the Steering Committee:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT  
Meeting held Monday, May 20, 1963

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, May 20, 1963 in the Mayor's Office, City Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. The Chairman, Paul D. Shapero, presided. Present were the following members: Paul Shapero, Eleanor Austin, Alan Ketcham, Daniel Baker, John Nolan, Allen Shanen, William Murphy, Robert Meyers and Fred Blois. Mr. Oppenheimer was also present as Chairman of the Urban Redevelopment Committee, a Special Committee.

The following members were absent: Ronald Schwartz, James Mulreed, George Russell, Anthony Truglia and Hilda Clarke.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

- (1) Mayor's appointments - REFERRED TO APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Those on list presented at the May 6th Board meeting were ordered placed on the agenda for June meeting.
- (2) The nine additional appropriations, approved by the Board of Finance at their meeting held May 9th, were REFERRED TO THE FISCAL COMMITTEE, with items over \$2,000 referred to a secondary committee.
- (3) Appeal from Zoning Board decision concerning Application No. 63-004 High Clear Acres, Inc., pursuant to Sec. 552.3 of Charter, requesting change to RA-1 from land now in RA-2 zone. (As per letter of referral dated 5/6/63 from Stamford Zoning Board)



The transcript of testimony on the above matter was handed to all those present at the meeting, having been received today's date (5/20/63) and mailed to all other Board members. ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE, to determine the validity of the appeal and also to the PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE.

- (4) Petition from San Manghese Society for permission to hold a parade and illumination of grounds to celebrate the Feast of St. Theodore on August 22, 23, 24 and 25 (As requested in their letter of 4/25/63) REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE

- (5) Petition from residents, concerning bad road conditions on WEBB AVENUE  
(See page 3647, Minutes of May 6, 1963)

The above matter was REFERRED TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE for the reason that certain questions were raised because this is not a City-owned street.

- (6) Parking Authority request in letter of 4/24/63 for approval of leasing arrangement between the Parking Authority and Sabini Furniture Co. - REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

- (7) Concerning alleged contamination of Stamford Waters (Two letters) - One, from Mrs. Marie Ritch in letter of 5/13/63; and one from Edward R. Jobson, Jr. in letter of 5/7/63 - REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

- (8) Concerning report from 6th Charter Revision Commission (per provisions of Resolution No. 410, adopted 2/4/63, and Home Rule Act) - REFERRED TO CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE

- (9) Letter from Mayor, dated 5/16/63, concerning reactivation of request for Purchase of Palmer Property for Park Purposes (See Minutes of 2/4/63, page 3577) REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE and PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

- (10) Letter from Mayor, dated 5/20/63, concerning: (a) Nominations to various City Boards and Commissions, to be sent at a later date - REFERRED TO APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE, and (b) Concerning City's submission of its Workable Program for Community Improvement to the Federal Government - REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE

- (11) Concerning recommendation for consideration of increase in compensation paid to the Mayor, to become effective 12/1/63 and request to ask the Mayor to review the salaries of city officials, covered in Section 402 of Charter, and to initiate emergency appropriations, if necessary, also to become effective on 12/1/63 (Requested in letter of 5/20/63 from James E. Mulreed, 7th District Representative) - REFERRED TO EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

- (12) Concerning debate on items brought up under "New Business" at Board meetings

The above matter was discussed at some length. The President said any member can read a letter under "New Business" and it can then be referred to the Steering Committee so that it can be referred to the proper committee. Several of the members said it was their feeling that debate on the floor of the Board was out of order on any matter that is being presented for the first time - that the only

orderly procedure would be to allow the person who introduces it, to do so and then have it sent to the Steering Committee for proper referral.

- (13) Mimeographed letter from James A. Stramaglia, Jr., dated 5/10/63 to various City Boards, concerning widening of Washington Avenue and Woodside Street.  
NOTED AND FILED

- (14) Letter from Saul Kwartin, attorney, dated 4/25/63, concerning appointment of an Assistant Commissioner of Public Works (Appropriation approved by Board of Representatives at Budget meeting held 5/13/63, to be filled by Civil Service examination) - NOTED AND FILED

- (15) PUC letter dated 5/2/63 concerning petition of New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, to close certain unattended passenger stations - NOTED AND FILED

- (16) Public Welfare Department report for March 1963 - NOTED AND FILED, with copy sent to Education, Welfare & Government Committee.

- (17) Financial statement from Board of Education for April 1963 - NOTED AND FILED, with copy sent to Education, Welfare & Government Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, upon motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned.

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PAUL D. SHAFERO, Chairman  
Steering Committee

#### APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MRS. AUSTIN, Chairman, reported that the Committee met on Friday, May 3, 1963 at City Hall and interviewed the Mayor's appointees, with the exception of Mr. Clifton N. Cooke (Board of Taxation) who was not available, being out of town, and Mr. Herbert Whitehead, who was interviewed this evening.

MRS. AUSTIN presented the names of the following appointees of the Mayor. The votes are indicated by each name.

The Tellers distributed the ballots and collected them in the ballot box, with the following votes for each appointee as noted below:

#### ELECTRICAL EXAMINING BOARD:

EDWARD C. TROY (Democrat) - Journeyman Electrician  
109 Sylvan Knoll Road (Reappointment)

VOTE: 33 Yes  
6 No

#### Term Ending:

Jan. 1, 1966  
(from 1963)

ANDREW SOLTES (Democrat) - Master Electrician  
14 Dartley Street (Replacing Fred Serricchio)

VOTE: 33 Yes  
6 No

Jan. 1, 1966  
(from 1963)



PARK COMMISSIONTerm Ending:

BRUNO GIORDANO (Democrat)

Dec. 1, 1966

802 Main Street

(Replacing the late John A. Scalzi)

VOTE: 33 Yes

5 No

1 Abstention

PLUMBING EXAMINING BOARD:

MICHAEL J. BOYLE, JR. (Democrat) - Journeyman Plumber

Jan. 1, 1966

25 Wardwell Street (A reappointment)

(from 1963)

VOTE: 34 Yes

5 No

HERBERT WHITEHEAD (Republican - Master Plumber

Jan. 1, 1966

89 Fifth Street (Reappointment)

(from 1963)

VOTE: 33 Yes

6 No

BOARD OF RECREATION:

FRANK J. ZEZIMA (Republican)

Dec. 1, 1967

56 Stephen Street (Reappointment)

VOTE: 33 Yes

6 No

SEWER COMMISSION:

CHARLES E. THIEME (Republican)

Dec. 1, 1967

73 Cove View Drive

(Replacing Raymond V. Arnow)

VOTE: 34 Yes

5 No

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

Because of the resignation of Mr. Meyers, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, the report was given by Mrs. Austin. She reported that a meeting of the Committee was held on May 28th with the following members present: Eleanor Austin, Frances Lilliendahl, George Connors and Robert M. Meyers, with all matters on the agenda under their committee unanimously approved.

(1) \$3,917.65 - POLICE DEPARTMENT, covering the following: (Mayor's letter 5/3/63)

Code 530.0501 - Telephone, Telegraph & Dictaphone -----	\$ 717.65
Code 530.0910 - Prisoners' Meals-----	200.00
Code 530.1204 - Traffic Supplies-----	1,500.00
Code 530.1705 - Maintenance of Patrol Cars-----	1,500.00
	<u>\$3,917.65</u>

MRS. AUSTIN MOVED for approval of the above appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Truglia, who said the Health & Protection Committee concurred in its approval. CARRIED

- (2) \$81,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Code 606.0609, Snow Removal and Flood Emergency (Mayor's letter 5/3/63)

MRS. AUSTIN MOVED for approval of the above appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Blois who reported that the Public Works Committee concurred in approval.

MR. KUCZO wanted to know how much of this was expended for snow removal and how much for flood emergency. No one was able to answer his question.

VOTE taken on above appropriation. CARRIED.

- (3) \$12,500.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE - Code 410.5502, Cash Relief (REDUCED by Board of Finance from \$15,000.00) (Mayor's letter 5/3/63)

MRS. AUSTIN MOVED for approval of the above appropriation. Seconded by Mrs. Clarke, who reported that the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurred in approval. CARRIED.

- (4) \$200.00 - BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - Code 106.0603, Special Committee Expenses (Mayor's letter 5/3/63)

MRS. AUSTIN MOVED for approval of the above appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Connors and CARRIED.

- (5) \$60,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Code 222.0000, Interest - Consolidated City Bonds (Mayor's letter 5/3/63)

MRS. AUSTIN MOVED for approval of the above appropriation. Seconded by Mrs. Clarke who said the Committee on Education, Welfare and Government also approved. CARRIED.

- (6) \$10,500.00 - DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Code 132.0000, Employees' Medical and Hospital Account (Mayor's letter 5/3/63)

MRS. AUSTIN MOVED for approval of the above appropriation. Mrs. Clarke said the Education, Welfare and Government Committee concurred in approval and seconded the motion. CARRIED.

- (7) \$20,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Code 161.0000, Hospitalization Account (Mayor's letter 5/3/63)

MRS. AUSTIN MOVED for approval of the above appropriation. Seconded by Mrs. Clarke who said the Education, Welfare and Government Committee also concurred in approval. CARRIED

- (8) \$6,000.00 - REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, covering the following: (Mayor's letter 5/3/63)

Code 102.5104 - General Election Expense -----	\$5,000.00
Code 102.5102 - Making New Voters-----	1,000.00
	<u>\$6,000.00</u>

MRS. AUSTIN MOVED for approval of the above appropriation. Seconded by Mrs. Clarke, who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurred in approval. CARRIED.



- (9) \$500.00 - PARK DEPARTMENT - Code 710.1501, Light, Heat & Power (Mayor's letter of 5/3/63)

MRS. AUSTIN MOVED for approval of the above appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE:

- (1) MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION - Concerning request in letter dated 4/22/63 from Attorney Saul Kwartin for approval of enclosed PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN, under the provisions of Section 754 of the Charter (See Minutes of May 6, 1963, page 3642)

MR. BAKER, Chairman, reported on the above matter. He said they are being requested to enact an Ordinance in regard to the Pension Plan of the Classified Employees.

He said the Legislative and Rules Committee met on this matter with Mr. Kwartin, the Attorney for the Association, the Commissioner of Finance, and also with representatives of the Municipal Employees Association.

Mr. Baker said the committee at this time has no report to make, because investigation has not been completed. He said the committee is impressed with the ordinance as submitted by the Association and that there is now in effect a Pension Plan covering the Classified Employees (Note: See Chapter 73A, page 154 of Charter) but there is no provision in this Plan for survivorship benefits as there are in the Pension Plans covering the Police and Fireman.

Mr. Baker said this Board has no jurisdiction over the Pension Plans of the Police and Firemen, but does have jurisdiction over the Classified Employees Pension Plan and are not authorized to enact any measures with regard to the Police and Firemen's Plan, which are only changed as a Charter revision under the Home Rule Act or by Act of the State Legislature.

However, he said this Board does have the authority to enact legislation in regard to the pension plan for the Classified Employees.

He said this evening there will be forthcoming a report by the Charter Revision Committee which will place before this Board for appropriate action, proposals which have been made with regard to modification of the pension plans of the Police and Firemen. He said the plan for the Classified Employees and for the Firemen and Police are the same, except in regard to the benefits to be paid to survivors.

MR. BAKER said the plan as proposed by the Charter Revision Commission will institute some changes as regards the survivors.

MR. SCARELLA ROSE ON A POINT OF ORDER. He said his point is that Mr. Baker is confusing the plan for the Firemen and Police with the plan which is now before this Board.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Scarella that Mr. Baker is merely trying to point out the distinction between the two plans.

MR. BAKER said he hesitates to go into a full discussion of this matter, as he may be encroaching on what is before the Charter Revision Committee and on the agenda under

that committee this evening. He said he was trying to point out the dilemma in which he finds himself in regard to this proposal as submitted by the Municipal Employees Association.

He said the plan as submitted by the MEA as far as the survivorship benefits are concerned would provide a pension for such survivors not to exceed the past average wages of the decedent at time of death....and as far as the computation of the average wages are concerned and what period is taken into consideration prior to death is determined by the salary at time of death. This, in addition to social security benefits. He said these are the provisions currently in effect for the survivors of the Firemen and the Police.

He said as this Board will be informed by the Charter Revision Committee, there are certain proposed changes which will put into effect a system of survivorship benefits which differs from that proposed in the amendment submitted by the MEA.

He said because the committee does not have information which they deem essential, in order for them to be able to determine whether or not the cost of the proposed benefits for the survivors of the employees would be such that the City could financially meet them. He said they have been told by Mr. Gluss (Commissioner of Finance) that the City had to look for money somewhere in the vicinity of \$50,000,000 over a period of future years and that the City is confronted with a very, very serious situation with regard to putting all the pensions on a adequate and firm foundation. This, of course, he said is not true in the case of the Classified Employees Pension Fund, because they are presently on a sound actuarial basis.

However, what the effect would be of a change in this is something the committee does not know. He said, of course, at the present time there are no provisions in the Classified Employees Plan for survivorship benefits. He said the Committee has asked Mr. Gluss to secure for them information as to what it would cost the City to provide benefits as proposed for survivors in this proposed amendment. This, Mr. Gluss said he would do and the committee have not, as yet secured this information.

Mr. Baker said at the time of their meeting, they made it plain to all of those who attended, that it was most unlikely that they would be able to obtain this information and study it in time for the Board meeting here tonight. He said the members of the Committee felt that they in good conscience could not bring in a report to the Board without being in a position to tell the members what financial obligations would be inherent in the enactment of legislation such as is here proposed.

He said the members of the Committee want the members of the MEA to know that they are very seriously concerned with their welfare and realize that they have been discriminated against by having no provisions for survivorship in their pension plan over many years, while other city employees have enjoyed these provisions. He said they also want them to know that this Board is prepared to act on this matter without regard to what the Charter Revision Committee may do and what action it may take and that when the Committee have been fully informed with regard to the cost of these additional benefits and are in a position to make an evaluation, we will then bring in a report to the members of this Board in regard to the proposed amendment.

MR. CONNORS said he is getting confused between Charter revisions and what is before the Legislative and Rules Committee. He said the proposal of the MEA does not need to go to referendum - that it can and has been handled entirely by this Board under the powers invested in it under Section 754 of the Charter which can be found under



Chapter 73A entitled "CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND," which he thinks is very explicit and it only refers to this group and does not refer to the Police nor does it refer to the Firemen. He read from the Charter the provisions he was referring to, and said it can be approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership of this Board.

He said this Board has the right to change the survivorship clause if they so wish. He says he fails to see where the Charter Revision Committee has anything whatever to do with this particular pension plan.

THE PRESIDENT explained that it is his understanding that all Mr. Baker was saying is that this Board has jurisdiction over this particular pension plan, but not over the Police and Firemen's plan, or any other plan. He pointed out that Mr. Baker's point was that the Committee felt that before acting on this, they desired certain information which was not yet available to them and was merely saying that the committee wanted to wait until they had further information as to what these additional benefits would cost the City.

MR. SCHWARTZ said because of the number of years which have elapsed with nothing being done and because of his own strong personal feelings in this matter, he thinks this deserves the attention of the entire Board of Representatives in free and open debate and according to the Rules of this Board, he MOVED that this be removed from the Legislative and Rules Committee before its being reported out. He said it is his understanding that a simple majority vote is all that is necessary to bring this on the floor and that final action can be taken either at this meeting or at any succeeding regular or special meeting with all members having the opportunity to express their opinion and can either take a vote, or according to Rule 5 can take a vote on it for final action at any succeeding or special meeting.

MR. LONGO and MR. SCARELLA seconded Mr. Schwartz' motion.

THE PRESIDENT said he has a question of his own and that is whether or not the question of the pension plan is on the agenda - that all that appears on the agenda is the receipt of the letter and he feels that in order to get this matter acted upon tonight as a specific proposal that it would be necessary to suspend the rules in order to treat it as if it were on the agenda.

THE PRESIDENT RULED that in order to bring this matter before this Body tonight, that there must be a suspension of the rules.

MR. SCARELLA APPEALED FROM THE RULING OF THE CHAIR on the fact that the Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee has already addressed the Board on this matter.

MR. SCHWARTZ rose on a point of order. He asked what the vote would have to be to over rule the President's ruling. He replied a simple majority vote would be necessary.

A STANDING VOTE was taken on the appeal from the ruling of the Chair. 17 voted in favor of the President's ruling and 22 opposed - the ruling was not sustained. (applause)

DR. GROVE spoke against the motion.

MR. MORRIS requested a roll call vote on Mr. Schwartz' motion to remove this from the Legislative and Rules Committee.

MR. SCARELLA said he takes exception to Dr. Groves' remarks. He spoke in favor of the motion.

MR. BAKER said this Board has been criticized for voting funds for things before making a proper investigation of the facts. He said for this reason they want to be sure they have all the facts in this case. He said the wrong done to the Classified Employees must be redressed, but the Committee was unwilling to bring this matter on the floor of the Board until they could answer some of the questions that would be put to them with some degree of certainty - such as what the cost of implementing this change would be to the City and what the consequences will be and the Committee is not in a position to answer these questions tonight. He said this is the only reason he did not wish to report it out of Committee tonight, and could see no harm done by deferring action on it for another month until these questions could be answered. He said the facts are what it will cost the city to put into effect the survivorship benefits for the Classified Employees and at the present time they are awaiting these figures from the Commissioner of Finance.

Mr. Baker stressed the fact that the City needs a unified pension system and not a hodge-podge system whereby one group gets more benefits than another group - that it should be done on an equitable basis for all. He said these are the facts which the members of the Board are entitled to know and without which they cannot act intelligently.

MR. SCHWARTZ said the City of Stamford, a few years ago, paid the sum of \$10,000.00 to Martin Segal Company for an actuarial study of the pension plans of the City. He said that approximately a year ago the Vice President of the Martin Segal Company which submitted the "now famous Segal Report" met with Mr. Gluss and Mr. Saul Kwartin, the Attorney for the MEA and this very problem of survivorship benefits was very thoroughly discussed. He said at that time, based upon not fiction, but on fact, the sum of \$50,000 was the suggested municipal contribution to the Plan as supplied and furnished by Mr. Schanes who is the Vice President of the Segal Company. He said this is not "my figures, but those which resulted from a \$10,000 survey" for this report.

He said this has been dragging on year, after year, after year and the Classified Employees have gone without any survivorship benefits and it is about time this Board showed some leadership in this matter - that he thinks this is an attempt to delay from month to month any action, and he thinks it is about time the Board took a stand. He urged that this be brought on the floor now, and it is not absolutely necessary to take final action tonight - the additional information can be obtained and supplied for open discussion on the floor of this Board without being held up in Committee. He said it can be discussed and acted upon at a subsequent meeting - that action is not absolutely necessary tonight, but it should be brought out of Committee.

MR. BAKER rose on a point of personal privilege. He said he wants to call the attention of the Board to what he considers to be an unfair attack on a committee. He said this matter was referred to the Committee in April and they only had it under consideration at one meeting and at the time this matter was discussed by the Committee with Mr. Kwartin and others, it was explained that the Board was heavily engaged in action upon the Budget and had very little time to go into this in detail and had no opportunity for more than one meeting before tonight's meeting and the charge that the committee has been delaying this thing from month to month is false. He said he felt that the members of his committee are entitled to an apology from Mr. Schwartz.



MR. SCHWARTZ rose on a point of personal privilege.

THE PRESIDENT called for order.

MR. NOLAN MOVED for a recess at 10 P.M. CARRIED.

The recess was over at 10:15 P.M. and the members resumed their seats.

MR. NOLAN said they feel that taking this matter out of committee is not orderly government and is not the proper procedure and is not the way it has been done in the past, but the majority seems to feel differently.

MR. PHILPOT said in answer to the charge that this is not "orderly procedure" he would like to point out that a few minutes ago this Board voted approval of \$20,000 to make up a deficiency in the Hospitalization Account and during the course of the committee meeting, it became apparent that when the original survey was made, there had actually been no survey made as to the number of dependents. Consequently, he said, the committee action could also be considered not the proper procedure.

MR. NOLAN said he was only talking about removing a matter from committee in the terms of orderly process. He said it has been his experience that this Board is supposed to operate on a committee system, in which a matter is put into a committee for study and they come in with their report to the Board and it is then decided on the merits of their report as to which way the members are going to vote.

MR. PHILPOT said he wished to continue his remarks. He said he thoroughly agreed with Mr. Baker that this Pension Plan must be an actuarially sound one. But, in the past, as evidenced by the vote of this Board on the \$20,000 for the Hospitalization Account, that committee experience has been too happy.

THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on Mr. Schwartz' motion to remove item #1 on the Agenda under Legislative and Rules Committee from the Committee. CARRIED unanimously.

MR. SCHWARTZ MOVED that we pass by Ordinance, pursuant to Section 745 of the Charter, the provision as submitted by the administration and as amended under sub-paragraph (d), Section 749, entitled "Other Deaths".....

MR. NOLAN called for a complete reading of the amendments.

MR. SCHWARTZ said he would read it. HE MOVED that the following amendments to the Stamford Charter Classified Employees Retirement Fund be approved and said he was submitting it for publication. Seconded by Mr. Ketcham.

THE PRESIDENT explained what was now before the members. He said: "When an Ordinance is passed by this Board, initially it is passed for publication, which means that the Ordinance is not finally enacted until after it has been published, it then comes before this Board again for further discussion and final enactment. Mr. Schwartz is presenting the following motion for publication."

MR. SCHWARTZ proceeded to read the proposed amendments at this time, as follows:

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMFORD CHARTER  
CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND

(New language is underlined, language to be deleted is bracketed)

SEC. 745. Composition of Fund. The fund shall consist of all monies received from the following sources:

(a) All appropriations, gifts or bequests made to the fund from public or private sources, and all net income resulting from the investment of the fund;

(b) A contribution by each classified employee of the city of Stamford who is a member, until he shall have (attained age 70 or) completed thirty-three (and one-third) years of service, of three (two) per cent of (any part of) his salary (on which Federal Social Security taxes are payable by the employee and five per cent of any salary not subject to such taxes,) which contribution shall be collected as deductions from pay and transmitted by the controller, at the end of each month, to the fund;

(c) All compensation for services that remain unclaimed by any classified employee for a period of one year after the same shall have become due, but the fund shall return any such amount to the city if the claim to it shall be established by the employee or his legal representative;

(d) An annual appropriation by the city of Stamford, as determined by the Board of Finance and approved by the Board of Representatives on the basis of an actuarial survey made at the direction of the Board of Finance not more than five years prior to the date of the appropriation to be at least equal in amount to the sum of the contribution made by members under (b) for the preceding calendar year;

(e) Such additional appropriation by the city of Stamford, if any is necessary, sufficient with the balance of the fund at the end of any calendar year to make the fund at least equal to the sum of the contributions previously made by all the then existing members who are not then in receipt of benefits from the fund, plus interest at the rate of two per cent per annum compounded annually on such contributions;

(f) Any sum which the Board of Finance, within its discretion, causes to be paid in lieu of the contribution of any classified employee who shall have entered the armed forces of the United States.

SEC. 748. Retirement.

(a) The trustees may retire, upon recommendation of the personnel commission, any member who shall have completed ten years or more of service and who shall have reached the age of seventy, such retirement to be effective at the end of the fiscal year of the city within which the trustees shall have taken such action.

(b) The trustees shall retire any member upon his written request, who shall have completed fifteen years or more of service and who shall have attained the age of sixty-five, such retirement to be effective one month after receipt of such written request for retirement.



(c) The trustees shall retire any member upon his written request, who shall have completed twenty-five years or more of service, and who shall have attained age sixty, (but no pension shall be payable from the fund unless and until the retired member becomes eligible for an old age benefit under the Federal Social Security Act, nor shall any pension be due for any period between the date of retirement and the date of eligibility for such social security benefit.)

(d) The trustees shall retire any member who shall have completed fifteen or more years of service if he or the personnel commission shall submit evidence satisfactory to the trustees that he has become totally and presumably permanently disabled from performing any work for the city before becoming eligible for a pension under (a), (b) or (c), except that such fifteen years of service requirement shall be waived in the case of a member who has not attained age 70 and who shall become incapacitated, either mentally or physically, as a result of personal injuries sustained in an accident occurring in the performance of his employment. Total disability shall not be presumed to be permanent until it has existed for six months unless caused by an injury the nature of which is such as to cause a disability which the trustees considered to be obviously permanent. It shall be the duty of the trustees to review each such case at least once a year to determine continuance of total disability.

SEC. 749. Pensions.

(a) Service Retirement. Any member who is retired under the provisions of Section 748 (a) or (b) (, (b) or (c) ) of this act shall receive annually from said fund, for the remainder of his natural life, a sum (which when added to any social security benefit available to the member at the time of retirement will produce a total income) equal to one-seventieth of the first forty-eight hundred dollars of his average final salary multiplied by the number of years of his service plus one-fiftieth of his average final salary in excess of forty-eight hundred dollars multiplied by the number of years of his service provided, however, that no more than thirty-three years of such service shall be so multiplied. (In determining the amount of the social security benefits available to a member retired prior to July 1, 1955, the provisions of the Federal Social Security Act in effect August 1, 1954, shall apply.) If a member has had twenty-five years of service, in (In) no event shall such pension payment be (an amount which when added to the social security benefit available to the member will produce a total income which will be more than two-thirds of his average final salary or, if he has had more than twenty-five years of service will, when added to said social security benefit produce a total income which will be) less than one thousand dollars annually. In the case of a member who is retired under the provisions of Section 748 (c) of this act the pension payment shall be computed as though he had attained the age of sixty-five years, less fifty-five one hundredths of one per cent for each month by which his age is less than sixty-five years at the date of retirement.

(b). Any member who shall be retired on account of disability under Section 748 (d) shall receive a pension commencing when such disability is presumed to be permanent and payable during continuance of such disability, equal to one-half his average final salary but, except in the case of a member who is retired as a result of personal injuries sustained in an accident occurring in the performance of his employment, in no event shall such pension be more than the amount he would have received if he had remained in service until age sixty-five or, subject to the foregoing limit, less than one thousand dollars annually. (When and if the member shall become eligible for a social security benefit, the amount of the payment hereunder shall be



the amount which, when added to the social security benefit, will produce a total income in the amount provided in the preceding sentence.)

(c) Service-caused death after fifteen years. When any member will receive an injury, (after serving fifteen years,) arising out of and in the course of his employment which results in death within six months of the injury, a pension equal to one-half of his annual salary, and in no event less than one thousand dollars annually, shall be paid to the surviving spouse if said spouse is determined by the trustees to be substantially dependent upon the deceased employee, until his or her death or remarriage, and thereafter such part of the pension as the trustees shall find reasonable shall be paid to the children of such deceased employee who are under the age of eighteen years. Said pension shall be reduced by the amount of any payment received by said dependents under the provisions of the workmen's compensation laws or, as the result of legal liability of the city on account of said injury.

(d) Other deaths. When a member shall die before retirement and before he has completed twenty-five years in service, a refund of contributions paid to the fund by such employee, with interest at the rate applicable under Section 750 (of two per cent per annum, compounded annually), shall be made to his estate, or to those persons determined by the trustees to be his dependents. If a member had twenty-five years of service credited prior to his death, but had not attained eligibility for service retirement, the member's dependent spouse or dependent children, mother, or sister, may elect to receive, in lieu of receiving the member's accumulated contributions a pension payable monthly which shall be equal to the pension to which such member would have been entitled had he reached the age of sixty-two years on the date of his death and had he retired on such date. Such pension shall be paid to the dependent spouse until his or her death or remarriage and thereafter, such part of the pension as the trustees shall find reasonable, to the children of such member who are under the age of eighteen years, or if such member shall die leaving no spouse or children, then such sum shall be paid to the mother or sister provided such mother or sister, prior to the death of such member, depended on such member in whole, or in part, for her support, which sum shall be paid so long as the Board of Trustees shall deem it necessary for her support. The aggregate payments in any year shall be no greater than one-half of the last salary of such member.

If a member who is eligible to retire in accordance with the provisions of this section dies without having actually retired, the member's dependent spouse or his dependent children, mother, or sister shall receive a pension in an amount equal to that to which such member would have been entitled had such member retired on the date of his death. Such pension shall be paid to the dependent spouse until his or her death or remarriage and, thereafter, such part of the pension as the trustees shall find reasonable, to the children of such member who are under the age of eighteen years, or if such member shall die leaving no spouse or children, then such sum shall be paid to the mother or sister provided such mother or sister, prior to the death of such member, depended on such member in whole or in part for her support, which sum shall be paid so long as the Board of Trustees shall deem it necessary for her support. The aggregate payment in any year shall be no greater than one-half of the last salary of such member.

If a member shall die after retirement, the trustees shall pay to the dependent spouse or dependent children, mother or sister, an amount equal to the amount of the pension paid to such member at the time of his death, which pension shall be paid to the spouse until his or her death or remarriage and thereafter, such part of the pension as the trustees shall find reasonable, to the children of such member who



are under the age of eighteen years, or if such member shall die leaving no spouse or children, then such sum shall be paid to the mother or sister, provided such mother or sister, prior to the death of such member, depended on such member in whole or in part for her support, which sum shall be paid so long as the Board of Trustees shall deem it necessary for her support. The aggregate payment in any year shall be no greater than one-half of the last salary of such member.

(e) All pensions payable hereunder shall be paid in monthly installments, shall be made through the life of the retired member and shall be continued to his designated beneficiary for a period of five years from the date of retirement in the event the member dies within such five year period, and shall cease with the payment preceding the death of the person entitled to receive the payment. At the time of retirement any member may elect to receive his benefits in a pension payable through life, or he may, on retirement, elect to convert the benefits, otherwise payable to him, into a pension of the equivalent actuarial value computed on the basis of such mortality tables and interest rates as shall be adopted by the Board of Trustees in accordance with one of the optional forms following:

Option 1. A reduced pension, payable during the retired member's life, with the provision that after his death it will continue during the life of and be paid to his designated beneficiary, if such person survives him.

Option 2. A reduced pension, payable during the retired member's life, with the provision that after his death, an allowance at one-half of the rate of his reduced pension will be continued during the life of and be paid to his designated beneficiary, if such person survives him.

Option 3. A reduced pension, payable during the retired member's life, with some other benefit payable after his death, provided the benefit is approved by the Board of Trustees.

Option 4. An increased pension, payable from the date of retirement until the month of attainment of the age of sixty-two years or sixty-five years, and a reduced pension thereafter, in the case of a member who retires prior to the attainment of such age.

Such optional selection shall be irrevocable when made. No optional selection shall be effective in case a member dies within thirty days after retirement and such a member shall be considered an active member at the time of death until the first payment on account of any benefit becomes normally due. (except that a member may elect, within thirty days prior to his application for retirement, to accept, in lieu of any pension to which he would be entitled from the fund, a reduced pension with a provision that two-thirds of the reduced pension be continued, after his death, to his spouse for the remaining lifetime of said spouse. The reduced pension shall be computed to be the actuarial equivalent of the pension provided for in Section 748 on such assumptions as to mortality and interest rates as the Board of Trustees shall adopt.)

(f) If any person entitled to a pension hereunder is entitled to receive a pension or other benefit or payment arising from city contributions or taxes paid to another pension plan, or as a result of workmen's compensation, the amount of any pension due hereunder shall be reduced accordingly. If any person entitled to a pension hereunder takes office, position or employment with the city of Stamford, the amount of any pension benefits due hereunder within a calendar year shall be reduced by an amount



equal to the compensation in excess of fifteen hundred dollars received by him in such calendar year in such office, position or employment.

SEC. 750. Refund of contributions upon termination of service; reinstatement.

(a) When a member who has less than twenty years of service shall leave the service other than by retirement or his service is terminated for any case, he shall receive a refund of the contributions paid by him with interest. Such interest shall be at the rate of two per cent per annum through June 30, 1959 and three per cent per annum through June 30, 1963 compounded annually. (shall be made) The Board of Trustees shall determine from year to year thereafter the interest rate allowed on contributions, which rate shall bear a reasonable relationship to the interest earnings on the assets of the Fund.

(b) If such a member has twenty or more years of service, he may elect to receive his contributions with interest as provided above, or he may elect a vested benefit in lieu thereof. The amount of the vested benefit shall be determined as provided in Section 749 (a) and pension payments shall commence on the first day of the month coinciding with or following his sixty-fifth birthday. Upon the commencement of pension payments, such member shall be treated in all respects as a retired member. In the event a member who has elected a vested benefit shall die, his contributions with interest, as provided above, shall be paid to his designated beneficiary, if living, otherwise to his estate.

(c) In the event an employee who has terminated his employment seeks to be reinstated after re-employment by the city before he shall be eligible to receive the benefits of the pension plan herein established for service prior to said reinstatement, he shall repay all sums refunded to him on his prior termination of employment, together with interest at the rate of three per cent per annum. No such reinstated employee shall be eligible for any benefit hereunder until he shall have completed two (five) years of service since his last reinstatement, except the right to a refund of his contributions with interest as set forth in this section.

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MR. SCHWARTZ said: "Mr. President, I would submit this document which has appropriate underlining and parenthesis showing the deletions and the additions, and that it be published in accordance with the motion which I presented before reading it."

THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on the above amendments to the Classified Employees Pension Plan, for publication, as moved by Mr. Schwartz and seconded by Mr. Ketcham. CARRIED unanimously.

A RECESS was called at this time to allow those spectators who wished to leave to now make their departure.

The recess being over, MR. BAKER continued with his committee report at this time.

(2) Concerning proper order of election of Officers, members of the Board of Representatives and other City Officials who have resigned (See Minutes of 4/1/63, page 3631 and item #7 in Minutes of 5/6/63, page 3647)

MR. BAKER said the committee had requested an opinion from the Corporation Counsel on this matter and read the following letter:



June 3, 1963

Dear Mr. Sherman:

The two questions which you have referred to this office for opinion are answered as follows:

1. Precedence in the order of election of an officer of the Board of Representatives, such as Clerk, and the election of a person to fill an existing vacancy on the Board is a matter to be decided in accordance with the Rules of Order of your Board.
2. In the event that a member of the Board of Representatives should, during the course of a meeting of the Board, resign effective as of that moment, a successor is to be elected at the next regular meeting of your Board following the vacancy in accordance with Section 201 of the Charter.

There is no provision for the suspension of the business of the Board of Representatives until such successor is elected, and it is my opinion that no such suspension would be warranted even in the absence of said Section 201.

Very truly yours,

ISADORE M. MACKLER  
Corporation Counsel

By: Theodore Godlin,  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

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MR. PHILPOT asked Mr. Baker to clarify what he had just read.

MR. BAKER asked him if he did not understand the letter he had just read. Mr. Philpot said this was the case and would he explain it more fully.

MR. BAKER said the committee secured the opinion of the Corporation Counsel and does not see that anything further is needed.

THE PRESIDENT suggested that Mr. Baker allowed Mr. Philpot to read the letter at the conclusion of the meeting. Mr. Baker said he would be happy to do so.

- (3) ZONING BOARD - APPEAL concerning Application No. 63-004 HIGH CLEAR ACRES, INC. pursuant to Sec. 552.3 of Charter, requesting change to RA-1 from land now in RA-2 zone (As per letter of referral dated 5/6/63 from Zoning Board)

MR. BAKER said his committee was charged only with the responsibility of determining whether the appeal is properly made and the determination of his committee is that

the appeal is properly made and the matter properly before this Board for determination.

- (4) PETITION NO. 296 - From San Manghese Society for permission to hold a parade and illumination of grounds to celebrate the Feast of St. Theodore on August 22, 23, 24 and 25 (As per their letter of 4/25/63)

MR. BAKER MOVED for approval of the above request, subject to the proper safeguards on the part of the police and fire departments and proper insurance coverage and bonds to cover the event. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. BLOIS said all he had to report was the receipt of a letter from the Corporation Counsel on the use of salt on city streets during snow removal operations, which he read at this time.

June 3, 1963

Mr. Fred C. Blois, Chairman  
Public Works Committee  
Board of Representatives

Dear Mr. Blois:

Please excuse my failure to reply to your recent letter concerning the use of salt on city streets. There are some very difficult matters involved in this question and I have been unable to complete my research.

Very truly yours,

ISADORE M. MACKLER  
Corporation Counsel

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HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

MR. TRUGLIA reported the committee met on May 20th in the Belltown Fire House to review with the Big Five Volunteer Fire Departments an alleged statement made by a member of the Stamford Fire Department. After much discussion, all parties agreed that the matter be dropped.

Parking Authority request in letter of 4/24/63 for approval of leasing arrangement between the Parking Authority and Sabini Furniture Co.

MR. TRUGLIA said the committee approved the leasing of this property and MOVED it be approved, subject to the following. Seconded and CARRIED;

- (1) That the parcel of land on the Canal Street Parking Lot, having the following dimensions:

Southwest-----	79.29 ft.
South-----	61.54 "
Westerly-----	94.1 "
Northerly-----	139.8 "
Southeast-----	20 "



for a total of 5,400 square feet or enough space for about ten cars. This is with the understanding, as stated by the Parking Authority, that this parcel of land is not necessary to continue their operation on Canal Street, or cause any restriction to their activity.

- (2) With this lease the Parking Authority would be paid \$50.00 a month, or \$600.00 a year for a five year period. This lease to be a standard one, which, by mutual consent could be terminated for reasons such as urban redevelopment.
- (3) That the Sabini Furniture Co. has agreed to pay the entire cost for this request, such as insurance, and complete maintenance, as long as the lease is in effect.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL presented his committee report at this time. He said a meeting was held on Wednesday, May 29, 1963 with the following members present: M. Grove, R. Meyers, J. Mulreed and G. Russell. Absent: A. Shanen.

APPEAL FROM ZONING BOARD decision concerning Application No. 63-004 - HIGH CLEAR ACRES, INC., pursuant to Sec. 552.3 of Charter, requesting change to RA-1 from land now in RA-2 zone (As per letter of referral from Zoning Board, dated 5/6/63)

MR. RUSSELL said the committee listened to both proponents and opponents of the appeal at their committee meeting. He said the proponents present were attorney Raymond G. Cushing and N. J. Mercede. The opponents present were Stuart H. Brown, President of the Long Ridge Association, Mr. Joseph Chanko and A. T. Philpotts. He said also introduced was correspondence with area maps by the applicant, High Clear Acres, Inc. and a letter from the law firm of Maguire, Cole and Bently, opposing the application in behalf of Mrs. Helen G. Altschul.

Mr. Russell reported that the committee split when they voted on this appeal, with two voting to reject the appeal and thus sustain the decision of the Zoning Board and two voting to approve the appeal, which would reverse the decision of the Zoning Board.

Mr. Russell said the committee, by this two-to-two vote thus rejects the appeal to the Board of Representatives since it would have taken a majority vote to approve the appeal in order to abide by Sections 552.3 and 556.1 of the Stamford Charter which requires an affirmative vote in deciding all such matters. Therefore, he said the committee offers no recommendation or motion.

He said, however, if any member of this Board wishes, he may introduce a motion to approve the appeal. He said it would take twenty-one affirmative votes to approve the appeal or to over rule the decision of the Zoning Board.

MR. SHANEN MOVED to approve the appeal of HIGH CLEAR ACRES, INC. requesting the zoning change from RA-2 to RA-1.

THE PRESIDENT explained that Mr. Shanen's motion is a move to SUSTAIN the appeal, and thus reverse the ruling of the Zoning Board. Several people seconded the motion made by Mr. Shanen.

MR. KETCHAM spoke in opposition to the appeal and said he thinks this Board should uphold the decision of the Zoning Board.

MR. OPPENHEIMER spoke in opposition to the appeal, said it was "down zoning".

MR. CONNORS said he thinks this should be changed to a one acre zone.

MR. SCARELLA spoke against the motion and said it is not good planning to change this to one acre.

MR. BAKER said he thinks this Board should uphold the decisions of the Zoning Board.

There ensued a great deal of debate at this point.

MR. CUSHING asked for a ROLL CALL VOTE.

THE PRESIDENT explained that a vote of yes is a vote to sustain the appellant, which will result in overruling the action of the Zoning Board and a vote of no will result in sustaining the ruling of the Zoning Board. He said there has been a request for a roll call vote and asked if there were eight members who requested this.

Eight members signified their wishes for a roll call vote on this matter.

The following ROLL CALL VOTE on Mr. Shanen's motion was taken, with 28 voting yes, 10 voting no, with one abstention (Mr. Sherman). CARRIED:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR

Pasty Arruzza  
Eleanor Austin  
Jack Baer  
Fred Blois  
Vincent Caporizzo  
Hilda Clarke  
George Connors  
Anthony Esposito  
Armando Gurliacci  
William Hearing  
John Kane  
Stephen Kelly  
Paul Kuczo  
Stanley Kulowiec  
Carmin Longo  
Charles Rodin  
Thomas Morris  
James Mulreed  
William Murphy  
John Nolan  
Richard O'Neill  
Gerald Rybnick  
Patrick Scarella  
Ronald Schwartz  
Allen Shanen  
Paul Shapero  
Anthony Truglia  
Chester Walajtys

THOSE OPPOSED

Daniel Baker  
Samuel Cushing  
Dr. Melvin Grove  
Alan Ketcham  
Frances Lilliendahl  
R. A. Mead  
David Oppenheimer  
Romaine Philpot  
Randolph Rogers  
George Russell

I abstention:

Michael Sherman



PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Concerning Public Marina Facilities for 1963 - (Submitted in letter of 12/31/62 from Supt. of Parks, Edward Connell, in accordance with rules and regulations governing parks, under the provisions of Ordinance No. 64) (See Minutes of 4/1/63, page 3628 and Minutes of 5/6/63, page 3640-41-42 under report of Legislative & Rules Committee)

MR. SHANEN MOVED for approval of the above request, as previously outlined in the Minutes of March 4, 1963, being approval of the following fees for Public Marina facilities for the 1963 season. This was seconded and CARRIED: (2 No votes)

<u>Facility</u>	<u>1963 - Per Season</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Cummings & Cove DOCKS-----	\$35.00-----	\$25.00
Southfield DOCKS-----	25.00-----	25.00
Cummings & Cove OPEN-----	\$1.00 per ft. minimum \$15.00	7.50
Cummings & Cove SHORE-----	10.00-----	5.00

(All fees based on regular 7 month season, from April 15th through November 15th)

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

Concerning recommendation for consideration of increase in compensation paid to the Mayor, to become effective 12/1/63 and request to ask the Mayor to review the salaries of city officials, covered in Section 402 of Charter, and to initiate emergency appropriations, if necessary, also to become effective on 12/1/63 (Requested in letter of 4/20/63 from James E. Mulreed, 7th District Representative)

MRS. CLARKE reported her committee met on May 28th, 1963 following the meeting of the Fiscal Committee. Present were Jack Baer, Hilda Clarke, Melvin Grove and Romaine Philpot.

Mrs. Clarke had previously reported on matters under the Fiscal Committee, which had been referred to her committee.

In regard to the item concerning an increase in compensation for the Mayor and other city officials, Mrs. Clarke reported that the committee feels a little more time is needed to consider this and will report at the July Board meeting.

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

MR. OPPENHEIMER presented a report of meeting held on May 14, 1963, at which time the following were present: Michael Sherman and David Oppenheimer; also Richard O'Neill, member of the Board of Representatives, together with representatives of the Urban Redevelopment Commission. He said the guest speaker was Mr. Hawley C. Oefinger, Jr., Superintendent of Communications of the City, who spoke in regard to traffic problems, both present ones and those in regard to the proposed plan for the Southeast Quadrant.

MR. OPPENHEIMER gave a very lengthy report, outlining various questions and answers in regard to the proposed redevelopment plan.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE:

MR. MULREED presented his committee report. He said the Committee met May 31, 1963 in City Hall, and the following were present: Messrs. Cushing, Kane and Mulreed. Absent were Messrs. Walajtys, Schwartz and Mrs. Austin. He explained that Mr. Schwartz was out of town and Mrs. Austin was ill.

He reported that the only business before the Committee was to set the date for the public hearing and the place where it will be held. He said the timing of the meeting dates as specified in the Home Rule Act was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that the Public Hearing is to be held on June 18, 1963 at 8:00 P.M. in the Auditorium of Dolan Jr. High School.

Mr. Kuczo asked Mr. Mulreed a question. He said: "In regard to this report which we have (meaning the report of the 6th Charter Revision Commission) -- are all these items going to be brought up at the Public Hearing?"

MR. MULREED replied that only the three items that were approved by the Charter Revision Commission will be discussed at the Public Hearing.

Mr. Kuczo said: "How can some of these items be brought back?"

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Kuczo that if he would discuss this with Mr. Mulreed off the floor of the meeting he was sure he would be glad to tell him what would be necessary in order to accomplish this.

PICNIC COMMITTEE:

THE PRESIDENT informed the members that at this time of the year the Board usually thinks about their picnic. He said either he or Mr. Russell, the Picnic Committee Chairman, will notify those members of the Board who will serve on this Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:CONCERNING NEW COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

THE PRESIDENT informed the members that, after consultation with the Majority and Minority Leaders he would inform the Board as to the new Committee assignments caused by the resignation of Mr. Meyers.

Concerning the protesting of the closing down of lockers on West Beach - Complaint in letter from Mrs. Louis Chandler of 52 Lindale Street, addressed to Mr. Schwartz, 16th District Representative

MR. SCHWARTZ said he would like to have the above matter referred to the Steering Committee at their next meeting. He explained the above people were in receipt of a notification from the Park Commission, dated May 10, 1963, in which they were informed of the closing down of the seasonal lockers at West Beach because of the deterioration of these wooden lockers over the years. He read the letter from Mrs. Chandler at this time as well as the notification they had received from the Park Commission. REFERRED TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Petition from Residents of Glendale Circle and Greenfield Road, Glenbrook  
Concerning bad road conditions



MR. SCHWARTZ presented the above petition at this time, signed by 21 residents of the above area. REFERRED TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Concerning Civil Service Procedures

MR. PHILPOT, 15th District Representative, presented the following resolution at this time, which was referred to the STEERING COMMITTEE:

WHEREAS, the orderly processes of civilian government can only be maintained by competent personnel; and

WHEREAS, the orderly operation of Civil Service procedures is best suited to assure the appointment of such competent personnel; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of persons to governmental posts before job specifications and standards have been set up as guide lines within the Civil Service structure itself can serve only to weaken the Civil Service concept and open the door to political exploitation; and

WHEREAS, such a course of events would react to the detriment of the City of Stamford;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is the intent of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford to express to the Mayor of the City of Stamford its hope that, in the future, it shall not be asked to approve the inclusion in a budget of funds to finance any governmental post unless the Civil Service Commission shall have already determined the specifications of such posts, shall have included such specifications in its appropriate manuals, and shall have laid down the means whereby such a post may be filled in orderly fashion and by due process of law.

Concerning Petition from residents of North Street, criticizing certain action taken by the Zoning Board of Appeals

MR. MULREED said he had a petition from the residents of North Street which he would like to have referred to the Steering Committee. He did not read the letter at this time, but said he would present it at the next meeting of the Steering Committee. REFERRED TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Petition from approximately 2,500 residents of the City of Stamford urging favorable action on requested amendment to the Classified Employees Retirement Plan as presented by the Municipal Employees Association

MR. CONNORS said he had a petition on the above matter which he would like to present at this time. It was given to the Secretary for the files of the Board.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

*Velma Farrell*

Velma Farrell  
Administrative Assistant  
(Recording Secretary)

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APPROVED:

*Paul D. Shapero*

Paul D. Shapero, President  
Board of Representatives

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