

Minutes of February 3, 1964
Meeting of the Board of Representatives
Stamford, Connecticut

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The regular monthly meeting of the 8th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, February 3, 1964 in the Cafeteria of the Walter Dolan Jr. High School, Toms Road, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Ronald M. Schwartz, at 8:20 P.M.

The INVOCATION was given by Rev. Russell M. McGown, 1st Congregational 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 38 members present and 2 absent. The absent members were: Chester Walajtys and Jennie Esposito.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of January 6, 1964
Special Meeting of January 15, 1964

The Minutes of January 6, 1964 were accepted, there being no corrections.

The Minutes of the meeting of January 15, 1964 were accepted with the following corrections:

Page 3887 - After Mr. Kane's remarks, 6th paragraph, where he asks:

"Is it not so, that when referring something back to the Commission, that you must have specific charges to that Commission? Or, do we just refer it back to it without any recommendations for further study?"

THE PRESIDENT replied: "I am ruling that the motion is in order."

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PRESIDENT stated: "Are there any further motions?" Hearing none, and there being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Mr. Ketcham, seconded by Mr. Truglia, the meeting adjourned at 11:59 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING OTHER THAN COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

THE PRESIDENT announced that any member of the Board of Representatives who has the desire and time and wishes to attend a meeting of any committee may do so, but, of course without the right to participate in the meeting and without the right to vote on any particular matter before the committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

THE PRESIDENT read the report of the Steering Committee at this time, which follows:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTMeeting held Monday, January 20, 1964

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, January 20, 1964 in the Mayor's Office, City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 8:15 P.M. All members were present, with the exception of the following: Lee Mogul, Michael Zezima and Booth Hemingway.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

- (1) The six items approved by the Board of Finance at their meeting held Thursday, January 9, 1964 were REFERRED TO THE FISCAL COMMITTEE, with all items in excess of \$2,000.00 referred to secondary committees as follows:
 - (a) Mayor's letter of 1/3/64 requesting \$2,476.46 for Public Works Dept., to establish position of "Chief Operator", salary Grade 9 - REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS & PERSONNEL COMMITTEES
 - (b) Mayor's letter of 1/3/64 requesting \$14,000.00 for Public Works Dept., Code 630.1806, City Hall & Other Buildings (For transition to new Municipal Office Building) REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
 - (c) Mayor's letter of 1/3/64 requesting \$80,000.00 for Public Works Dept., Code 606.0609, Snow Removal and Storm Emergency - REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
 - (d) Mayor's letter of 1/3/64 requesting \$3,500.00 for Town Clerk, Code 112.0102, Salaries, Part-time Help - REFERRED TO EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
 - (e) Mayor's letter of 1/3/64 requesting \$13,200.00 for Public Works Dept., Code 631.1803, Maintenance & Service Contract for new Municipal Office Building - REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
 - (f) Mayor's letter of 12/30/63 requesting \$10,000.00 for Corporation Counsel, Code 132.0000, Employees' Medical and Hospital Account REFERRED TO EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
- (2) The item of \$166,750.00 - SALE OF ELM STREET SCHOOL PROPERTY (Mayor's letter of 12/11/63 - DEFERRED by the Board at the January 6, 1964 meeting- ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA under the Legislative & Rules Committee (Previously approved by the Fiscal Committee on 1/6/64, but DEFERRED by the Legislative & Rules Committee.
- (3) The three matters DEFERRED by the Legislative & Rules Committee at the January 6, 1964 meeting, were ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA.
- (4) Concerning Dam on Cove Pond (See item #6 under report of Public Works Committee, Minutes of 1/6/64, page 3871)

Mr. Morris said this matter was in a state of "status quo" and would require further investigation before bringing it out of Committee.

- (5) Concerning request for traffic light on SEASIDE AVENUE (Previously requested in letter dated Oct 15, 1963 to former William Hickey by Representatives from 10th District),

Mr. Kuczo asked that this matter be re-activated as they have never received a reply from Mayor Hickey on this. REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

- (6) Concerning Marina Fees for 1964 Season (DEFERRED at 1/6/64 Board meeting- See report of Parks & Recreation Committee, page 3871)

Mr. Kelly requested the Chairman to instruct the Secretary to write to Mr. Connell, asking him when the Committee can meet with him on the above matter.

- (7) Proposed Ordinance concerning Change of name for BURSEY LANE - ORDERED PLACED ON AGENDA UNDER PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

- (8) SELBY PLACE - Letter from Commissioner of Public Works, dated 12/27/63, referring petition from residents requesting installation of a street light and acceptance as a public highway - REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEES

- (9) Concerning Waiver of Building Permit Fee on proposed work for construction of and addition to Stamford Hospital (Requested in letter of 12/17/63 from law firm of Durey & Pierson) - REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (10) Letter dated 1/2/64 from Health Dept., concerning fluoridation of water supply.

It was decided to request an opinion from the Corporation Counsel on the above matter.

- (11) Proposed Ordinance from Stamford Labor Council (letter dated 1/16/64) requesting legislation against importing of strikebreakers (Previously considered by the Board on 1/9/61 and DEFERRED 2/6/61, with no further action taken at that time, as it was deemed unnecessary.) - REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (12) Proposed Ordinance from Stamford Labor Council (letter dated 1/16/64) requesting legislation to safeguard contracts for labor and prevent inferior work - REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (13) Letter from Benson Associates Adjustment Service, dated 1/17/64, concerning a claim in amount of \$76.31 from Hugo's Restaurant - REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE to report back at the next meeting of Steering Committee.

- (14) Concerning Ice Menace on HANNAH'S ROAD - Letter dated 1/18/64 from Gelston Hardy - REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- (15) Copy of letter to Board of Education concerning Cloonan School (dated 1/14/64) from John Violano, regarding "Cornell report" - Noted and filed, with copy sent to Education, Welfare & Government Committee Chairman for information.

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- (16) Copy of letter to Mayor Thomas Mayers (dated 1/3/64) from Supt. of Schools re: Cloonan Jr. High School - Noted and filed, with copy sent to Education, Welfare & Government Committee.
- (17) Welfare Dept. report for October 1963 - Noted and filed, with copy sent to Education, Welfare & Government Committee.
- (18) Concerning proposed amendment to Rules of Order:

Mr. Selsberg questioned the manner in which the Rules could be amended. The Chairman informed him that any Committee would be able to bring in a request for a change in the Rules, which would then have to be voted upon by the entire Board and requires a two-thirds vote.

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

(Signed) Ronald M. Schwartz,
Chairman Steering Committee

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FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. ROGERS, Chairman, presented his committee report. He said the Committee met on January 27, 1964 and present were the Chairman, Mrs. Lilliendahl, the Commissioner of Public Works Arthur Mitchell, Mr. Morris, Chairman of Public Works Committee and Messrs. Durso, Rybnick, Mogul, Russell and Hemingway.

- (1) \$2,476.46 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Code 602.0101, Administration, Salaries- Concerning the establishment of new position of "Chief Operator", Salary Grade 9 (Mayor's letter of 1/3/64)

MR. ROGERS said the committee tabled the above matter, pending a report from the Commissioner on the results of a survey to be made by the telephone company on the feasibility and necessity for such a position.

- (2) \$14,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Code 630.1806, City Hall and Other Buildings (For transition to new Municipal Office Building) (Mayor's letter of 1/3/64)

MR. ROGERS MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Morris, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, who said his Committee also approved this request. CARRIED unanimously.

- (3) \$80,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Code 606.0609, Snow Removal and Emergency (Mayor's letter of 1/3/64)

MR. ROGERS said the committee unanimously approved this item and MOVED for approval. Seconded by Mr. Morris, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, who said his Committee also concurred in approving this item.

Several of the members spoke in glowing terms of the expert way the recent snowstorms had been quickly cleared from the city streets, with very little inconvenience to the residents.

MR. SHANEN asked the Chairman for a point of information. He wanted to know if the Committee had seen the vouchers for the work that was done - if the bills had been substantiated.

MR. ROGERS said he had not been furnished with vouchers, but that the attachment to the Mayor's letter, requesting the funds, gave a detailed breakdown of how the money was to be spent - something which had never been done before to his knowledge.

MR. ZEZIMA said he, for one, considered the results to have been outstanding.

MR. KETCHAM said he feels this Board should be appreciative of the method now being used by the Commissioner of Public Works and he would ask the senior members of the Board to search their memories and see if they can recall when vouchers were ever presented to the Board and now we have been presented with a list of the contractors who are working on snow removal and letting "us know who is getting what". He said: "Prior to this time, in my memory, this has been a deep, dark secret which has not been available to any member."

MR. SHANEN said he agrees completely that in the past this has been a deep, dark secret and thinks this Board should be as well informed as they possibly can be in items of this magnitude - He said: \$80,000.00 is an awful lot of money to spend on snow removal, and I agree completely that the job that was done was an excellent one, but it seems to me to be an awful lot of money and I was also concerned with another part of this problem. Perhaps someone can tell me, what does it cost to remove X number of inches of snow in X number of areas - in other words, does it cost \$1,000.00 an inch or what? What are the statistics based on other communities and how do we fare cost-wise in the matter of snow removal. I think we should start getting out of this dark cloud of secrecy that we have been in for a good number of years."

MR. ROGERS said to break this thing down would cover the cost of trucks, the cost of sand, the cost of salt, etc on the roads and you cannot pro-rate this over the amount of snow that is on the ground. He said he agreed with Mr. Shanen that it is a lot of money - however, he said if his memory serves him right, he believes that this Board appropriated sometime last spring when the birds and the bees were singing, a six-figure amount for snow removal, after less snowfall than there is at the present time.

MR. KANE said in the case of snow removal, there is no particular amount appropriated in the budget, as it depends on the amount and how often it snows and the weather is something that cannot be anticipated a year in advance. He said it is about the only place where a Commissioner can go ahead and spend the money and then come back to the city boards and request an appropriation to cover the expenditures.

MR. KETCHAM said he believes that there has been enough of a "snow job" already.

After considerable further debate, a VOTE was taken on item No. 3 - the \$80,000.00 for snow removal, and CARRIED unanimously.

Concerning illness of Mrs. Esposito, 14th District Representative:

THE PRESIDENT said, although this may be a little out of order at this time, he would like to request the Administrative Assistant to send an appropriate card, conveying the good wishes of the Board for her speedy recovery.

- (4) \$3,500.00 - TOWN CLERK - Code 112.0102, Salaries, Part-time help
(Mayor's letter of 1/3/64)

MR. ROGERS MOVED for approval of the above request. Mr. Kuczo said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee also approved. Seconded by Mr. Nathanson and CARRIED unanimously.

- (5) \$13,200.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. - Code 631.1803, Maintenance & Service Contract for new Municipal Office Building (Mayor's letter 1/3/64)

MR. ROGERS MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mrs. Lilliendahl.

MR. MORRIS, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, said his committee also approved this request.

MR. SHERMAN asked what happens to the Custodians now assigned to the Municipal Office Building.

MR. ROGERS said there is custodial help now in the old Town Hall - a man who is assigned to work during the day. However, the service contract would be heavy cleaning work that will be done after working hours, which cannot be done during the time people are working. He said if this work is done with our own people it would mean hiring several more custodians to work during the evening hours. He explained that the Helco Building had previously been serviced this way - by using an outside cleaning service and they wished to try out this type of service, as it entailed much less bookkeeping, etc. for the city and they expected it to result in a substantial saving.

MR. KANE asked how much this would cost for an entire year.

MR. ROGERS said it is not possible to answer the question at this time, as it has never been done before and Mr. Mitchell is trying it on an experimental basis and later perhaps will be able to furnish the Board with more complete figures. He said it will probably be handled on a bid basis.

MR. KUCZO asked if "this would be a permanent deal".

MR. ROGERS explained that this will cover the cost of the contract from now until the end of the fiscal year.

After considerable further debate, a VOTE was taken on item #5 for \$13,200 for Code 631.1803, Maintenance and Service Contract for new Municipal Office Building. CARRIED with one no vote (Mr. Kuczo).

- (6) \$10,000.00 - CORPORATION COUNSEL - Code 132.0000, Employees' Medical and Hospital Account
(Mayor's letter of 12/30/63)

MR. ROGERS MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Rich.

MR. KUCZO said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee also approved this request. CARRIED unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. SELSBERG, Chairman, presented his committee report at this time. He said several meetings were held, as follows: (1) January 22, 1964 in the Cafeteria of Burdick Jr. High School, at which time all committee members were present; (2) January 29, 1964, in the Cafeteria of Burdick Jr. High School, in conjunction with the Planning and Zoning Committee to discuss the Studley appeal from the decision of the Zoning Board, and (3) January 29, 1964, after the adjournment of the first meeting held earlier, at which time the following members were present: Messrs. Selsberg, Sherman, Rich, Maffucci and Kelly.

(1) Proposed Ordinance for publication, concerning Sale of ELM STREET SCHOOL PROPERTY for \$166,750.00 to Cambridge Co., P. O. Box 1700, Bridgeport, Conn. 06601 (Mayor's letter of 1/6/64) (DEFERRED 1/6/64)

MR. SELSBERG said it was the opinion of the Committee that approval of the sale of the Elm Street School property should take the form of an Ordinance. As the sealed bid procedure is not provided for in the Charter, concerning the sale of City-owned property (Section 2-24 to Section 2-27) he said the Committee felt this could be done in accordance with Section 488 of the Charter. He said precedent for this procedure can be found in the Code of General Ordinances (See Ordinances Nos. 55 and 88). He said as the present procedure is time-consuming and cumbersome, the Committee wishes to recommend to the Steering Committee at this time, that this matter be brought to the attention of the appropriate committee for investigation and action thereon.

MR. SELSBERG said the committee wishes to present the following proposed Ordinance for adoption for publication and SO MOVED. Mr. Sherman read the proposed Ordinance and seconded the motion. CARRIED unanimously:

ORDINANCE NO.-----SUPPLEMENTALCONCERNING SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY TO THE CAMBRIDGE COMPANY

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 2-24 to 2-27, inclusive, of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford, the sale to THE CAMBRIDGE COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut and having its principal place of business in the City of Bridgeport, County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, of the following described property:

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, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Elm Street, which point is 269.76 feet from the northeasterly intersection of said Elm Street with Hawthorne Street as shown on a certain map entitled: "City of Stamford Map Showing Parcels 'A' and 'B' of Land Exchanged by the City of Stamford and Knights of Columbus Building Association of Stamford, Connecticut, Incorporated", which map is on file in the

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office of the Town and City Clerk of the said City of Stamford as the map numbered 6884, reference thereto being hereby had, and running thence from said point in an easterly direction along land now or formerly of Knights of Columbus Building Association of Stamford, Connecticut, Incorporated, on a course whose bearing is North 89° 23' 00" East a distance of 194.76 feet, thence along land now or formerly of said Knights of Columbus Building Association of Stamford, Connecticut, Incorporated in a southerly direction on a course whose bearing is South 41° 46' 44" East a distance of 59.13 feet, thence in a southwesterly direction on a course whose bearing is South 35° 33' 30" West to a point on Elm Street as it now exists, thence along the easterly street line of Elm Street as it now exists in a northwesterly direction to the point or place of beginning.

Except for the last mentioned boundary description along the easterly side of Elm Street, said premises are shown and delineated on the aforementioned map to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said premises.

For the price of not less than ONE HUNDRED SIXTY SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 DOLLARS(\$166,750.00) is hereby approved, approval thereof by the Mayor, the Planning Board and the Board of Finance of the City of Stamford having previously granted.

The Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to act for the City and to execute and deliver all documents necessary to transfer title to the hereinabove described premises.

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

- (2) Proposed Ordinance for publication, to establish a Commission on Human Rights in Stamford (Revised copy previously given to all Board members)
(Letter from Attorney Robert L. Levister, dated 11/27/63) DEFERRED 1/6/64)

Mr. SELSBERG reported that the Committee held an open meeting on the above matter on January 22, 1964 at Burdick Jr. High School, which was given a lot of publicity and was well attended by interested citizens, individually and representing organizations, as well as the following Board members: Lilliendahl, Philpot and Durso. He said the purpose of the meeting was to elicit information and opinions which would aid the committee in drafting the Ordinance.

He said the committee met thereafter on January 29, 1964 and amended the proposed Ordinance and that the proposed Ordinance is in final form with the committee's additions and deletions.

MR. SELSBERG MOVED for approval of the following proposed Ordinance for publication.

Mr. Sherman seconded the motion. CARRIED unanimously:

ORDINANCE NO. SUPPLEMENTAL

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS FOR
THE CITY OF STAMFORD

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

The Code of General Ordinances of Stamford, Connecticut, be amended by adding thereto the following new chapter, to read as follows:

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. PURPOSE

A city agency is hereby created through which the City of Stamford officially may encourage and bring about mutual understanding and respect among all groups in the city, eliminate prejudice, intolerance, bigotry, discrimination and disorder occasioned thereby and give effect to the guarantee of equal rights for all assured by the constitution and the laws of the State of Connecticut and of the United States of America.

2. DEFINITIONS

(a) "Discrimination" shall mean any unlawful difference in treatment based on race, creed, color, national origin or ancestry, and shall include segregation, except that it shall not be discrimination for any religious or denominational institution to devote its facilities exclusively or primarily to or for members of its own religion or denomination or to give preference to such members or to make such selection as is calculated by such institution to promote the religious principles for which it is established or maintained.

(b) "Religious or denomination Institution" shall mean any institution which is operated for religious purposes or is operated, supervised or controlled by a religious or denominational organization.

3. COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

There is hereby created a commission on human rights. It shall consist of nine members, serving without compensation, to be appointed by the Mayor. All members shall be resident electors of the municipality and not more than a bare majority of the members of the commission shall be registered members of the same political party. The Mayor shall submit to the Board of Representatives, not later than June 1, 1964, his nominations of nine members of the commission on human rights. Of the nine persons thus nominated, three shall be nominated as members to serve for three years, three shall be nominated to serve as members for two years, and three shall be nominated to serve as members for one year, thereafter all appointments shall be for a term of three years. In the event of the death, resignation or removal of any member, his successor shall be appointed by the Mayor to serve for the unexpired period of the term for which such member had been appointed. No nomination to the commission on human rights shall become effective until approved by the Board of Representatives. The Board of Representatives shall defer final action on

all nominations until its next regular meeting. The Mayor may remove a member for cause after a public hearing.

Written charges and notices of hearing shall be served upon such member at least seven days before the hearing, either personally or by leaving the same at his place of residence. Such member shall have the right to be represented by counsel at the hearing. Each year, following approval by the Board of Representatives of the new members, the commission on human rights shall select from among its members its chairman. All of the other provisions of Chapter 50 of the City Charter shall apply to this commission.

4. FUNCTIONS

The functions of the commission shall be:

(a) To foster mutual understanding and respect among all racial, religious and ethnic groups in the City of Stamford.

(b) To encourage equality of treatment for, and discourage discrimination against any racial, religious or ethnic group or its members:

(c) To cooperate with business, civic, governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations in furtherance of the purposes of this ordinance;

(d) To make, in accordance with the powers and duties hereafter set forth, such investigations and studies in the field of human relations as, in the judgment of the commission will aid in effectuating its general purposes.

5. POWERS AND DUTIES

The powers and duties of the commission shall be:

(a) To work together with federal, state and city agencies in developing courses of instruction, for presentation to city employees and in public and private schools, public libraries, museum and other suitable places, in techniques for achieving harmonious intergroup relations within the City of Stamford:

(b) To enlist the cooperation of the various racial, religious and ethnic groups, community organizations, labor organizations, commercial and business organizations, fraternal and benevolent associations, and other groups in Stamford, in programs and campaigns devoted to eliminating group prejudices, intolerance, bigotry and discrimination;

(c) To study the problems of prejudice, intolerance, bigotry, discrimination and disorder occasioned thereby in all or any fields of human relationship;

(d) To receive and investigate complaints and to initiate its own investigations of: (1) racial, religious and ethnic group tensions, prejudice, intolerance, bigotry and disorder occasioned thereby; (2) unlawful discrimination against any person, group of persons, organization or corporation, whether practices by private persons, associations, corporations or by city

officials or city agencies, except, that all instances of such discrimination involving the occupancy of housing accommodations, within the jurisdiction of any state commission or agency, shall be referred to that commission or agency;

(e) To hold hearings, administer oaths, and take the testimony of any person under oath. No public hearing shall be held pursuant to this title without the approval of the commission by two-thirds affirmative vote. The commission, after the completion of any hearing and/or investigation, shall make a report to the Mayor in writing, setting forth the facts found by it and its recommendations. Until such time as said written report shall have been made to the Mayor, no statement shall be issued by the commission or any of its members, and upon the completion of such written report any and all statements of the commission shall be issued through and by its chairman only. At any hearing before the commission, a witness shall have the right to be confronted by the complainant;

(f) To issue publications and reports of studies and research designed to promote good will and to minimize or eliminate prejudice, intolerance, bigotry, discrimination and disorder occasioned thereby.

(g) To appoint an executive secretary, subject to approval of such appointment by the Board of Representatives, at an annual salary not to exceed \$10,000.00 per year; all other authorized administrative personnel of the commission shall be selected in full and complete accordance with established Civil Service procedures.

(h) To make recommendations to the Mayor and to the Board of Representatives to aid in carrying out the purpose of this title;

(i) To submit an annual report to the Mayor and the Board of Representatives.

6. RELATIONS WITH CITY DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

So far as is practicable and subject to the written approval of the Mayor in each instance, the services of all city departments and agencies shall be made available to the commission for the purpose of carrying out the functions, powers, and duties herein set forth, and the heads of such departments or agencies shall furnish to the commission such information in the possession of such departments or agencies as the commission, by written communication, may require

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Subject to the written approval of the Mayor, the Corporation Counsel may assign counsel from his office to the commission in the conduct of its investigations or hearings.

8.

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, the remainder of such Ordinance or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby,

9. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

- (3) Proposed resolution to amend CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN - Presented by Municipal Employees' Association in letter of 12/9/63 and letter of 11/29/63 from Local #145 of Teamsters' Union (DEFERRED on 1/6/64)

MR. SELSBERG: "Concerning item #3 on the Agenda, the committee, as is shown by its last report met on January 2, 1964 at which time Mr. Saul Kwartin, representing the M.E.A. was heard. Action on the proposal was deferred, pending a meeting of Mr. Kwartin, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Selsberg and Mr. Henue, representing the Teamsters Local #145. This meeting was held as scheduled.

"The committee, after extended discussion, has reached the following conclusion: In view of the fact that the Committee received this matter for its consideration December 10, 1963, it did not have the benefit of expert counsel in a highly technical area, and because all figures are not available, representing the cost to the city, members of the committee felt that a decision concerning same could not be rendered, and therefore no recommendations will be offered."

THE PRESIDENT: "Does that conclude the report of the Legislative and Rules Committee on this item?"

MR. SELSBERG: "Yes, it does."

THE PRESIDENT: "Is there any discussion?"

MR. MORRIS MOVED that this be removed from Committee. Seconded by Mr. Shanen.

MR. SHANEN said this item has been before this Board for quite some time. He said he does not want to sit here in judgment and say that an item received on December 10th would give the committee time to come up with an expert opinion regarding pension.....

THE PRESIDENT said the question before the Board is to remove this matter from committee.

MR. SHANEN asked for a roll call vote. Seconded and CARRIED. VOTE taken on removing item #3 from Committee. CARRIED by the following vote:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR

(D) Patsy Arruzza
(R) Vito Biscaglio
(R) Joseph Bitetto
(D) Vincent Caporizzo
(D) George Connors
(D) Edward Dombroski
(D) Robert Durso
(R) William Hearing
(R) Booth Hemingway

THOSE VOTING AGAINST

(D) William Murphy
(R) John Rich

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR

(D) John Kane
(D) Stephen Kelly
(R) Alan Ketcham
(D) Paul Kuczo
(D) Stanley Kulowiec
(R) Frances Lilliendahl
(R) Edwin Lindstrom
(D) Carmine Longo
(R) John Maffucci
(R) Peter Martin
(R) Lee Mogul
(D) John Morris
(R) Thomas Morris
(R) Benjamin Nathanson
(R) Romaine Philpot
(R) Paul Rand
(R) Daniel Remling
(R) Randolph Rogers
(R) George Russell
(D) Gerald Rybnick
(R) Ronald Schwartz
(R) William Selsberg
(D) Allen Shanen
(R) Michael Sherman
(D) Anthony Truglia
(D) Dominick Vivona
(R) Michael Zezima

MR. SELSBERG: "Mr. President, I believe it would be in order to explain the predicament. Part of our predicament arises due to the costs of the proposed pension plan. This information we had only up to our last meeting - January 29th. We received a letter from the Mayor, which runs like this:

Dear Mr. Selsberg:

Attached herewith is a copy of a communication from Mr. Lyons regarding the Classified Employees Retirement Fund. You will note that it refers to a study made by Mr. Schanes of the Martin E. Segal Company and Mr. Kwartin. It was held yesterday, January 30th. Mr. Schanes referred me to figures which have not yet been received. When it is received, if there is any difference, I will inform you.

The conclusion of this discussion were of the cost of Plan C. Exclusive of survivorship benefits, would be an additional \$75,000.00. The additional cost of survivorship benefits would be \$113,600.00. Actually, in conscience, the cost would be even higher, because those individuals now on pension, who paid into the pension plan for benefits which now include Social Security payments, should receive the same benefits as those retiring in the future if this plan is changed at this time.

To determine this cost would require further study, by taking each individual case of a present retiree. For instance, there is at present

54 pensioners receiving no payment from the city, because Social Security payments exceed retirement system benefits.

MR. SELSBERG: "I want to read, in summary, what Mr. Lyons refers to in the Mayor's report. It states:

"The total annual cost of the proposal now before the Board of Representatives which will result in a fully funded plan on a fifty year basis is as follows:

Basic cost of actuarial valuation as of November 21, 1963 is \$230,000.00. Cost of Plan C exclusive of survivorship benefits is \$75,000.00. Cost of survivorship benefits \$113,600.00, or a total annual cost of \$418,600.00."

MR. KANE rose on a point of personal privilege. He said: "As a member of this Committee, I was not given this information. Therefore, I cannot see how we can possibly vote intelligently on this unless we have all the information before us. Why was this not presented to me? I was not aware of any of this information at all."

THE PRESIDENT said there is nothing before the Board at the present time for discussion, but if someone wishes to make a motion.

MR. KANE asked if this is now before the Board, or isn't it.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Kane that the Chair has just ruled that any discussion now is out of order until a motion has been made. He said: "If there is a motion on the floor, we will discuss it."

MR. SHANEN MOVED that this Board approve the proposed amendment to the Classified Employees' Pension Plan.

THE PRESIDENT SAID: "Are you moving for the adoption of this amendment to the Pension Plan?"

MR. SHANEN: "I am, Mr. President."

THE PRESIDENT: "Then, will you read the resolution, please?"

MR. SHERMAN asked the President if the resolution proposed to be read by Mr. Shanen is the same as the one that appears in the Minutes of June 3, 1963. He said that perhaps the Board can save some time by dispensing with the reading of the resolution.

THE PRESIDENT ruled that as much as he would like to save time, but in order for this Board to have all the facts before it in order to vote intelligently on the issue, the entire resolution, according to the rules, must be read before the Board can act upon it.

MR. KANE said he saw no reason to read the resolution as this Board has had this information before it for weeks. He said: "We have been invited to meetings, we have discussed this time and time again in our committee - it is exactly the same item which was before this Board on June 3, 1963."

THE PRESIDENT said if there is a specific authority which Mr. Kane wishes to cite, which will prevent the necessity of reading the entire resolution, the Chair will entertain it.

MR. KANE: "This is ridiculous."

THE PRESIDENT: "Mr. Kane - I did not write the Charter." He asked Mr. Kane if he wished to make a motion.

MR. SHERMAN MOVED to amend that the motion be amended, if it is acceptable to the proponent, that he incorporate by reference, the Minutes of June 3, 1963, entitled "The proposed amendments to the Stamford Charter Classified Employees' Retirement Fund, pages 3699 through 3703 inclusive.

THE PRESIDENT: "I am sorry, but the Chair is going to rule that the motion is inconsistent with the rules of this Board, and I therefore must rule it out of order. There are certain items in the proposed resolution which are underlined and which constitute the additions. These additions must be read, unless you gentlemen wish to amend the Board rules - we are bound by them.

"Will you please proceed with the reading of the resolution, Mr. Shanen, by reading the portions that are underlined?"

MR. SHANEN said he accepts Mr. Sherman's amendment to his motion and challenges the ruling of the President.

THE PRESIDENT: "Mr. Shanen has appealed from the ruling of the Chair and Mr. Sherman is out of order. We will now take a vote on that. Will all those in favor of the ruling of the Chair please indicate by a show of hands?" He asked for all those who are contrary minded to also please indicate by raising their hands. The motion to overrule the President's ruling was LOST.

MR. CONNORS: "Mr. President, can't we change our own rules by a two-thirds vote of the members present to waive the reading of this resolution?"

THE PRESIDENT: "Mr. Connors, are you making a motion to that effect?"

MR. CONNORS said he was. HE MOVED that the reading of the resolution be waived. Seconded by Mr. Rybnick.

After some discussion, MR. RYBNICK MOVED for a five minute recess. Granted.

The meeting reconvened at 10:05 P.M.

THE PRESIDENT ruled that a majority vote is needed to waive the reading of the resolution, provided that Mr. Shanen moves to incorporate, by reference, the resolution as previously printed in the Minutes of June 3, 1963.

VOTE taken on Mr. Connors' motion to waive the reading of the resolution. CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT explained that the question now before the Board is the resolution, being item #3 under Legislative and Rules Committee on the Agenda.

MR. PHILPOT: "During our recess the members of the Board were informed that only today there has been a death of one of our Civil Service employees, who leaves behind him four children. I can tell you that I am shocked that this man has gone out of the picture without being able to leave proper provision for his family. A situation like that should and must be corrected and I, for one, shall do everything I can to correct it. I would also like to call your attention to the fact that we are, as we sit here now, elected by the voters of Stamford to do a job, not just for individual segments of its population, but for the entire City. And, when we do a job for the entire City, we have to think of what it is going to cost the entire City.

"Now, at the risk of being repetitious, let me remind you that this particular proposition was turned down at the July 1963 meeting of the Board of Representatives. The proposition went on the ballot in November 1963. It was re-introduced to the Legislative and Rules Committee, I think it was December 12, 1963. There was a further meeting held on January 2, 1964 I understand.

"But ladies and gentlemen, we received final figures on this tonight, sometime after 8 o'clock. This matter was never referred to the Fiscal Committee, and until we finally saw these figures tonight, outside of information which I picked up over the phone yesterday and today, I had no idea as to what I would be called upon to vote on.

"Now, over the weekend, this gentleman Mr. Rich and I have been reading the proposition, and one thing that struck me were that there were inconsistencies between Section 749 (d) as I remember it, and Section 749 (e). Section 749 (d) provides:

"If a member shall die after retirement, the trustees shall pay to the dependent spouse or dependent children, mother or sister, an amount.....

"Then, Section 749 (e) changed the whole picture, because it would seem that the beneficiary would receive for a period of five years.....

"Now, I'm in the insurance business, but the pension field is an entirely different field than that which I occupy. My specialty is taxes and trusts. I know a little bit about it, but I don't know that which is required to properly analyze a plan of this nature.

"Now, in the line of what I do know. I know that it is financial suicide for anybody to attempt to provide any great amount of survivorship benefits under the terms of a funded retirement plan. It cannot be done, ladies and gentlemen and it should not be done. And, in the process today of attempting to get my information, I called the offices of a large insurance company in New York and asked them if they would dig into their files and tell me how such things were usually handled. I got an answer that they have recently presented two plans involving municipal employees. One required a twenty five percent pension of the last average five years salary range, reduced by one percent for each year of service less than twenty five. This particular plan had linked with it a death benefit provided by GROUP LIFE INSURANCE. The second plan they had provided for a fifty percent benefit, based upon a salary range during the last five years. And, that plan was reduced by two percent for each year of service under twenty five. No group life insurance benefit was attached.

"I asked these people with whom I was talking if they could give me any estimate as to how the cost of survivorship benefits could be provided if group insurance were attached to the picture. They said they couldn't give any curbstone opinion, except that they were certain that the cost of survivorship benefits could be reduced by fifty percent if such a plan could be linked in with retirement. They also told me that there was no reason why a group plan could not be written, subject entirely to the munificence of the municipality, and the inclination of the company to write the coverage, why a plan could not be written which could not continue coverage to a man after retirement, say up to age 70, and give a measure of dependent's benefits in that fashion.

"Now, the papers which we received tonight after 8:15 P. M. gave us these figures. The basic cost, as per an actuarial evaluation made by the Segal firm on November 21, 1963, of our existing plan, was \$230,000.00. The cost of the plan provided here, to provide additional benefits, would cost \$75,000.00 and would cost for the survivorship benefits some \$113,600.00. So, in one small move here, we would be increasing the cost of one pension plan to the City of Stamford, a total of \$418,600.00.

"I have been talking on the phone today and not accomplishing another thing, but late this afternoon I talked to Mr. Saul Kwartin. I told him of my feelings on this matter, and I received sometime around 6 o'clock a letter from him, dated February 3, 1964 saying:

"Dear Gerry:

In accordance with our telephone conversation this afternoon, I would like to set forth several facts affecting the pension plan now before the Board, and hope to clarify some of the issues involved.

First, with regard to the basic settlement, namely, those other than survivorship benefits, the increased cost of Plan C of the Segal Company over existing benefits is \$75,000.00. This cost will not provide benefits that will replace Social Security, since the additional benefits to be derived by the employees will be less than the amount of Social Security.

Purely as an example: An employee with 20 years of service with a last average salary of \$4,800.00 receives \$1,920.00 under the present plan, which includes some \$1,400.00 to \$1,450.00 from Social Security and will receive \$2,770.00 under Plan C. Again, including Social Security benefits, which will, of course, be separately received by the employee. Plan C has as one of its basic premises, divorces benefits from the plan from those received under Social Security. Since the City gets full credit for the full amount of any Social Security benefits, as the Social Security benefits increased, the amount paid by the City decreased commensurately."

"Now, at this point let me say that I have no doubt as to the desirability of the City increasing its proportionate contributions as the burden has been taken from it by increased Social Security. That's justice. Going on:

"Going into survivorship benefits cost, the \$113,000.00 figure the you received may include the cost of a five year guaranteed

pension as set forth in Plan C, and if so, the actual cost to the City would be decreased by some \$10,000.00."

"So, we have to begin with here the knowledge that this Section 749 (e) has to be amended.

"I told Mr. Kwartin about my feelings and about my initial research on life insurance benefits and I told him that I wasn't quite sure just how it should be handled - that I could not give any figures off the top of my head, but I was dead certain from what I have learned that group life insurance could decrease the costs to the City considerably.

"Mr. Kwartin in his letter says:

"With reference to the survivorship benefits, it is my belief that the Charter does not specify the funding method through which benefits would be payable and that a plan may be worked out, whereby part of the survivorship benefits COULD be funded through group insurance."

"If, therefore, it would be possible to save money through funding a portion of the survivorship benefits through group life insurance, then the City would have to appropriate less money annually in order to meet their obligations under the proposed resolution.

"With regard to the coverage of those now retired. There are now 54 people, I think that is the figure - now receive NO PAYMENT WHATSOEVER from the City, but DO receive Social Security benefits. And, there are some 160 persons now receiving small amounts, over and above Social Security. That poses a question. If we pass this tonight, how about these people, who either are just blanketed by Social Security or are getting just a pittance above it? That raises a moral question which we will have to do something about. But, the question is, what do we do? At the moment, I don't know.

"Now, with regard to the question of those now retired. Mr. Kwartin says:

"It is my own opinion that it would, of course, be desirable, but I feel that separate study of the cost of such coverage would have to be made and acted upon separately."

"The last thought which I wish to impart to you, is that I agree with you that there seems to be some conflict involving the present five year guaranteed provisions under Section 749 (e). Since the suggested survivorship benefits would cover this aspect, that section therefore can be so amended as merely to leave the various option provisions in the case of persons who wanted to exercise those options.

"Section 749 (e) refers not to spouse, children and dependent mother or sister. It also includes husbands, aunts, nephews, nieces, anybody else apparently not covered by the previous Sections of the Act.

"I want greatly to see these benefits increased, but gentlemen, no matter how much I want to see these benefits increased, I cannot be consistent with my responsibility as an elected representative and vote in a blind thing this evening.

What I would like to see done is to have this----- wait, before I discuss this, I want to say that the man who has done these studies is now on his way to Hawaii to do a study of municipal employees' plan in Hawaii. He will be back sometime around February 10th. Once he gets back here, then the question of group insurance benefits, tied in with a plan like this can be studied.

"Until late today, I didn't know that there was such a thing as a group insurance plan available to the municipal employees. I found out that there is such a plan. Group life insurance is available for all full time employees and also for the Police and Firemen. It is not compulsory. It has a \$10,000 maximum benefit, or a maximum of one's annual salary. It is with the Prudential Insurance Company and has been in effect since 1956. The City contributes. The employees pay 14 cents per \$1,000 per month, which comes to roughly 60 cents a month. The coverage ceases at retirement and there are about 700 to 800 people in the plan.

"If we're not to go off under the pressure of the news which we received about this poor fellow who died today, and put the City of Stamford in a terrific hole, I think that you folks as employees of the City of Stamford, which has to meet your salaries, and also the taxpayers of Stamford, who have to meet the taxes, which will be levied, and we, as members of the Board, who have to govern, we hope wisely.....what I would like to see is a deferral of any consideration of this for a month, until such time as this man Schanes gets back from Hawaii; until a study can be made of the group life insurance as it might tie into this plan. Ladies and gentlemen, we can't divorce ourselves from our responsibilities on this issue, and for whatever good it may do, I give you my personal pledge that I will do my best to see that a proper plan does go through on a sound, rational, fiscally sane basis. Thank you."

MR. ZEZIMA: "Are you telling us that through your research today, that this company can give a pension plan to the city compared with this one, for less money - is that the substance of your remarks?"

THE PRESIDENT informed the members that their questions should be directed to the Chair.

MR. ZEZIMA said to go back to the beginning of Mr. Philpot's remarks, he had some figures that sounded very encouraging, which would give approximately the same amount of benefits and still cost the city less money. He said he was interested.

MR. PHILPOT read again from the notes which he took over the 'phone today. He said the man he talked with said that survivorship benefits should not be included in pension plans if it can possibly be avoided on the basis now proposed. And, he said furthermore that group life could result in a cost decrease of up to 50% and possibly more. He said all he could do was to relay the information he had received from a very competent man, well versed in this sort of thing.

MR. KANE said he found it very interesting that all this information was received at the last minute tonight and none of the other members of the Committee had been informed of this last minute information. He said he is not putting the blame on the Chairman of the Committee, because he received this information from someone else. He said he thought it was also very interesting to note that last June, the Minority Leader of the Board attempted to remove this very same resolution from a committee - the Legislative and Rules Committee - and attempted at that time to pass it. He said he fails to see any unity of thought or the following of the

same sort of reasoning this year, because it appears that now they are going in the other direction. He said he is also aware that a certain member of this Board made a public statement that he is completely in favor of this and he is referring to the President. He said he could not help but wonder what change has taken place.

THE PRESIDENT called upon George Russell to assume the Chair, while he addressed the Board as a member of the Board from the 16th District.

MR. RUSSELL assumed the Chair at this time. (applause)

MR. SCHWARTZ said: "Mr. Chairman and members of the Board. Eight years ago and some \$35,000 ago the City of Stamford undertook to make several studies of the problem that is before us tonight. In June of 1963 I was in favor of this motion. I stated a few nights ago that I was in favor of the resolution and I state again tonight that I am unequivocally in favor of passing this proposed resolution for the municipal employees. Thank you, Mr. Russell." (applause)

THE PRESIDENT resumed the Chair at this time.

MR. PHILPOT said he would try to answer Mr. Kane's question. He said when he first got on the Board he was in a complete "fog" as to what was happening and he is gradually emerging from that fog. He called the members' attention to the fact that there are a lot of new Board members, and these fellows are perhaps in the same fog, although probably less so, than he was when he first got on the Board.

MR. ZEZIMA said he does not want to create the impression that he is against the proposed resolution, but was merely trying to find out if they could get the same plan for less money, it would be worth the try.

MR. MARTIN said he thinks it is rather disgusting that the City has no retirement plan for employees who have been with the municipality for many, many years. He said he also thought it was rather disgusting that this Board should receive a figure after the meeting tonight had started that it is going to cost the city some \$418,000 a year for a plan we don't know is the best possible cost for the same plan - we don't know whether life insurance coupled with a funded plan would be the best thing and have no way of knowing this, and yet tonight without the figures before us we are going to blindly vote this plan in. He said it would be a shame to see the tax rate go up on something that might have been obtained at a considerably cheaper cost to the city.

MR. SELSBERG: "At our January 29th meeting, all the members who were present at that time were unanimous in deciding that this plan must be changed---there's no doubt that it must be changed. It's inferior - it doesn't give the employee the benefits he should have and everyone recognizes that, believe me. The real problem lies in the fact that my Committee did not receive this until December 12th, which means that the first opportunity for this to come up on the agenda would have been the January meeting. Many people have said that this proposed plan has been under discussion for approximately eight years - maybe more. It may very well be true. But, my committee and THIS board has not had an opportunity - just one month and this plan is highly technical. And, I am sure that many of the city employees do not even understand it themselves, even though they are in favor of the benefits.

"Some \$35,000 has been spent- that figure may be wrong one way or the other. And, never before has a survey been made from the possibility of providing survivorship benefits - it may sound unbelievable, but it's most true. It has never occurred. We have no idea and we had no idea, until AFTER our meeting of January 29th what the cost would be and this cost was found out because Mr. Kwartin, Mr. Schanes, the Mayor, Mr. Lyons, had a conference 'phone call. Now, we find all this out as of January 31st and you expect us now to come out and say that this plan is sound. It's impossible. We are all in favor of a change in your plan - there is no doubt about it, but it's fiscal irresponsibility to expect us now to vote on a plan - because it is not \$418,000 - it comes out closer to \$21,000,000 because it is a 50 year plan. All I ask, is give us a little time - one month is all we ask."

MR. CONNORS: "In listening to Mr. Philpot, I wonder if he took into consideration that we have a lot of employees in the City of Stamford who are at the age where they would be a very poor risk as far as an insurance company is concerned, even if they tried to take out a policy. Take all unions today, they are putting it right into their contracts this business of survivorship clauses - and in contracts with corporations and businesses of all kinds. I can't see what we have to gain by tabling this for another month. We started off on this last year and we're still at it this year and no further along and we can go on for another ten years. There's no doubt that there are many things you can find wrong with this pension plan, but until we can come up with something better, at least we ought to give these people SOMETHING - they are entitled to some kind of a survivorship clause and entitled to some kind of a decent pension. When you take into consideration how much they take out of the pension due to Social Security. There are people in the City of Stamford who are ACTUALLY drawing \$9.00 a month on their pension plan and the rest is being paid by Social Security."

"We had no trouble at all passing a million dollars just last month and now all of a sudden we are talking about \$21,000,000 over 50 years. And, now we are looking at \$88,000,000 for urban redevelopment. Are these same people who voted in favor of the \$88,000,000 deal against giving these City employees a decent pension plan?"

MR. SHANEN said he wanted to raise just one point. He said this item was before this Board last June and now he hears talk of "fiscal irresponsibility" and "lack of time" etc. He said: "This was before us some eight months ago and I for one voted against it at that time for that exact reason - the same reasons you are advancing here tonight. But, I cannot equate in my mind that since that time - some eight months ago - when these pension amendments were first presented and we voted on it and some of us were against it - I was one who was against it at that time. At that time the vote was to table it - the vote was lost. You have had eight months to get this information and now you are asking for another 30 days. I question whether or not another 30 days is really going to make any difference. It seems that there is 'irresponsibility' on somebody's part for letting this thing hang on for eight months without getting any answers to the questions that WE had at that particular time."

MR. TRUGLIA spoke in favor of the proposed resolution. He said we lose sight of our fellow man when we start to think in terms of dollars.

MR. KETCHAM said in July of 1963 he stood before this Board and spoke on a motion to implement a better pension plan for the City employees. He said he voted in favor of that pension plan on the basis of information supplied to the Board at

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that time by the administration then in power and by the committees of the Board controlled by that administration. He said at that time the Board was assured that the costs amounted to some \$10,000 to \$15,000. He said it is a well known fact that experts seldom agree. He said on the basis of information furnished to the Board last year the members voted in accordance. He said there have been charges made tonight "what has this side of the table been doing since the July meeting to secure information on this plan, or to present another plan to this Board for the protection of the City employees? May I remind these gentlemen that for six months their party controlled the Administration - their party controlled the Finance Department - their party had the wherewithall - their party had the ability - and their party had the opportunity to come up with a sound study and exploration and to present recommendations before this Board to implement a proper plan for the employees of the City of Stamford. The present administration has been in office for sixty days - just 60 days, fellow members of this Board, and in good conscience I must say that in the past two weeks there has been more work done by individual members and committee members of this Board to explore the possibilities of a better plan or at least a sound plan for the municipal employees than has been done in the last four years.

"I think the employees of the City of Stamford deserve the utmost consideration by this Board and by every other Board and by the administration, to see that their best interests are protected and properly looked out for by we who have to do the job. In view of the fact that this Board and this administration has had such a short time to delve into this matter - this is not a stall, because what you have to have is the will to do something in order to get it done. I believe that this Board has the will to do something and to come up with a proper, well thought out, well documented and studied plan that will suit and will help the employees of the city.

"I am asking you, ladies and gentlemen of this Board to TABLE the matter before us tonight at this time to give us thirty days to come back with a definitive answer, and if we can't find a better answer, as far as I'm concerned, as Majority Leader of this Board, we will vote to implement this particular plan here before us tonight."

Mr. Ketcham's motion to TABLE was seconded by Mr. Hemingway.

THE PRESIDENT reminded the members that a motion to table takes precedence over any other motion, and is not debatable, and cannot be bound by a time limit.

MR. KANE MOVED for a roll call vote on the motion to TABLE. Seconded and CARRIED.

THE CLERK CALLED the roll. The vote was 18 in favor, 16 opposed, with 4 abstentions as follows:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF TABLING

(R) Vito Biscaglio
(R) Joseph Bitetto
(R) William Hearing
(R) Booth Hemingway
(R) Alan Ketcham
(R) Frances Lilliendahl

THOSE OPPOSED TO TABLING

(D) Patsy Arruzza
(D) Vincent Caporizzo
(D) George Connors
(D) Edward Dombroski
(D) Robert Durso
(D) John Kane

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF TABLING

(R) Edwin Lindstrom
(R) John Maffucci
(R) Peter Martin
(R) Lee Mogul
(R) Romaine Philpot
(R) Paul Rand
(R) John Rich
(R) Randolph Rogers
(R) George Russell
(R) William Selsberg
(R) Michael Sherman
(R) Michael Zezima

THOSE OPPOSED TO TABLING

(D) Stephen Kelly
(D) Paul Kuczo
(D) Stanley Kulowiec
(D) Carmine Longo
(D) John Morris
(D) William Murphy
(D) Gerald Rybnick
(D) Allen Shanon
(D) Anthony Truglia
(D) Dominick Vivona

ABSTENTIONS

(R) Thomas Morris
(R) Benjamin Nathanson
(R) Daniel Remling
(R) Ronald Schwartz

THE PRESIDENT said it requires a vote of 20 to table - a majority vote.

MR. RUSSELL appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT said: "The Chair has ruled that a majority has failed on a motion to table - that it requires 20 for a majority and the motion has FAILED to carry." He said a majority vote is the majority of those present, which is 20. The President explained that the Corporation Counsel has ruled that a majority vote is the majority of those present.

MR. TRUGLIA said he wished to ask a question. He said: "Is there a difference on a vote on a secret ballot as opposed to a roll call vote?"

THE PRESIDENT replied they would remain the same - that the question is whether it should be a majority of the entire Board or a majority of those present.

MR. TRUGLIA asked what the vote was at the December 9, 1963 meeting on the appointment of the Corporation Counsel. He was referred to page 3839 of the Minutes of that date when the vote was carried by a vote of 20 yes, 17 no and one abstention. The Corporation Counsel subsequently ruled this vote to have carried as it was a majority vote of those present (38 present).

MR. PHILPOT: "Before the tabling motion came up, a couple of points occurred to me which so clearly indicated the confusion presently existing and I'm sorry that I wasn't able to make my remarks prior to the vote. Foremost was the comment by Mr. Connors with regard to the ability of a person to pass a physical examination for group insurance. Mr. Connors has been wrestling with this problem for a long time. It is a well known fact in the insurance business that you DO NOT have to take a physical examination to obtain group insurance. Nobody can be excluded from a group life plan because of physical incapacity. It is a blanket enrollment. Therefore, the point that Mr. Connors is concerned about - whether a person be impaired with a bad heart or any other malfunction would come in under a group insurance plan, so long as the usual majority is 75% of those eligible.

"Now, with regard to the matter which is having such an impact on everybody here this evening, the death of this employee, a plan CAN be formulated with the benefits retroactive to say, January 1, 1964. The fact that it is not passed here tonight, need not exclude the dependents of that particular individual - they can be included, because our own date can be made the effective date.

"With regard to past performance, to which Mr. Kane referred, I am heartily ashamed of my performance on the June 3, 1963 date. If I had it to do over again, I can assure you that I would not do it. Previously when I read a letter which I had received, I failed to read a very important P.S. footnote on that letter:

"P.S. Section 746 of the Charter now allows the Trustees to fund the Plan or a portion thereof through life insurance.

"So, ladies and gentlemen, there is no doubt that if such a plan is feasible, it can be woven in to the Plan - the proposed Plan can be amended and the sensible way to go about it is probably to appoint a Committee of this Board of Representatives to sit down with the Board of Finance and determine where we go from here on a sound, sensible basis.

"We came into office last November on a very oft repeated platform of fiscal responsibility and believe me, I enjoy being on the Board, and I hope that I will come back to this Board. But, if I have to go out from the Board of Representatives on the basis of tonight's vote, then I am going OUT on the basis of tonight's vote. I will not vote for a bad Pension Plan just in order to keep my seat on this Board. I will not expect another member of this Board to play politics - it is a disgrace to the Board.....

MR. KANE rose to a point of order at this remark.

THE PRESIDENT called for order and said Mr. Philpot still has the floor.

MR. PHILPOT said if his accusation was unfair, he will withdraw it.

MR. RYBNICK MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded.

THE PRESIDENT said this requires a two-thirds vote and is not debatable.

A VOTE on Mr. Rybnick's motion was taken by a rising vote. LOST by a VOTE of 20 in favor, 17 opposed with one abstention.

THE PRESIDENT said the motion to limit debate has failed.

MR. ROGERS said he served on the last Board when this Plan was considered and he was for it up to about two hours ago when the figure of \$418,600.00 was thrown at him. He said he also feels very strongly that the municipal employees deserve a better pension plan, but feels in the interest of economy that the Board should wait for another month in order to look into the possibilities of tying this in with a group insurance plan. He said he also believes that if a decision must be made here this evening that the Board should back the M.E.A. people for a better pension plan.

MR. ZEZIMA said he agrees with Mr. Rogers. He said he saw no reason for voting along party lines because everyone here realizes the need for a better pension plan.

The debate went on for some time.

MR. SHANEN said he sat here and listened to Mr. Ketcham, the Majority Leader stand up here and say that if within the next month a new plan is not proposed and is acceptable, then he and the Republicans will accept the plan as presented by the M. E. A. He said he would like a clarification of that point.

MR. KETCHAM said: "I believe, Mr. Shanen that you heard me correctly. I spoke in the Republican caucus and I would ask that if every Republican member of this Board agrees with me that he please stand."

All Republican members of the Board stood at this time.

MR. SHANEN requested a five minute recess at 11:15 P.M. This was granted.

The meeting reconvened at 11:25 P. M.

THE PRESIDENT made an announcement at this time. He said: "I have been in consultation with Saul Kwartin, the attorney for the M.E.A., together with Mr. Gaspar, who is the President of the Association. After a discussion, I am pleased to announce that the Municipal Employees group here tonight have absolutely no objection to a 30 day postponement of action on this matter, by means of referral to the Fiscal and Personnel Committees. With that in mind, I will entertain any motion at this time.

MR. MARTIN MOVED that this matter be committed to the Fiscal and Personnel Committees to report back to this Board at the March 2, 1964 meeting of this Board. Seconded by Mr. Kane, Mr. Shanen and numerous others. CARRIED unanimously.

(4) APPEAL FROM ZONING BOARD DECISION - Application 63-021 of DONALD B. STUDLEY -
To change to R-7½ One Family Residence District, property now in R-5 Multiple
Family Residence District (DEFERRED on 1/6/64)

MR. SELSBERG reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee decided at its January 29, 1964 meeting that Mr. Donald Studley had met the requirements of Section 552.3 of the Stamford Charter and therefore forwarded the matter to the Planning and Zoning Committee, to whom it has also been referred for determination on the merits. He said his Committee's decision was based upon an affidavit and aerial map which was presented by the applicant.

MR. ROGERS, Vice Chairman, reported for the Planning & Zoning Committee. He said the Committee met with both the opponents and proponents of the proposed Zoning change. He said the Committee split on the issue, four members being present, with a vote of two in favor and two opposed. Therefore, he offered no motion either for or against this appeal.

THE PRESIDENT explained that since there is no recommendation from the Committee, unless a motion is made, there is nothing on the floor.

MR. RICH MOVED that this Board sustain the appeal of Donald B. Studley. Seconded by Mr. Rogers.

THE PRESIDENT said this motion would have the effect of reversing the decision of the Zoning Board.

MR. SHERMAN rose to a point of order. He said he understands that the Committee made no recommendation and yet he has heard no motion to remove this matter from Committee.

THE PRESIDENT said this is correct.

MR. PHILPOT MOVED to remove this matter from the Committee. Seconded.

THE PRESIDENT said this requires a simple majority vote. He called for a show of hands. Ten voted in favor of removing this from Committee. DEFEATED.

MR. RUSSELL objected. He said this is the first time he has ever heard that a report -----he said: "The Committee has given its report. When we say no recommendation, it simply means that there was dissension. The Committee can only call for a vote for or against the appeal, which means that if they have a two to two vote, they don't have enough votes to carry either one way or the other, but the fact that this is on our agenda and the Committee has brought in their report, means it IS out of Committee. There is no question about it."

MR. SHERMAN rose on a point of order.

MR. RUSSELL said this is the way it has always been done in the past when the committee does not come in with a recommendation, which is not mandatory, then it is thrown open for debate and a motion from the floor. He said this very same thing happened about two months ago and in one particular case no one made a motion and in another case a motion was made as was made now by Mr. Rich. He said if he remembers correctly, this was the Franchina property- and there was never any vote called for to take it out of Committee after the Committee had already presented their report. He said: "It was merely a question of how you're going to vote on it, which is what I think we're doing now."

THE PRESIDENT said the rules of this Board state very clearly that once a matter is referred to a Committee if it is not reported out, the only way you can get it out is by a majority vote of the members. He said he has RULED that this matter is in Committee and is not being reported out, because the Planning and Zoning Committee has made no motion to take it out of Committee. He said if they had presented a motion to sustain the appeal, then it would be out of Committee by means of a report, and that it is not out of Committee until it is brought out of Committee by the action of this Board.

MR. SHERMAN said his question on a point of order has now been answered.

MR. SELSBERG said the Charter reads: "The failure of the Board of Representatives either to approve or reject said amendment within the above time limit, shall be deemed as approval of the Zoning Board's decision - in other words there is no action taken by the Board of Representatives."

THE PRESIDENT said this is correct - that if no action is taken tonight by this Board, the action taken by the Zoning Board stands.

MR. PHILPOT asked what recourse is now open to those people who have appealed.

THE PRESIDENT replied that they can go to court.

MR. RUSSELL objected. He said we have set a precedent over the years by voting on these matters by a simple motion from the floor, even when the Committee offered no recommendation or motion. He said this might affect previous action taken by this Board.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Russell if he is offering a motion to reconsider and if he is not, then he is out of order.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED to reconsider taking this out of Committee. Seconded by Mr. Rogers.

VOTE taken on Mr. Russell's motion. LOST by a vote of 11 in favor and 25 opposed, with the President not voting and one abstention.

(5) Concerning Waiver of Building Permit Fee on proposed work for construction of an addition to Stamford Hospital (Requested in letter of 12/17/63 from law firm of Durey and Pierson)

MR. SELSBERG said it was the opinion of the committee that the intent behind amended Ordinance No. 80.1 Supplemental (Article 100, Section 6, sub-paragraph (13) of the Building Code) was to waive the burden of the fee for charitable and beneficial organizations and therefore the Committee recommends that the fee be waived on this particular request and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. SELSBERG said it was the opinion of the Committee that although there is precedent for such action, there is not authorization for same and therefore recommends that said section of the Building Code be amended to reflect the intent behind it and hereby presents this to the Steering Committee for its consideration.

MR. TRUGLIA said: " Mr. President, weren't we supposed to include in matters referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee a matter regarding the strikebreakers clause?"

THE PRESIDENT said this was reported in the Steering Committee report and referred to the Legislative and Rules Committee.

MR. TRUGLIA said he would like to ask the Chairman of the Committee why no action is being taken on this matter.

(6) Proposed Ordinance from Stamford Labor Council (letter dated 1/16/64) requesting legislation against importing of strikebreakers. (Note: Previously considered by the Board of Representatives on 1/9/61 and deferred on 2/6/61, with no further action taken at that time, as it was deemed unnecessary)

MR. SELSBERG said he intends to write to the Corporation Counsel about this, as it is his opinion that in this area the Federal Government has pre-empted the field by the National Labor Relations Board and he wants an opinion from the Corporation Counsel to verify this. He said: "I have a very definite feeling that this would be improper and illegal for the City of Stamford to enact this type of legislation."

THE PRESIDENT said the Chairman of any Committee has the right to request an opinion from the Corporation Counsel on any matter referred to his Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. THOMAS MORRIS, Chairman said a meeting was held at 7:05 P.M. on January 22, 1964 in Commissioner of Public Works Mitchell's office and present were Messrs. Morris, Bietto, Dombroski, Caporizzo and Remling. He said the Committee discussed all matters referred to it.

Concerning Ice Menace on HANNAH'S ROAD - (Letter dated 1/18/64 from Gelston Hardy)

MR. MORRIS said this matter is under investigation and that the Public Works Department went up there to try and do something to correct the situation, but it will take sewers to really do the job right.

Complaint from Meadow Park Avenue, North Concerning obstruction in road

MR. MORRIS said this was referred to the Corporation Counsel's office for attention.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

Request for traffic light on OLD NORTH STAMFORD ROAD

MR. HEARING, Chairman, said in regard to the above complaint, that it had been withdrawn. He said he believes that they are going to make it a one way street instead of having a traffic light installed.

Concerning request for traffic light on SEASIDE AVENUE (Previously requested by 10th District Representatives in letter of Oct. 15, 1963 to former Mayor Hickey)

MR. HEARING said he received this too late to do anything about it as yet.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

- (1) See item #4 under Legislative & Rules Committee already reported on.
- (2) Proposed Ordinance for publication concerning change of name for BURSEY LANE

MR. ROGERS, Vice Chairman, MOVED for approval for publication of the following proposed Ordinance. Seconded and CARRIED:

ORDINANCE NO. SUPPLEMENTAL

CHANGING THE NAME OF BUBSEY LANE TO CLUB CIRCLE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Bubsey Lane, which runs westerly from Club Road to a dead end be changed to CLUB CIRCLE.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its enactment.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

MR. KELLY, Chairman, presented his committee report at this time. He said the Committee met with the Park Commission in their office on Cove Island, Tuesday evening, January 28, 1964 with the following members in attendance: Joseph S. Bitetto, Edward Dombroski, Michael Zezima and Stephen Kelly, Chairman.

Marina Fees for 1964 Season (Printed in Minutes of 12/9/63-Page 3847)

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of the fees, as originally printed in the above Minutes. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. KELLY reported on several other matters that were on the agenda for the Park Commission's meeting.

Concerning letter from Mr. George E. Murphy, Chairman, Hubbard Heights Golf Club Board, requesting the initiation of a change of name to the City of Stamford Golf Commission (dated 1/21/64)

MR. KELLY said he had received the above letter, requesting that a change of name be initiated through the Charter Revision Commission. He requested that this letter be given to the Steering Committee for proper referral.

Vandalism at Southfield Park

MR. TRUGLIA said there has been some vandalism down at Southfield Park in his area and he would like to have it looked into. He asked if this might be something that should be referred to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

THE PRESIDENT replied that because of the seriousness of it, he believes it should be referred to the Steering Committee, but Mr. Kelly's Committee could start looking into the matter in the meantime.

MR. KELLY said he has seen the damage that was done and the Police Department are conducting an investigation. He said he would be happy to meet with Mr. Truglia and go into the matter more thoroughly.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

MR. KUCZO, Chairman, presented his committee report. He said a meeting was held Friday, January 31, 1964 in the Town Hall. Present were Messrs. Philpot, Biscaglio, and Kuczo. He said all items referred to the Committee were acted upon. These were previously reported on under the Fiscal Committee's agenda, as they were referred to both committees.

Concerning letter from Mr. John Violano, 20 Silver Street

MR. KUCZO said the above communication was noted and filed-that it protested the recommendation made by the Administrative Council regarding continued use of CLOONAN SCHOOL, and strongly urged its objection by the School Board. He said the members of his committee felt that this matter comes under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education and that we have no power to act upon the complaint.

Letter from students, faculty and citizens, regarding the poor condition of Stamford High School parking lot.

MR. KUCZO said the above complaint was received and noted, but it was felt by the committee that a matter of this sort properly belongs before the Public Works Committee. He said the letter stressed the need for patching, paving and snow removal, which should be a normal function of the Department of Public Works to handle.

HELCO "TASK FORCE"

MR. KETCHAM reported that the committee met on February 3, 1964 at 4:00 P.M. in the Helco Building. He reported that all partitions have been removed by January 30th and the way is now clear for moving the Board of Representatives' office and Mrs. Farrell into her new quarters after the necessary repairs and renovations are made. He said he had contacted the Purchasing Agent to secure information on the types of desks, chairs and tables, and other necessary equipment that will be required for the Board's meeting room and caucus rooms- prices were obtained on the various equipment. He said it is hoped to get things ready for an early meeting date there.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Ketcham if the Committee has any idea as to whether or not the Board's March meeting could be held in the new quarters.

MR. KETCHAM said: "Unless you want to sit on the floor, no- because at this point we have purchased absolutely no furniture whatsoever. What was left in the Helco Building has been appropriated by others and it will be necessary for us to put in for an appropriation for proper desks, chairs, etc. for this Board. I think if we are going to do this job, let's try to do it right."

MR. MURPHY said he notices that people keep talking about "City Hall" and "Town Hall" and also "Helco Building". He asked if any decision has been made yet as to what to call the new municipal office building. He suggested that this be referred to the Steering Committee.

THE PRESIDENT said he thinks Mr. Murphy's point is well taken and he will start this off by re-naming the Committee and instead of calling it the "Helco Task Force" it will henceforth be known as the "City Hall Task Force".

MR. RYBNICK suggested that the name of the new building be the "Administration Building".

THE PRESIDENT reminded the members that Mr. Sherman brought this up before and it is being referred to the Steering Committee to come up with a new name.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:

MR. LINDSTROM, Chairman, presented the following report:

The Special Investigating Committee to investigate Civil Service and Personnel Department procedures met on January 16, 1964 in the Town Clerk's Office, Old City Hall. Present were Messrs. Lindstrom, Truglia, Durso, John Morris, Rich and Philpot.

John Morris was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Mr. Philpot was appointed Secretary. During the course of the meeting, a general discussion of the aims and purposes of the investigation was pursued. Mr. Lindstrom clearly stated his viewpoint that the proceedings would in no sense of the word be either a "witch hunt" or a means whereunder complaints of Civil Service employees which would normally be handled under Civil Service grievance procedure would be looked into. The other committee members unqualifiedly subscribed to this.

It was determined that the committee would seek legal counsel from the office of the Corporation Counsel and that future meetings would be held in the new City Hall. It was further decided that all statements with regard to any phase of the investigation would be issued solely through the Chairman, or, in his absence, through the Vice-Chairman. To facilitate communications to the committee, it was determined that a Post Office box would be secured and that the number of the box would be published. Subsequently to this meeting, Post Office Box #103 in the main Post Office was secured. Further, the Corporation Counsel appointed Mr. Gerald Kolinsky as counsel for the committee. A Meeting of the committee members and Mr. Kolinsky is now scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, 1964, so that the work of the committee may get under way.

EDWIN O. LINDSTROM, JR.
Chairman

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR:

Letters concerning the Mayor's appointments to various city boards, was referred to the Steering Committee for proper referral at their next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARD AND INDIVIDUALS:

THE PRESIDENT read the following letter at this time:

STAMFORD FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 786

February 1, 1964

Ronald Schwartz, President
Board of Representatives
Stamford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

Stamford Fire Fighters, Local 786, I.A.F.F., hereby request the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford to adopt the provisions of Public Act 495 of the 1963 General Assembly in order to extend collective bargaining rights to Stamford's municipal employees.

This Act provides that any municipality, by a vote of its legislative body, may bargain collectively with organizations of its employees. In addition, it makes the services of the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration available when the municipality and an employee organization jointly petition the Board to act.

By adopting P.A.495, the General Assembly recognized that the hopes, wants and needs of municipal employees can best be met through the collective bargaining process. We therefore urge your board to adopt the provisions of this Act, so that these rights may be made available to the employees of the City of Stamford.

In accordance with this Act, Stamford Fire Fighters Local 786 wishes to negotiate a written contract with the City, covering wages, hours and other working conditions for our members.

Since this represents a substantial change from the City's present method of dealing with our organization, we wish to request at your earliest convenience, a meeting with you to discuss the matter in general and the following points in particular:

- (1) To expedite action on our request to the Board of Representatives.
- (2) To discuss the City's representation in the bargaining proceedings.

Thanking you for your consideration, I am,

Very truly yours,
(signed) Anthony Zannino, President
Stamford Fire Fighters
Local 786

Copies sent to:
Honorable Thomas Mayers,
Mayor, City of Stamford
Samuel Pierson, Chairman
Board of Public Safety

The above communication was referred to the Steering Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

Concerning Cove Dam Gates

MR. KUCZO said he thought something should be done about this matter. HE MOVED that the Mayor be requested to make an emergency appropriation to take care of the repair of these gates holding back the Cove Dam. He said this money should then be gotten back from the company who originally constructed the dam, with the aid of the Corporation Counsel. Mr. Kuczo said: "It has cost the city over \$186,000 to get the dam. Now, it's all being wasted because the water in the dam passes over the broken gates. It's a waste of the taxpayers' money for it to remain in its present condition.

"As a result of the dam being out, the taxpayers are suffering from the loss of a facility afforded by the dam's high water level which previously served for skating, boating and other recreation."

MR. KUCZO continued reading at some length from a prepared statement.

MR. RUSSELL said, through the Board's Steering Committee action has already been started to try to straighten out the legal tangle in regard to the contractor and as to where the responsibility lies. He said this has been in the "works" for a month or so. He said, in all fairness, to start an emergency appropriation for this work might jeopardize the city's standing in trying to get the contractor to repair his poor workmanship.

THE PRESIDENT explained that he did not think it would be wise for this Board to ask for a special emergency appropriation at this time, without having it on the agenda, and without having an opportunity to check into the matter. He said it is now in the Public Works Committee. He said it would be proper if Mr. Kuczo wished to amend his motion to refer this to the Steering Committee.

MR. KUCZO objected.

THE PRESIDENT ruled Mr. Kuczo's motion out of order. He said if he would care to refer this matter to the Steering Committee, he would entertain that motion.

MR. KUCZO agreed to amend his motion that it be referred to the Steering Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Enforcement of Ordinance No. 65

MR. KANE moved for suspension of the rules in order to bring before the Board the question of the enforcement of the above Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Morris.

MR. SHERMAN MOVED that this be TABLED until the next Board meeting. Seconded by Mr. Ketcham and CARRIED.

Concerning Increased membership of all standing committees to 8 members

MR. RUSSELL said the various committees have been enlarged from time to time, such as the Fiscal Committee and Parks and Recreation Committee. He said he would like to have referred to the Steering Committee the matter of increasing all standing committees to 8 members, which would give all members a better chance, both Democrats and Republicans, to serve on a committee of their choice. With five member committees he said it is difficult to give all members a choice of what committee they would prefer to serve on. HE SO MOVED.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Russell his motion is improper - that he may request this by following the Rules of the Board, which specify how the rules may be changed, which must be by a notice sent to all members before the next meeting.

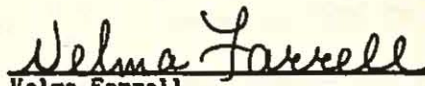
Concerning Drop-out problem of Industry

MR. SHANEN brought up the above matter. He said several months ago a study was made of the drop out problem of children leaving school. He said he thought at this time another "drop-out" problem should be studied - namely, the drop-out of industry from the City. He said there have been numerous articles and letters written about the problem of industry leaving the city. He said he would like to see a Committee appointed to investigate the reasons behind why industry is leaving the city of Stamford.

THE PRESIDENT said he does not think a motion is necessary in this matter as he knows the Mayor has already appointed a committee to look into the reasons behind this "drop out" of industry from the city.

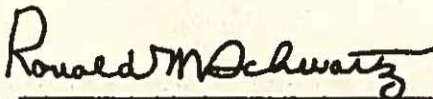
ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 A.M.


Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

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APPROVED:


Ronald M. Schwartz, President
Board of Representatives

Note: The above meeting was broadcast
over Radio Station WSTC until 11:00 P.M.