

Minutes of May 4, 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, May 4, 1964 in the Cafeteria of the Walter Dolan Jr. High School, Toms Road, Stamford, Connecticut.

In the absence of the President, who was out of the country, the meeting was called to order by Alan H. Ketcham, Majority Leader, (according to the Rules of the Board - Rule No. 7) at 8:30 P.M.

INVOCATION - The invocation was to have been given by Rev. William Thomas, Turn-of-River Presbyterian Church; however, because of the lateness of the hour and a previous engagement, he had to leave. A moment of silent prayer was observed by the members at this time.

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

ROLL CALL was taken by Mrs. Farrell, in the absence of the Clerk. There were 32 present and 8 absent at the calling of the roll. However, Mr. Connors arrived shortly thereafter and two members, marked absent, resigned and were replaced, thereby changing the roll call to 35 present and 5 absent. The absent members were: Jennie Esposito, Frances Lilliendahl, Lee Mogul, Ronald Schwartz and Allen Shanen.

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN:

The Acting Chairman, Mr. Ketcham, called for nominations for the election of a Temporary Chairman at this time.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for nomination of Alan H. Ketcham as Temporary Chairman. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CLERK:

MR. KETCHAM called for nominations for the election of a Temporary Clerk, in the absence of Mrs. Lilliendahl, who was ill.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for the nomination of Romaine A. Philpot as Temporary Clerk. Seconded by Mr. Kane and CARRIED unanimously.

RESIGNATIONS - 5th District Representative and 20th District Representative.

MR. KETCHAM read a letter of resignation from JOHN G. MAFFUCCI, Republican, member of the Board from the Fifth District.

Replacement in 5th District - ANDREW A. TATANO, Republican, 90 W. North Street

MR. ZEZIMA (5th District) presented the name of Andrew A. Tatano (above address) as his co-representative from the 5th District. He said Mr. Tatano was born in New Jersey and has been a resident of Stamford for the past 37 years. He outlined his qualifications and MOVED for his approval as replacement for Mr. Maffucci. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

Replacement in 20th District - JANIS JOHN KEGGI, Republican, 2811 High Ridge Road

MR. KETCHAM read a letter of resignation from RANDOLPH ROGERS, Republican member of the Board from the 20th District.

MR. KETCHAM relinquished the Chair to Mr. Philpot, Temporary Clerk, at this time, in order to present the name of a replacement for Mr. Rogers in the 20th District.

MR. KETCHAM (20th District) presented the name of JANIS JOHN KEGGI (above address) as replacement for Mr. Rogers. He presented the qualifications of Mr. Keggi at this time and MOVED for his appointment. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. KETCHAM took the Chair and administered the oath of office to the two newly appointed members of the Board.

Mr. Tatano and Mr. Keggi assumed their duties as members of the Board, thereupon changing the roll call to 35 present and 5 absent.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of April 6, 1964

The Minutes of the above meeting were accepted, there being no corrections.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MR. KETCHAM, Chairman, read the report of the Steering Committee, which follows:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT  
Meeting held Tuesday, April 21, 1964

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Tuesday, April 21, 1964, immediately after a special meeting of the Board. It was held in the Cafeteria of Dolan Jr. High School, Toms Road.

In the absence of the Chairman, who was out of the country, Mr. Ketcham, Majority Leader of the Board, presided.

All members were present, with the exception of Ronald Schwartz, and Thomas Morris.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

- (1) Mayor's letter of 4/2/64 concerning appointments to Personnel Commission and Southwestern Fairfield County Regional Planning Agency - REFERRED TO APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- (2) Three Mayor's appointments which were deferred at the April 6th Board meeting were ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- (3) All additional appropriations approved by the Board of Finance at their April 9, 1964 meeting were REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE and additional appropriations deferred at the April 6th Board meeting were ORDERED PLACED ON AGENDA
- (4) Concerning waiver of Building Permit Fees on buildings that serve a charitable or religious purpose to the residents of the city (Requires an amendment to the Building Code - See Minutes of 2/3/64, page 3916, item No. 5) - REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE



- (5) Mayor's letter 3/25/64 concerning renewal of two-year LEASE between City of Stamford and the Fish & Game Commission of State of Connecticut, in consideration of \$1.00, covering City-owned land, for use by the State for public fishing purposes - REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE  
(Approved by Board of Finance 4/9/64)
- (6) Mayor's letter of 3/25/64 concerning exchange of property between City of Stamford and Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, located on east side of Bedford Street, for the consideration of \$1.00 and other value.  
(Approved by Board of Finance on 4/9/64) - REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE
- (7) Mayor's letter of 4/2/64 concerning LEASE agreement between City of Stamford and Turn-of-River Fire Department, for consideration of the sum of \$1.00, covering City-owned property situated on Westerly side of Turn-of-River Road at Buxton Farm Road Extension (Approved by Board of Finance on 4/9/64) REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE
- (8) Concerning adoption of a SEWER CODE, as per Sec. 4 of Ordinance No. 80 (Building Code) (Deferred 3/2/64 and 4/6/64)
- (9) Petition requesting abandonment of a strip of land at dead end of DORSET LANE (Pursuant to Chapter 64, Sec. 641 of Charter)
- MR. RUSSELL, 17th District Representative, brought in the above petition, which was REFERRED TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE.
- (10) Letter from State Liquor Control Commission (dated 4/17/64) in answer to the Board's request concerning RELOCATION OF PACKAGE STORES IN URBAN RENEWAL AREA OF STAMFORD - Noted and filed, with copies sent to President, Majority Leader, Minority Leader and Chairman of Urban Renewal Committee.
- (11) Letter from John C. Macrides, Esq., attorney (dated 4/13/64) concerning rehabilitation of CLOONAN SCHOOL for use as an elementary school - Noted and filed, with copies sent to President, Majority and Minority Leaders, Chairman of Fiscal Committee, and Education, Welfare & Government Committee.
- (12) Letter from Mr. Pat DeNicola (dated 4/15/64) concerning bids of Cummings Park Beach concession - Noted and filed, with copies sent to all concerned.
- (13) Concerning COVE DAM GATES - Carbon copy of letter to Mayor, dated 4/16/64 - REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
- (14) Two monthly reports from Public Welfare Department for January and February, 1964 - Noted and filed
- (15) Concerning alleged oil leakage of beds at SMITH HOUSE
- MR. KUCZO brought up the above matter and MOVED that a letter be sent to the Mayor suggesting that all interested parties meet with the Education, Welfare and Government Committee in order to resolve the problem. Seconded and CARRIED.
- (16) Concerning need for street lights and stop lights in various places in city

Several members brought up the above matter and it was discussed at some length as to the proper method of obtaining these necessary lights.

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

APPROVED:

Alan H. Ketcham,  
Acting Chairman

Velma, Farrell,  
Recording Secretary

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. NATHANSON, Chairman, presented his committee report. He said three meetings of the committee were held - one April 28th, a second on May 1st and the third on May 4th. All members were present at the first two meetings with the exception of Mr. Martin, and all members were present at the last meeting. He reported that all of the following appointees were interviewed and their appointments approved by the Committee, and MOVED for their approval. Seconded by various members.

(Note: The appointment of Robert W. Armstrong to the Patriotic and Special Events Commission was not reported out of committee at this time, but deferred until his return from a business trip.)

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| (1) <u>PERSONNEL COMMISSION</u> - <u>JOHN J. DELANY III</u> (Independent) | <u>Term Ending:</u>          |
| Brookhollow Lane  |                              |
| (Replacing William C. Kaminski<br>whose term expired 12/1/63)             | Dec. 1, 1966<br>(3 yr. term) |

MR. MURPHY said he had a question to ask on the above appointment. He said that it would seem under Section 731, of the Charter, there is a member of the Personnel Commission who is a representative of the Classified Service, whose political affiliation has no bearing on his appointment, but merely represents the employees of the city. He said the part of Sec. 731 he is referring to is under paragraph (e).

MR. KANE rose on a point of order at this time. He said the ballots have already been given out for a vote on the above appointment.

The Chairman, Mr. Ketcham, asked him if he was appealing this or just commenting on it.

MR. MURPHY quoted from Sec. 731 (e) of the Charter, saying they shall not be members of the same political party. He said the other two members, excluding the employees' representative, are the ones referred to - that normally there is one Republican member and one Democratic member. He said if Mr. Delany is approved, it will then be composed of one Republican, one Independent and one employees' representative. He said this is not in conformity with the Charter provisions, as there will not be a representative on the Commission from the Democratic Party. He said he believes this is a question which the Corporation Counsel should decide.

MR. MURPHY MOVED that this nomination be referred back to the Appointments Committee, to await a ruling from the Corporation Counsel.

THE CHAIRMAN told Mr. Murphy if he would refer back, he would find ample precedent for citizens and voters of Independent registration serving on Commissions and Boards of this City and to his knowledge this procedure has never before been questioned.



THE CHAIRMAN ruled Mr. Murphy out of order.

MR. TRUGLIA APPEALED from the ruling of the Chair. (Requires a two-thirds vote to carry)

MR. SHERMAN asked who is the employees' representative on the Personnel Commission at this time. He was informed that MR. JAMES SOTIRE represents the employees group.

MR. SHERMAN said he sees nothing in the Charter which would bar the nomination of Mr. Delany as an Independent to the Personnel Commission.

VOTE taken on the appeal from the RULING OF THE CHAIR. LOST by a vote of 16 in favor and 19 opposed.

MR. CONNORS said he wants to ask a question. He said he wants to know if there is such a thing as an Independent party in the City of Stamford. He said he wants to know because the last time he voted as an Independent he was classed as a "Dissident".

THE CHAIRMAN told him as far as the Republicans were concerned that he was never classed as a Dissident. He said it is a well known fact that many prominent Stamford residents belong to the Independent registration and have served on various City Boards and Commissions.

The Tellers distributed the ballots.

MR. TRUGLIA MOVED to refer this back to Committee for one month. Seconded by Mr. Durso.

THE CHAIRMAN said this motion has already been voted on.

MR. RUSSELL said he would like to eliminate this confusion and MOVED that the Board send a letter to the Corporation Counsel requesting his opinion as to the legality of the interpretation as far as Section 731 of the Charter is concerned.

After some further discussion, Mr. Truglia withdrew his motion.

MR. RUSSELL spoke on the motion to request an opinion from the Corporation Counsel.

MR. SELSBERG said that it is up to the Chairman of the Appointments Committee to ask for an opinion from the Corporation Counsel, as the President, Mr. Schwartz, has so often ruled. He said he believes that Mr. Russell is out of order.

THE CHAIRMAN asked Mr. Truglia if he wished to reintroduce his motion to refer this matter back to Committee.

MR. TRUGLIA MOVED to refer this back to the Appointments Committee. Seconded by Mr. Durso.

MR. NATHANSON said he does not think it is in order at this time for this matter to be looked into, as the Mayor has already ascertained whether or not his appointment was in order before it was made. HE MOVED the question.

VOTE taken on Mr. Truglia's motion. LOST by a vote of 15 in favor, 19 opposed and one abstention.

MR. SELSBERG MOVED the question on the original motion.

The tellers counted the ballots on the appointment of Mr. Delany to the Personnel Commission.

MR. JOHN J. DELANY was appointed as a member of the PERSONNEL COMMISSION by the following vote:

22 yes  
12 no  
1 abstention

The following appointments were submitted to the Board, with the Tellers distributing the ballots. The vote is recorded after each name:

(2) ZONING BOARD ALTERNATE:

STUART H. BROWN (R)  
326 Mill Road  
(Filling out unexpired term of  
Jackson Goursaud)

VOTE: 29 yes  
6 no

Term Ending

Dec. 1, 1965  
(4 yr. term)

(3) ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATE:

CANIO A. SANTORO (R)  
648 Newfield Avenue  
(Filling out unexpired term of  
Jack Pinsky)

VOTE: 33 yes  
2 no

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(4) SOUTHWESTERN FAIRFIELD COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY:

ALEXANDER R. KLAHR (D)  
109 Woodmere Road  
(Replacing John R. Nolan, whose  
term expired 10/8/63)

VOTE: 30 yes  
3 no

Oct. 8, 1965  
(2 yr. term after  
original app't.)

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL, Acting Chairman, presented the Committee report. He said the committee met May 4, 1964 with the following members present: Robert Durso, Booth Hemingway, George Russell and Gerald Rybnick. He said the first three items on the agenda were deferred because of lack of time to obtain certain additional information; and approved all other items referred to the Committee.

(1) \$514.80 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Salaries (Mayor's letter of 2/5/64)

Code 626.0101 - Bureau of Engineering, Salaries-----	\$427.44
Code 624.0101 - Division of Collection, Salaries-----	87.36
(Concerning reclassification of above)	\$514.80
(DEFERRED 4/6/64)	

The above matter was DEFERRED by the Committee as explained by Mr. Russell.

(2) \$175.00 - PLANNING BOARD - Code 134.0101, Salaries (Reclassification of position of Associate Planner from Grade S-20 to Grade S-22) (Mayor's letter of 2/5/64) (DEFERRED 4/6/64)



The above matter was DEFERRED as previously explained by Mr. Russell.

- (3) \$348.00 - OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE, Bureau of Accounts & Records  
Code 116,0101, Salaries (Reclassification of Data Processing Supervisor from \$7,267.00, step "C" to \$7,585.00, Step "D" ---- From S-20 to S-22 (\$8,465.00) (Mayor's letter of 3/6/64 and attached letter of 2/24/64 from Personnel Director) (DEFERRED 4/6/64)

The above matter was DEFERRED as explained by Mr. Russell.

- (4) \$11,797.29 - POLICE DEPARTMENT (Mayor's letter of 3/31/64) (REDUCED by Board of Finance from \$12,376.14)

Code 530,0101 School Guards -----	\$7,679.00
Code 530,1509 Traffic Light Power -----	1,513.36
Code 530,0501 Telephone, Telegraph & Dictaphones-	1,104.23
Code 530,1705 Maintenance of Patrol Cars -----	1,500.00 *
	<u>\$11,797.29</u>

\* Reduced from \$2,078.85 by Board of Finance.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Rand.

MR. HEARING said the Health & Protection Committee concurred in approval. CARRIED.

- (5) \$12,566.10 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Code 606,0609, Snow Removal and Flood Emergency (Mayor's letter of 4/3/64) (REDUCED by Board of Finance from \$14,766.82 - Item called "Miscellaneous" in amount of \$2,200.72 was denied by the Board of Finance)

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Connors.

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

- (6) \$2,300.00 - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (Mayor's Letter of 3/31/64)

Code 140,0401 Advertising & Printing -----	\$2,200.00
Code 140,0701 Janitor's Service -----	100.00
	<u>\$2,300.00</u>

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for approval of the above request. He said the Planning and Zoning Committee concurred in this approval. Seconded by Mr. Durso and CARRIED.

- (7) \$12,000.00 - BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - Code 106,2201, New Equipment  
 (Furniture and Fixtures for new meeting rooms) (Mayor's letter of 4/3/64) (REDUCED by Board of Finance from \$16,175.00)

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Truglia.

MR. TRUGLIA, spoke for the City Hall "Task Force" Committee at this time and urged approval of the appropriation.

MR. KUCZO asked what items are included in the request, and does it also include a rug.

THE CHAIRMAN asked Mr. Truglia if he wished to answer this question. Mr. Truglia requested Mr. Ketcham to explain.

MR. KETCHAM said this appropriation is for the purpose of purchasing chairs and desks, tables, etc. for the new meeting room for the Board members and also seating for the public and a minimum amount of furniture for both of the caucus rooms. He said it was also hoped that this would include money for an audio system which it is hoped will furnish a better acoustical system than is now present in the meeting room.

MR. KUCZO asked if this appropriation included a rug. Mr. Ketcham replied that it does not.

MR. KELLY asked the members to vote in favor of this appropriation unanimously, as this Board is finally getting a "Home" after about fifteen years without one. He urged approval of the request.

MR. TRUGLIA MOVED the question. VOTE taken on item #7. CARRIED unanimously.

(8) \$120,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE (Mayor's letter of 3/31/64)  
(REDUCED by Board of Finance from \$126,000.00)

Code 410.1501 Light, Heat & Power -----	\$ 2,000.00	
Code 410.5612 Cash Relief -----	45,000.00	(Reduced
Code 410.5504 Child Placement-----	13,000.00	from
Code 422.0000 General Hospitals-----	60,000.00	\$51,000.00)
	<u>\$120,000.00</u>	

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Connors.

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

(9) Resolution No. 439 amending 1963-1964 Capital Projects Budget, Board of Education, by adding item in amount of \$50,000.00 for purpose of supplementing the \$75,000.00 previously appropriated, for site acquisition and planning for item in said Budget known as ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NORTH OF THE PARKWAY, EAST SITE (PROPERTY LOCATED OFF Scofieldtown Road, owned by the Girl Scouts) and the appropriation of \$50,000.00 for said Project. (See Mayor's letter of Feb. 7, 1964 - Partially approved at 4/6/64 Board meeting by Resolution No. 436 - Note: At that time the Board of Finance had not acted on this portion; they approved it on 4/9/64)

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Kuczo, who reported that the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurred in approval.

MR. KANE and MR. MORRIS said they wished to abstain from voting because of conflict of interest.

MR. DURSO asked Mr. Russell to reiterate the comments previously made by the Board of Finance.

MR. RUSSELL said the Fiscal Committee voted to reiterate the comments made by the Board of Finance, which was that in order to expedite the project to strongly urge and recommend that the Board of Education keep the appropriating bodies well informed at every stage of the school planning.

There being no further debate, the resolution following was CARRIED:



RESOLUTION NO. 439

AMENDING 1963-1964 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, IN AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00  
TO SUPPLEMENT PREVIOUS APPROPRIATION FOR SITE  
ACQUISITION AND PLANNING FOR THE ITEM KNOWN AS  
"ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NORTH OF THE PARKWAY,  
EAST SITE"

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, to amend the 1963-1964 Capital Projects Budget, Board of Education, by adding an item in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the purpose of supplementing the \$75,000.00 previously appropriated for site acquisition and planning for item in said Budget known as ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NORTH OF THE PARKWAY, EAST SITE, (property located off Scofieldtown Road, owned by the Girl Scouts); and the appropriation of \$50,000.00 for said Project.

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(10) \$20,100.00 - OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL (Mayor's letter of 4/6/64)

Code 110.5402 Settlement of Non-contract Claims-----	\$20,000.00
Code 110.0301 Stationery & Supplies-----	100.00
	<u>\$20,100.00</u>

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Sherman.

MR. KUCZO reported that the Education, Welfare & Government Committee did not act on this matter, as there was no opportunity to meet with the Fiscal Committee.

MR. KUCZO MOVED that the \$20,000.00 for Code 110.5402 be reduced to \$2,000.00 which would then give a total figure of \$2,100.00 for this request. There was no seconder to his motion.

MR. RUSSELL said this is quite a serious problem and the Board must be realistic about these things, as the Corporation Counsel must be in a position to dicker about these settlements and obtain a signature "right then and there". He urged approval of the full amount.

After considerable debate on the merits of the request, a vote was taken on Mr. Russell's motion to approve the full amount, CARRIED, with one "no" vote. (Mr. Kuczo)

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. SELSBERG, Chairman, presented his committee report at this time. He said a meeting was held on April 30, 1964 with the following members present: Mr. Selsberg, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Rich and Mr. Kelly.

(1) Concerning amendment to Building Code - Waiver of Building Permit Fees on Buildings that serve a charitable or religious purpose to the residents of the City (See Minutes of 2/3/64, page 3916, item No. 5)

MR. SELSBERG MOVED for approval for publication of the following amendment to the



Building Code, with final approval to be given at the next Board meeting. Seconded and CARRIED:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 100, GENERAL, SECTION 6, PERMITS AND FEES, PARAGRAPH (13) OF BUILDING CODE, CITY OF STAMFORD, TO WAIVE BUILDING PERMIT FEES ON BUILDINGS THAT SERVE A NON-PROFIT OR ELEEMOSYNARY PURPOSE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Article 100., GENERAL, Section 6, entitled "PERMITS AND FEES", paragraph (13) of the Building Code of the City of Stamford be and it is hereby repealed and the following enacted in its stead:

- (13) Subject to the approval of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, no fees shall be required for the issuance of any permit for the construction, alteration, repair, removal, or demolition of any building or structure to be used in connection with the governmental functions of the City of Stamford, or in connection with the functions of any non-profit, eleemosynary institution.

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- (2) Renewal of LEASE between City of Stamford and the Fish & Game Commission of the State of Connecticut, for a two year lease, in consideration of \$1,00, covering City-owned land, for use by the State for public fishing purposes. (See Mayor's letter of 3/25/64 - Approved by Board of Finance 4/9/64)

MR. SELSBERG MOVED for approval of the above request. He said it was the opinion of his committee, upon observation of the lease, that it was in proper form and of benefit to the City of Stamford. Seconded by Mr. Martin and CARRIED.

- (3) Proposed Ordinance Concerning Exchange of Property between City of Stamford and Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, located on east side of Bedford Street, for the consideration of \$1,00 and other value. (See Mayor's letter of 3/25/64 - Approved by Board of Finance on 4/9/64)

MR. SELSBERG said it was the opinion of the Committee that the above be approved and MOVED for adoption of a proposed Ordinance for publication. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. SELSBERG read the following portion of the proposed Ordinance at this time, and requested that his reading of the descriptive portion of the Ordinance be waived because of its length: (Approved)

AN ORDINANCE ON EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY BETWEEN CITY OF STAMFORD AND THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

In conformity with Section 488 of the Stamford Charter, and notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 2, Sections 2-24 to 2-27, inclusive, of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford, the exchange of property between the City of Stamford and the First Presbyterian Church of Stamford, Connecticut, of the following properties is hereby approved, viz:



Property to be deeded to the City of Stamford by the First Presbyterian Church of Stamford, Connecticut:

FIRST PARCEL: (Description waived here)

SECOND PARCEL: (Description waived here)

Property to be deeded to the First Presbyterian Church of Stamford, Connecticut, by the City of Stamford:

FIRST PARCEL: (Description waived here)

SECOND PARCEL: (Description waived here)

and is hereby authorized.

The Mayor of the City of Stamford is hereby authorized and empowered to act for the City of Stamford and to execute and deliver all documents necessary to transfer title to the hereinabove described premises presently owned by the said City of Stamford.

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

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- (4) LEASE agreement between City of Stamford and the Turn-of-River Fire Department, for consideration of the sum of \$1.00, covering City-owned property situated on Westerly side of Turn-of-River Road at Buxton Farm Road Extension (See Mayor's letter of 4/2/64 - Approved by Board of Finance on 4/9/64)

MR. SELSBERG said upon observation of the lease agreement, it was the opinion of the Committee that it should be approved and MOVED for approval. Seconded by Mr. Sherman and CARRIED.

- (5) Concerning REFRESHMENT CONCESSION AT CUMMINGS PARK, between City of Stamford and the National Automatic Services, Inc., submitted by the Park Department and approved by the Corporation Counsel. (See Mayor's letter to President Ronald M. Schwartz, dated 4/10/64 - Approved by Board of Finance 4/9/64)

(Above also referred to the Parks & Recreation Committee)

MR. SELSBERG said his Committee reviewed this agreement and it was their opinion that it was in proper legal form and that it could be properly acted upon by the Parks and Recreation Committee. At this time he deferred to Mr. Kelly, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

MR. KELLY presented his report. He said his committee met in joint session with the Legislative and Rules Committee the evening of May 30th and present were Mrs. Esposito, Stanley Kulowiec and Mr. Kelly, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee.

He said that although the action taken up to the present is legal, it does deviate from past practice, inasmuch as it is not a lease, nor is it a bid proposal, but rather is an agreement to be entered into between the City of Stamford and the concessionaire for a three year period at the Cummings Park Refreshment Concession and could very well establish a precedent that could possibly get very out of hand in the future.



MR. KELLY said after the joint meeting of the two committees, the Parks and Recreation Committee met. He reported the committee is in receipt of two letters - one from a Mr. Pat DeNicola and the other from Mr. Peter Zeppero, who have bid on this concession in previous years and tried to bid on it this year, but could not because of the way it was done. He said if this is allowed to go through, it would discourage competitive bidding and discriminate against others in the same line of business who wished to submit competitive bids as had been past practice. He said it is not fair to these people who wish to bid, nor is it fair to the taxpayers and users of these facilities, and is the feeling of his committee that the Board should take the necessary action not to permit this method of use of City facilities, because of the unfair and unbusiness-like manner that is being used. He reported that it was the unanimous vote of the five members of his committee that this request be DENIED and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Rand.

MR. KELLY asked if the members wished to have the two letters of protest read at this time. The members signified their desire to have the letters read.

MR. KELLY read a letter dated April 26, 1964, addressed to the Board of Representatives, from Peter Zeppero, 641 Fairfield Avenue, entering a formal protest on the awarding of this concession without resorting to the awarding of the contract to the highest bidder. He then read a second letter of protest to the Board of Representatives, dated April 15, 1964, from Pat De Nicola.

THE CHAIRMAN asked if anyone wished to discuss the motion before a vote is taken.

MR. ZEZIMA spoke in favor of the motion.

MR. KANE said he thought it would be helpful if Mr. Kelly would obtain the opinion of the Corporation Counsel on this matter.

MR. KELLY said he has the opinion of the Corporation Counsel and would gladly read it if the members so desire. The reading was waived.

MR. TRUGLIA asked what action the Legislative and Rules Committee is taking in this matter.

THE CHAIRMAN replied that all the Legislative and Rules Committee has done is to attest to the legality of the contract under discussion, and the recommendation as to what action was left to the Parks and Recreation Committee, which committee has moved this request be DENIED.

MR. CONNORS said he cannot understand why this should be a three year contract - that in the past it has always been a one year contract and for this reason alone the Board should vote to deny the application.

MR. MARTIN said it seems that if no action is taken tonight, it will have to wait until the June Board meeting and in the meantime, there will be no food concession available at Cummings Park. He asked if there was any possible way to expedite action on this before June 1st.

THE CHAIRMAN said it seems that if this contract is denied that the Park Department can still proceed on a bid basis as has been done in previous years.

MR. RICH asked a question through the Chairman, of Mr. Kelly. He said everyone on the Board has received something in the mail from the Park Department which states their case and said he thinks the Committee should give the reasons why the Park Department wants to handle it differently this year.



MR. KELLY said all he can say is that it is setting a very bad precedent - that he could not give the reasons behind it.

MR. RICH said he was hoping that the Committee had more information on the matter, in order to give both sides of the question.

MR. KELLY said he had plenty of material on this and could stay here all night reading it if the Board wishes to hear it all.

THE CHAIRMAN called for order.

MR. RICH said he does not believe the Park Department is trying to "put anything over on anyone" and believes there must be some very valid reasons for wanting to handle the concession this way. He said there must be something behind their request, more than has been submitted up to the present.

MR. ZEZIMA said perhaps he can help. He said he called up Mr. Connell and asked him the reasons and that he had stated over the telephone just about the same as appears in the letter of request and he said he would send out a letter to all Board members explaining their reasons for wishing to handle the concession differently. He said all members were given copies of this letter. He said, from his standpoint, he thinks it is morally wrong, which is what the committee was trying to determine - not whether it was legal or not.

MR. SHERMAN rose on a point of information. He asked if the specifications which are to be part of this agreement, would they also be part of any competitive bid?

There ensued considerable debate at this point.

MR. KELLY read the qualifications for competitive bidding on the concession, which have been used in the past.

MR. KANE pointed out there was one other matter included in this contract that was not present in previous ones and that is that "The Concessionaire shall pay to the City of Stamford for each year of operation the sum of Three Thousand Dollars, plus nine percent of total gross sales in excess of Twenty-five thousand Dollars."

MR. MURPHY asked if the Board denies this request, does it mean that they will then go back to the old way of handling it?

THE CHAIRMAN said if the item is denied in accordance with Mr. Kelly's motion, the proposed contract will not be enforced.

MR. MORRIS MOVED THE QUESTION.

VOTE taken on Mr. Kelly's motion to deny item No. 5 on the agenda, by a show of hands. There were 26 votes in favor, 4 opposed, with 5 abstentions. CARRIED.

For the reason that Mr. Kelly had only one other item referred to his Committee, the Chairman allowed him to finish his committee report at this time.

PETITION NO. 301 - From SAN MANGHESE SOCIAL CLUB - Requesting permission to illuminate grounds at 107 West Avenue and to have a procession with music on August 27, 28, 29 and 30th, in commemoration of the Feast of St. Theodore.

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of the above request, subject to the observance of all ordinances and insurance coverage, etc. Seconded by Mr. Arruzza and CARRIED.

CONCERNING REFRESHMENT CONCESSION AT CUMMINGS PARK:

Several of the members questioned whether or not there would be any concession at Cummings Park now that the Board has voted to deny approval of the contract.

THE CHAIRMAN said if any of the members wished to bring it up again, they may do so under "New Business" later in the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. MORRIS, Chairman, presented his committee report at this time. He said a meeting was held the evening of April 30, 1964 and present were the following: Commissioner of Public Works Mitchell, Representatives Morris, Remling, Lindstrom, Dombroski and Bitetto.

Items presented under the Fiscal Committee were previously reported on.

Concerning adoption of a SEWER CODE, as per Sec. 4 of Ordinance No. 80 (Balance of Building Code not yet adopted - Building Code adopted 7/1/59 with this portion left out) (Deferred 3/2/64 and 4/6/64)

MR. MORRIS reported that a meeting will be held on the above matter on May 7th, in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works and invited to attend will be the members of the Health & Protection Committee, the Planning & Zoning Committee and the Legislative & Rules Committee.

Concerning complaint from property owner on Toms Road

MR. MORRIS said he was in receipt of a letter from a Mr. Grant, 111 Toms Road, regarding bad road condition, caused by an attempt to eliminate a very bad curve, at which time his deed to property owned by him was changed, extending the line to the middle of Toms Road. However, the Curve has never been removed, endangering the lives of children and property owners in this area.

MR. MORRIS said this road has been under construction for two years and he thought it was about time the condition was corrected.

THE CHAIRMAN called Mr. Morris' attention to the fact that this matter was not referred to his committee in the usual channels and is not on the agenda and properly belongs under "New Business". He suggested that this be brought up at the next meeting of the Steering Committee so that it may be properly referred to committee.

MR. LONGO left at this time, changing the roll call to 34 now present.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

MR. KUCZO, Chairman, presented his committee report at this time. He said a meeting was held on April 29, 1964, with the following members present: Paul Kuczo, Vito Biscaglio and Booth Hemingway.

Concerning Alleged Oil Leakage and Cracked Headboards of Beds at Smith House

The following is Mr. Kuczo's report on the above matter:



Last month this matter was brought to the attention of the Board of Representatives in the form of a request from this Committee, that the Mayor instruct all parties concerned with this matter to meet in order to see that this situation be brought to a favorable conclusion in the best interests of the taxpayers and patients as soon as possible.

Since this was a request and not a motion, the request was not complied with. This being understandable, Mr. Kuczo brought the matter up again at the April 21, 1964 Steering Committee meeting. It was moved that a letter be sent to the Mayor, suggesting that all interested parties meet with the Education, Welfare and Government Committee in order to resolve the problem. This motion was seconded and carried.

It could very well be that if this matter is not resolved in the very near future, it could result in an unfavorable conclusion where both taxpayers and patients will suffer. We feel the time to act is now, rather than delaying this urgent matter any further.

MR. KUCZO MOVED that a letter be sent to the Mayor suggesting that all interested parties meet with the Education, Welfare and Government Committee in order to resolve the problems at the Smith House on the above matter. Seconded by Mr. Truglia and CARRIED.

Concerning letter from John Macrides, dated 4/13/64, concerning rehabilitation of Cloonan School for use as an Elementary School.

MR. KUCZO reported that the Committee felt at this time, with the resolving of Cloonan still an undecided matter, that disposal of the school should be in the best interests of the taxpayers and area residents and that Mr. Macrides request should be given deep consideration by the Board of Education as a possible means for resolving this problem. He said the Committee will keep the letter for further consideration when this matter draws to a more definite conclusion.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE:

MR. RICH, Chairman, presented his committee report. He said the Committee held its third meeting on April 27, 1964, at the offices of the Urban Redevelopment Commission. Present were Messrs. Hearing, Morris, Murphy, Sherman and Rich. Absent were Mrs. Esposito and Messrs. Hemingway, Longo, Mogul and Philpot. Also present were Commission Chairman, Mrs. Marshall, Commissioners Carey and Greenbaum, and Commission staff members Shapiro and Toth.

He said the first item of discussion was the response of the State Liquor Control Commission to the Board's resolution requesting preference for Project area permit owners, and it was agreed that the full cooperation of the Stamford Package Liquor Dealers Association was required. Mr. Rich said he would send the Association's President a copy of the Liquor Commission's response and urge his group to work with the URC on the problem.

Concerning Parking Authority's acquisition of the Bell Street parking lot

MR. RICH reported the above matter was discussed and since this area is to be acquired later for a parking garage in the Project, there is a question as to who should buy it now. He said the URC will soon complete an appraisal of the property and will then consult with the Authority and owners regarding the purchase.

Progress of the Project

MR. RICH said Mrs. Marshall discussed the current activities of the Commission and progress of the Project and that second appraisals are now under way. When they are completed and reviewed by the HHFA, property acquisition can begin. He said the negotiations should start early this summer.

Hiring of Relocation Director

MR. RICH said a Family Relocation Director has been hired and is expected to start work in May. This will permit the opening of the field office concerned with family relocation and property management. He said the employment of a three or four man staff for this office will start at once, with 38 applications having been screened and are now awaiting action by the Director.

Business Relocation Director

MR. RICH said the Commission is looking for a Business Relocation Director who will assist businesses in the Project to find new locations. He said a staff accountant is also needed and also part-time surveyors.

Concerning Right-to-Know Law

MR. RICH cited an excerpt from the March 1964 Newsletter of the Connecticut Urban Renewal Association on the Meriden "Right-to-Know" case.

Concerning Urban Redevelopment Coordinator requested by the Mayor

MR. RICH said the Commission has taken no action in this regard, but apparently does not object to the establishment of this position. He said Mrs. Marshall felt it is essential to the success of the Project, since the Coordinator will work with the authority of the Mayor in all areas of City government which affect the Project. Also, he will work on matters related to the Project, but not under the jurisdiction of the Commission - such as 221-d-3 housing and zoning matters.

MR. RICH read the following letter which has been received by the Board in answer to the Board's letter to the State Liquor Control Commission regarding Resolution No. 438 adopted by the Board at the April 6, 1964 meeting:

April 17, 1964

The Liquor Control Commission acknowledges your correspondence of April 13 concerning a resolution adopted as to the relocation of package stores because of the redevelopment program in the City of Stamford.

The Commission wishes to inform you that all removals of package stores are governed by Section 30-52 of the Liquor Control Act, and the Commission cannot indicate in advance what action would be taken on removals in any redevelopment areas until such applications are filed with the Commission and investigated to see that they are in conformity with the Liquor Control Act.

The Commission cannot hold any location for any package store, nor can the Commission indicate to the City of Stamford that any removals



would be given favorable consideration until all matters are investigated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Stanley J. Palaski  
Secretary  
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

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MR. SELSBERG asked a question of Mr. Rich, through the Chairman. He asked when could the first building be expected to come down.

MR. RICH said he does not know, but can only guess it will be about a year from now, as a great deal depends on how the acquisition takes place - whether by condemnation, or by agreement, etc.

MR. CONNORS said he would like to know if the State of Connecticut can arbitrarily say because of hardship cases in the URC area, that local ordinances can be ignored.

MR. RICH said it was not the intention to urge the State Liquor Control Commission to change any of its rules, but it was merely their intention to ask that favorable consideration be given to displaced permit holders when a legitimate application is made - that it was not their intention to ask them to go against their regulations.

CITY HALL "TASK FORCE" COMMITTEE:

MR. KETCHAM said that thanks to the vote tonight in favor of furniture for the new meeting rooms, he can report progress.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:

MR. LINDSTROM, Chairman, reported that the Committee met Thursday evening, April 16th and again Wednesday evening, April 29th in the Board of Representatives meeting room in City Hall (429 Atlantic Street).

He said the Committee met with the Personnel Commission at the first meeting, plus the Personnel Director at the second session and that departmental procedure was discussed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR:

Letter dated May 4, 1964 concerning nine appointments to the Human Rights Commission and one re-appointment to the Board of Recreation. (Referred to the Steering Committee)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS:

- (1) Letter (dated 4/24/64) from Mr. Arthur Swinerton, Building Inspector, requesting amendment to the Building Code, by the repeal of Paragraph 3, "Inspector", Section 300 of the Heating & Air Conditioning part of the Code, and submission of the requested change in the Code to conform with regulations governing other Inspectors in the same department. (Referred to Steering Committee)
- (2) Letter (dated 5/1/64) from Michael Sherman, 18th District Representative, concerning two matters: (1) Official designation of former HELCO BUILDING as the

"MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING": (2) Request to initiate immediate action, by the Mayor, to remove from Central Park in Stamford the temporary World War II Memorial and investigate the possibility of providing a suitable permanent memorial to all those who have served in the armed forces in various conflicts, from this City. (Referred to Steering Committee)

- (3) Letter (dated 5/1/64) from Michael S. Sherman, 18th District Representative, proposing acceptance of KNOBLOCH LANE as a public street and also requesting that an opinion be obtained from the Corporation Counsel as to the status of this street. (Referred to Steering Committee)
- (4) Letter (dated 5/1/64) from Samuel S. Miller, real estate broker, requesting a change of name for AMELIA PLACE for the Steima Company Corporation - (No name is suggested in his letter) (Referred to Steering Committee)
- (5) Petition addressed to William Selsberg, 7th District Representative (dated 3/10/64) signed by residents of BRACEWOOD LANE, concerning safety problem caused by lack of sidewalks and blind curve in road. (Referred to Steering Committee)
- (6) Letter (dated 5/1/64) from Mrs. Agnes Preston, Director, West Main Street Community Center, requesting action be taken to provide blacktopping for a municipal parking lot on West Main Street. (Introduced by Mr. Patsy Arruzza, 4th District Representative and referred to the Steering Committee)
- (7) Letter (dated 5/4/64) from the John J. Ryle PTA, requesting a new Cloonan School (Introduced by Mr. Anthony Truglia, 2nd District Representative)

MR. TRUGLIA requested that the above letter be read at this time.

MR. SHERMAN rose on a point of order. He said if every communication to this Board is going to be read under "Communications" we will be here for days. He said it is his understanding that these matters are all referred to the Steering Committee and then to the appropriate committee of this Board for action the following month.

THE CHAIRMAN allowed Mr. Truglia to read the above letter at this time for the reason that two other members had also been allowed to read, or partially read communications that they had presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

MR. MORRIS asked if it was necessary that matters which members wish to have referred to committee must necessarily be presented in writing.

THE CHAIRMAN informed him that this has been the practice of this Board for many years, and must be presented in writing if a member expects any action to be taken on any particular matter - that to just bring up a matter verbally on the floor is not the proper way to present it, under the rules of the Board.

Concerning Addenda to Special Meeting to be held Monday, May 11, 1964 - Refreshment Concession at Cummings Park, between City of Stamford and the National Automatic Services, Inc., submitted by the Park Department and approved by the Corporation Counsel. (See Mayor's letter to President Ronald M. Schwartz, dated 4/10/64 - Approved by Board of Finance 4/9/64)

MR. SELSBERG MOVED that the Park Department of the City of Stamford be instructed to receive bids concerning the refreshment concession at Cummings Park within the



following week and return its recommendation through the necessary and proper authorities so that same may be properly acted upon at the May 11th meeting of the Board of Representatives, and I

FURTHER MOVE that the Administrative Assistant of this Board be instructed to immediately notify each and every member of the Board of Representatives that same shall be placed on the agenda and acted upon at said meeting.

Mr. Selsberg's motion was seconded by several people. CARRIED.

Concerning One-way traffic flow on WASHINGTON AND WOODSIDE STREETS

MR. MARTIN brought up the above matter and said a serious traffic hazard is caused by this one way traffic and asked that steps be taken to correct it.

THE CHAIRMAN informed Mr. Martin if he would please put this in writing, it would be presented at the next meeting of the Steering Committee for proper referral to Committee.

Mr. Martin said he would do this.

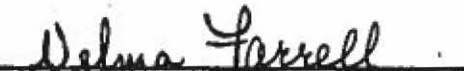
Concerning Cash Registers being placed so that customer may see total

MR. MARTIN spoke on the above matter and asked that an ordinance be adopted to control this troublesome matter.

THE CHAIRMAN told Mr. Martin to please present this in writing so that it may be submitted at the next meeting of the Steering Committee in accordance with the rules of this Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 P.M.

  
Velma Farrell (Recording Secretary)  
Administrative Assistant

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APPROVED:

  
Alan H. Ketcham, Acting Chairman  
Board of Representatives

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

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