Minutes of October 5, 1964 Meeting of the 8th Board of Representatives Stamford, Connecticut

The regular monthly meeting of the 8th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, October 5, 1964. in the Board's meeting room. Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

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

INVOCATION was given by Rev. T. Cecil Swackhamer, First Methodist Church.

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

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 37 members present and 3 absent. The absent members were: Edwin O. Lindstrom, Jr., William D. Murphy and Stanley F. Kulowiec.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of September 14, 1964. The Minutes were not ready and will be accepted at the next Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MR. SCHWARTZ, Chairman, presented the following report of the Steering Committee:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT Meeting held Monday, September 21, 1964

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, September 21, 1964. in the Board of Representatives' meeting room. Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Ketcham, the Majority Leader, presided. He called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M. All members were present, with the exception of the following: Ronald Schwartz, (chairman), Mrs. Lilliendahl, George Connors and John Kane, Jr.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

- (1) Appointment of Raymond Kellogg, 111, as a member of the Board of Taxation ORDERED ON AGENDA (Previously deferred on 9/14/64)
- (2) Mayor's letter of 9/21/64, requesting confirmation of appointment of LEWIS E. UPHAM (R), as a member of the URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, term to expire 8/7/69 5 yr. term REFERRED TO APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA
- (3) Mayor's letter of 9/17/64, requesting confirmation of Mr. Virgil A.

 Gant, to be employed as EXECUTIVE SECRETARY of the HUMAN RIGHTS

 COMMISSION, as provided in Sec. 5.(g) of Ordinance No. 110

 Supplemental REFERRED TO APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE and salary for

 Executive Secretary REFERRED TO PERSONNEL COMMITTEE and ORDERED

 ON AGENDA

- (4) Additional Appropriations, approved by Board of Finance on 9/10/64 REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE, with items in excess of \$2,000.00 excepting pensions, referred to a secondary committee.
- (5) All items tabled at the September meeting under Fiscal Committee were ORDERED ON AGENDA under FISCAL COMMITTEE (See items Nos. 4 and 6 on the 9/14/64 agenda)
- (6) Mayor's letter of 9/2/64 requesting permission for Public Works
 Department to demolish wood and brick structure at rear of Hunicipal Building, formerly used as a parking shed REFERRED TO
 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA
- (7) Final approval of Proposed Ordinance No. 80.8 amending BUILDING

 CODE "REGULATING THE USE OF PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS IN

 CITY OF STAMFORD" (Adopted for publication 9/14/64; published

 9/25/64) ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE
- (8) Final approval of Proposed Ordinance No. 80.9 amending BUILDING

 CODE "REGULATING THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY

 SYSTEMS IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD" (Adopted for publication 9/14/64;

 published 9/25/64) ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES

 COMMITTEE
- *(9) Concerning Adoption of a SEWER CODE for the City of Stamford, as per Sec. 4 of Ordinance No. 80 (Being balance of Building Code not yet adopted Rest of Building Code adopted 7/1/59, with this portion left out) ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

*Note: Public hearing held by Legislative and Rules Committee on August 27, 1964; copies of proposed Code made available to public by notice published August 20th and 21st, 1964)

- (10) Proposed Ordinance "REGULATING THE OPERATION OF FOUR-WHEEL SHOPPING CARTS IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD" (Presented in letter dated 9/15/64 from Ronald M. Schwartz, 16th District Representative) REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE
- (11) Proposed Ordinance "GRANTING IMMUNITY FROM TRAFFIC TICKETS TO MEMBERS OF BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS"

 (Presented in letter dated 9/17/64 from Ronald M. Schwartz, 16th District Representative)

The above matter was kept in Committee for further study.

- (12) Request for Waiver of Building Permit Fee on Construction of new St. Bridget's School, 278 Strawberry Hill Avenue (Requested in letter of 9/22/64 from the E. & F. Construction Co., Bridgeport, Conn.) REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA
- (13) Concerning DISPOSITION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY (See list of property from Planning Board and recommendations for disposition of same, their meeting of 5/26/64, pursuant to request of Commissioner of Finance on 5/8/64; and provisions of Sec. 2-24 and Sec. 2-25 of Code of General Ordinances) (Copies mailed to all Board members on 6/4/64) (Previously in Legislative & Rules Committee) REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA

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- (14) Petition (signed by 69 residents of Lakeview Development) to abandon
 a portion and close off the end of BROOK RUN ROAD (Received 9/14/64
 REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA
- (15) Petitions for road acceptance REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE
- (16) Petition from STAMFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (dated 9/17/64) requesting permission to erect and maintain Christmas Lighting poles and arches across major city streets during the Christmas Season REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA
- (17) Request to investigate the possibility of having WARNING SIGNS TO
 LOTORISTS NEAR SCHOOL BUS STOPS to slow down during school term
 (Introduced by Joseph S. Bitetto, 6th District Representative) REFERRED TO EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
- (18) Request for installation of stop light at INTERSECTION OF LOCKWOOD

 AVENUE and COVE ROAD and SOUNDVIEW AVENUE and COVE ROAD for protection
 of school children and residents (Presented by Stephen E. Kelly,
 12th District Representative in letter of 9/21/64) REFERRED TO
 HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE
- (19) Request from TAYLOR-REED CORPORATION to name ramp leading from Courtland
 Avenue, owned by N.Y.N.H. & H.R.R. the "TAYLOR REED PLACE"

 (Their letter of 8/28/64) REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE
 and ORDERED ON AGENDA (Requires an Ordinance)
- (20) Letter from Messrs. Hearing and Philpot, 15th District Representatives (dated 9/9/64) requesting that the Board seek a solution for problem created by a traffic bottleneck in vicinity of MAPLE TREE AVENUE,

 COURTLAND AVENUE and CRESCENT STREET REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE
- (21) Request from Thomas Morris, 16th District Representative (letter of 8/21/64) for an Ordinance compelling land developers to install FIRE HYDRANTS in new developments where there are newly constructed roads REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
- (22) Complaint from Edward A. Belmont, 272 Brookdale Road, concerning PROBLEM CREATED BY REFUSE BURNING AT THE SCOFIELDTOWN DUMP (Letter dated 9/4/64) REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
- (23) Complaint concerning method of GARBAGE COLLECTION (Dated 9/21/64)
 (Presented by Thomas Morris, 16th District Representative) REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
- (24) STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD'S SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL HEARINGS ON CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR 1965-1966 NOTED AND FILED, with copies mailed to all Board members on 9/18/64.
- (25) Carbon copy of letter to Mayor from Mrs. Leonard Morris, Secretary.

 Long Ridge Association (dated 9/14/64) concerning purchase by City
 of Benenson Property, located on Old Mill Lane and endorsement of
 same NOTED AND FILED

- (26) Public Welfere Department report for New 1964 NOTED AND FILED, with copy sent to Education, Welfare & Government Committee.
- (27) Concerning increased benefits for pensioners now on pension under the CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN (Brought up by Mr. Ketcham under "New Business" at the 3/2/64 meeting, followed by letter to the Steering Committee on 3/23/64. Again brought up by Mr. Martin and Mr. Philpot, and referred to the Personnel Committee on 4/6/64 See pages 3964 and 3966 of Minutes)

The above matter was brought up and Mr. Philpot, Chairman, Personnel Committee, was questioned as to its status. He reported that he was in receipt of a letter from Mr. McCutcheon, Personnel Director, explaining that an appropriation would be needed in order to compile a list of these pensioners and data pertaining to same.

This matter was briefly discussed, and it was suggested that Mr. Philpot write a letter to Mr. McCutcheon, suggesting that he institute the necessary request for funds for this purpose from the Mayor in order that these people can be given the benefits of additional pension amendments (divorcing the City's Pension Plan from Social Security) which were approved by the Board of Representatives by Resolution No. 435 adopted 3/2/64, which were given to all CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES of the City at that time.

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

Alan H. Ketcham, Chairman Pro Tempore Steering Committee

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CHANGES IN COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

THE PRESIDENT announced the following changes in Committee assignments:

Education, Welfare & Government Committee

J. John Keggi (R) replacing Booth Hemingway (R)

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. NATHANSON, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said a meeting was held on September 29, 1964 in the Board of Representatives' meeting room, with all members present, except William Murphy and a second meeting was held on October 5, 1964, with all members present except Edwin Lindstrom and William Murphy. He said all appointments appearing on the agenda were approved unanimously.

The Tellers distributed the ballots among the members. The votes on each appointment are recorded below:

BOARD OF TAXATION:

Term Ending:

RAYMOND KELLOGG 111 (R)

Dec. 1, 1965 (5 yr. term)

59 Winesap Road

(Replacing Robert Levister) VOTE: 23 yes

13 no

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

LEWIS E. UPHAM (R)

Aug. 7, 1969

182 Skyline Drive

(5 yr. term)

(Replacing Louis Greenbaum) VOTE: 15 yes 21 no

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:

VIRGIL A.GANT, Executive Secretary (Confirmation of appointment required under provisions of Sec. 5. (g) of Ordinance No. 110 Supplemental - See Mayor's letter of 9/17/64)

*VOTE: 15 yes 22 no

*Note: One Board member arrived right after the vote was taken on the appointment of Mr. Upham, changing the number of those voting to 37.

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. HEMINGWAY, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said two meetings of the Committee were held; one held October 1st, attended by 7 members and another held October 5th, attended by 6 members.

(1) \$1,816.10 - PARK DEPARTMENT (Mayor's letter of 8/28/64) Covering following items:

> Code 710.1201, Maintenance of Equipment-----\$ 95.80 .720.30 Code 710.1801, Maintenance of Buildings-----\$1.816.10

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded and CARRIED.

(2) \$40,000.00 - TURN-OF-RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT - Resolution amending Capital Projects Budget for 1964-1965 to build new headquarters and appropriation therefor. (Mayor's letter of 9/2/64)

MR. HEMINGWAY said the above matter is being held in Committee. He said the Committee has been advised that a contract had been signed by the Turn-of-River Fire Department after approval of their request by the Board of Finance, but prior to approval by this Board and that it is the opinion of the Committee that no contracts obligating the City, or semi-public City organizations, should be entered into until approval of all necessary City Boards has been granted.

- (3) \$3,638.55 PENSION for Patrolman Lawrence F. Clark, effective 8/25/64, besed on annual pension of \$4,266,67, or two-thirds of his annual salary of \$6,400.00 (Mayor's letter of 9/4/64)
- MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded and CARRIED.
- (4) \$3,796.00 SOUTHWESTERN FAIRFIELD REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY Membership

 Dues Code 135,2101 (Mayor's letter of 9/4/64)

The above matter was held in Committee.

- (5) \$7,844.00 FIRE DEPARTMENT Code 540.0101, Salaries For transfer of an Alarm Tender needed in Glenbrook Volunteer Fire Department to City's fire alarm system (Mayor's letter of 8/20/64 Deferred 9/14/64)
- MR. HEMINGWAY said the above matter was held in Committee. He said the Committee believes further study should be given to the best method for handling the alarm systems of the Big Five volunteer fire companies and that approval of the above request at this time was deemed unwise When the possibility exists that in the very near future it may be necessary to consider other methods for not only Glenbrook, but also Belltown and Turn-of-River. He said there was also the possibility that with very little notice other procedures may have to be set up to take care of Springdale and Long Ridge and the Committee feels that this problem should be studied as a whole rather than take hasty action in regard to one company's immediate need. He said the Committee feels that a temporary request for additional funds to reimburse Glenbrook during this study period should be initiated.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE:

- MR. SELSBERG, Chairman, said his Committee met on September 24, 1964 in the Municipal Office Building, with the following members present: Messrs. Sherman, Keggi, Selsberg, Tatano and Sullivan. Also present from the Public Works Committee were: Messrs. Morris and Bitetto; and Mr. Philpot, to explain his proposed amendment concerning the private sewerage disposal system Ordinance.
- (1) Concerning Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 80. Supplemental amending BUILDING CODE "REGULATING THE USE OF PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF CONNECTICUT".

 (Adopted for publication 9/14/64; published 9/25/64)
- MR. SELSBERG MOVED for adoption of the above Ordinance, copies of which were previously distributed to all members of the Board. Seconded by Mr. Ketcham.
- MR. KETCHAM said he would like it noted for the record, that the Stamford Health Department has been consulted regarding the Ordinance and it has their approval.

After considerable debate, the above Ordinance amending the Building Code, was adopted with the following amendments:

Amendment to SECTION 20, (b) (Page 2):

(b) In the case of a new system, a plot plan showing proposed building, adjoining buildings, property lines, and any potable

wells, stream, ditch or drain shall be submitted. The elevation of the sewer line or lines from the house, together with the proposed final grade in the area of the proposed sewerage system shall be indicated. No newly constructed or altered system shall be covered or placed in use until it has been inspected and approved by the Director of Health. The fee for such permit shall be ten dollars (\$10.00), said fee shall be paid to the Controller of the City of Stamford.

Amendment to SECTION 20. (e) 3. (Page 3):

3. Any contractor, who, at any time prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, has installed within the City of Stamford, a private disposal system, duly approved by the Health Department of the City of Stamford, shall be deemed to be qualified for a license.

Amendment to SECTION 21. (a) (Page 3) entitled "BUILDER'S GUARANTY TO HOME OWNER":

SECTION 21. (a) Each septic system shall be guaranteed by the installing contractor to the property owner, his heirs and assigns, for a period of one (1) year from the date of the final approval of the construction, by the Health Department of the City of Stamford, against any defects in design, location, materials or workmanship. The installing contractor shall furnish a copy of the plan of the system with the guaranty to the property owner.

Amendment to SECTION 21. (b) (Page 4):

Change figure which appears in the 5th line to read "Chapter 335".

(It now appears as "Chapter 33a" which is incorrect.)

NOTE: The above amendment to the Stamford Building Code is not printed in the Minutes because of its length. However, a copy will be appended to the orginal Minutes on file in the office of the Board of Representatives and copies of the amended version are being sent to all Board members and City Departments.

MR. PHILPOT offered an amendment to Section 21 (b) which FAILED to carry.

(2) Concerning Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 80.9 Supplemental, amending
BUILDING CODE - "REGULATING THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY
SYSTEM" IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF
CONNECTICUT" (Adopted for publication 9/14/64; published 9/25/64)

MR. SELSBERG MOVED for adoption of the above Ordinance, with the following amendments. Seconded and CARRIED. The amendments are recorded below:

Amendment to SECTION 20. (b) and (c) on Page 5:

(b) The owner, agent, lessee or tenant of any part of the building

or premises in which artesian well facilities shall have been installed without such approval of the Director of Health, shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10,00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100,00) for each day that such violation shall continue.

(c) The director of Health or his agents shall be permitted to inspect any artesian well in the city at any time he elects to do so; and upon written notice from the Director of Health, the property owner shall make any corrections or improvement in the system which said Director deems necessary.

NOTE: The above amendment to the Stamford Building Code is not printed in the Minutes, but a copy will be appended to the original Minutes on file in the office of the Board of Representatives. Copies of the amended version are being sent to all Board members and City Departments.

(3) Concerning Adoption of a SEWER CODE, as per Sec. 4 of Ordinance No. 80
(Being balance of Building Code not yet adopted - Rest of Building Code
adopted 7/1/59 with this portion left out) (PUBLIC HEARING held August 27,
1964; copies of proposed Code made available to public by notice published
on August 20th and 21st, 1964)

MR. SELSBERG MOVED for approval for publication of the above Sewer Code, in conformity with Sec. 204.1e of the Charter, waiving the reading. Seconded and CARRIED.

(4) Concerning Waiver of Building Permit Fee under Provisions of Ordinance 80.7
on Construction of new St. Bridget's School, 278 Strawberry Hill Avenue (Requested in letter of 9/22/64 from the E. & F. Construction Co.,
Bridgeport, Conn.)

MR. SELSBERG read the above request and MOVED for approval of waiver of Building Permit fee, under the provisions of Ordinance 80.7. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. REMLING asked to be excused at this time, leaving 36 members now present.

THE PRESIDENT thanked the members of the Legislative and Rules Committee and the Public Works Committee, who worked long and diligently on the preparation of the Sewer Code.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. MORRIS, Chairman, presented his Committee report at this time. He said a meeting was held Thursday, September 23, 1964. Present were the following: Commissioner Mitchell, and Representatives Tom Morris, Lindstrom, Bitetto, Dombroski, Remling, Nathanson, Hearing, Ketcham and Truglia.

- (1) Request for permission for PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT to demolish wood and brick structure at rear of Municipal Office Building, formerly used as a parking shed, in order to make room for more cars (Mayor's letter of 9/2/64)
- MR. MORRIS MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded and CARRIED.
 - (2) Concerning complaints on garbage collection

MR. MORRIS said the Committee discussed this problem at some length and since the garbage collection crew are on an incentive plan, in the event garbage is spilled, the crew will be required to return to the area to clean up.

(3) Concerning Cove Dam Gates

MR. MORRIS reported that bids are out again to repair Cove Dam. The first bids were high, according to Commissioner Mitchell. They are looking into the possibility of using hinges made of nylon.

(4) Concerning Fire Hydrants

MR. MORRIS reported progress being made and said the water company has a list of new fire hydrants to be installed.

(5) Concerning complaints about street repairs

MR. MORRIS said a list of streets needing repairing was given to Commissioner Mitchell.

MR. KUCZO asked what was being done for the streets on the east side.

MR. MORRIS said that so far the Public Works Department have oiled and taken care of over thirty-one miles of streets.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

Concerning traffic light at SEASIDE AVENUE and SYLVAN KNOLL ROAD

MR. KUCZO said a meeting was held last month on this matter and he wanted to know if any progress has been made since.

MR. HEARING, Chairman, said he had two letters on this matter which Mr. Kuczo is welcome to read.

MR. CONNORS said he would like to see some action, as this started in October of 1963. He said he thinks this Board should direct a letter to the State of Connecticut, inquiring and asking for an answer — have they any idea of giving a light at the present time, or are they going to wait for four or five years from now? He said the letter asking for this light was dated October 15, 1963 and there have been a lot of lights put in the City since that date.

MR.CONNORS MOVED that this Board direct a letter be written to the State of Connecticut. Seconded by Mr. Kuczo, who said there was one thing that should be mentioned. He said the State promised on April 7th that a light would be installed.

THE PRESIDENT suggested that Mr. Connors and Mr. Kuczo prepare such a letter and he will be glad to send it.

MR. RYBNICK said he has been assured that they will get a light at the corner of Seaside Avenue and Cove Road within the next month, right after Selleck Street, and as soon as that is completed, they will go right on down.

MR. HEARING said the appropriation for lights only amounts to \$15,000 and it costs around \$10,000 for one traffic light.

MR. CONNORS said it would seem that when they do a traffic study for a period of 8 hours, they should do the study during the peak traffic periods and not during daylight hours, say from 8 to 4 when the heavy traffic is probably during the hours from 3 to 7 o'clock.

MR. MORRIS said inasmuch as this seems to point up the poor efficiency of the State, he would recommend that the suggested letter be addressed to the Governor.

MR. TRUGLIA said he believes that Mr. Oefinger is working as hard on this problem as he can and he thinks that the biggest problem is trying to get the various Board members together. He said he himself waited one morning for nearly a half hour for a certain man to attend a meeting with Mr. Oefinger and he never did appear, so the meeting could not be held.

MR. ZEZIMA pointed out the fact that because of the high cost of installing traffic lights, that it might be a regood idea before the next year's Budget comes up, that this Board appoint a committee to meet with the Board of Finance and stress the need for money for these lights. He said with the \$15,000 appropriated for these lights, apparently it cannot cover very much.

MR. KUCZO said it is his understanding that the State only has control of lights on the State highways, but not on side streets. He asked if this is true.

MR. SHERMAN objected to the Board's time being wasted in talking about matters that are not within their jurisdiction - that individual members can pursue on their own and much more effectively than bringing it up on the floor of a Board meeting.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

(1) Concerning DISPOSITION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY (See list of property from Planning Board with recommendations for disposition of same, their meeting of 5/26/64, pursuant to request of Commissioner of Finance on 5/8/64; and provisions of Sec. 2-24 and Sec. 2-25 of Code of General Ordinances) (Previously in Legislative & Rules Committee) (Copies mailed to all Board members on 6/4/64)

The above matter was kept in Committee.

(2) Petition (signed by 69 residents of Lakeview Development) to abandon a portion and close offthe end of BROOK RUN ROAD (Received 9/14/64--undated)

The above matter was kept in Committee.

(3) Proposed Ordinance concerning request from TAYLOR-REED CORPORATION to name ramp leading from Courtland Avenue (owned by N.Y.N.H. & H.R.R) to "TAYLOR REED PLACE" (Their letter dated 8/28/64)

The above matter was kept in Committee.

(4) Acceptance of roads as city streets

All petitions for road acceptance were kept in Committee.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

MR. KELLY. Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said the Committee met on October 1, 1964 with the following members present: Edward Dombroski, Joseph Bitetto and Stephen Kelly. He said the Committee considered several items which were currently before it and that they will meet with the Park Commission at Cove Island the evening of October 7, 1964.

PETITIONS:

Petition No. 305 - STAMFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Request for permission to erect and maintain Christmas lighting poles and arches across major city streets during the annual Christmas Season (Letter dated 9/17/64)

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of the above request, subject to the approval of the Police and Fire Departments, and subject to the provision of proper insurance and observance of all City Ordinances in respect to same. Seconded and CARRIED.

Petition No. 306 - VETERANS DAY PARADE - November 11, 1964 (Letter dated 10/2/64)

MR. KELLY said he was in receipt of a letter on the above matter, received in the office of the Board today. He said before doing anything on this, he would like to request that these matters be brought to the attention of the Board at least two months in advance, to enable the Committee to meet before recommending action to be taken by the Board - that to receive these requests the day of the Board meeting with the expectation that action be taken the same evening, does not allow enough time to call a meeting of his Committee.

MR. KELLY MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to bring this request on the floor for action. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. KETCHAN said he agreed with Mr. Kelly that he does not like to bring matters up under suspension of the rules unless it is a real emergency. He said he would like to join with Mr. Kelly in asking that the public be informed that such requests should be forwarded to this Board at least a month before the Board meeting at which meeting it is to be considered, in order to allow enough time for the Committee to consider these things.

MR. KELLY read the following letter:

Oct. 2, 1964

The Honorable Ronald M. Schwartz, President Board of Representatives Stamford, Connecticut

Sir

The Veterans Day Celebration Committee in confluence with the organized veterans groups of the City of Stamford and the Patriotic and Special Events Commission, is planning a wreath laying ceremony at the Soldier's Monument in St. John's Park at 10:30 a.m., and a Memorial Service at the World War 11 Honor Roll in Central Park at 11 a.m. Also scheduled for the day is a parade to begin at 2 p.m.

The United States Air Force, Suffolk, N.Y., promised a flyover (Central Park) at 11:01 a.m.

The enclosed map represents the proposed route approved by the Stamford Chief of Police; to the Board for approval.

In view of the above, the Committee respectfully requests the Board's permission to conduct the services and parade as scheduled.

Further details will be forwarded the Board as they are finalized.

Respectfully,

Enc. (Map of parade route)

(signed) Stephen J. Vitka, Chairman Veterans! Day Committee

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of the above request, on condition that the proper authorities be contacted and the proper insurance coverage be furnished. Seconded and CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT said he wished to make it very clear that there is no objection by this Board to the parade or the request of the Veterans' Day Committee and that the comments made referred only to the procedure followed in bringing it before the Board at such a late date without allowing the Committee adequate time to prepare. He also, stressed the need for presenting these requests well in advance of a Board meeting, so that they may be placed on the agenda and acted upon properly without having to be brought up at the last minute under suspension of the rules.

PERSCNNEL COMMITTEE:

Items Nos. 1 and 2 were previously reported on.

(3) Concerning Increased Benefits for Pensioners now on Pension Under the "CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN" (Brought up by Mr. Ketcham under "New Business" on 3/2/64, followed by letter to Steering Committee on 3/23/64; referred to Personnel Committee 4/6/64 - See pages 3964 and 3966 of Minutes of 4/6/64)

- MR. PHILPOT said a letter was sent to Mr. mctutcheon, suggesting that the appropriation required to do this work be secured through the normal channels by requesting an additional appropriation.
- (4) Concerning COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, under terms of Public Act 495 (1963 session) (see Minutes of 7/6/64, page 4075; Minutes of 8/3/64, pages 4079 and 4092
- MR. TRUGLIA asked what is being done about the above matter.
- MR. PHILPOT said it has turned out that the Mayor has been handling the matter of collective bargaining very effectively and for this reason he has kept it in Committee, and would like to wait swhile and see what happens.
- MR. TRUGLIA said he was not asking what the Mayor is doing, he is asking what the Committee has done on collective bargaining in regard to a specific request received from the Board of Education employees Staff Representative, Daniel W. Coyne (letter of June 23, 1964).
- MR. PHILPOT said he has already answered his question and sees no need for further debate.
- MR. TRUGLIA said this answer is not enough for him and asked him if he is familiar with Public Act. No. 495 (1963 Session of Legislature).
- MR. PHILPOT said he has read it several times and is quite familiar with it.
- MR. TRUGLIA said he would then like to know what is the delay in doing something about it in regard to the rights of employees to collective bargaining and the designation of an agency of the municipality to bargain collectively. He asked that action be taken immediately.
- MR. KETCHAM said he would like to return to item 3 and request Mr. Philpot to use his good offices with the Personnel Department to expedite action on this matter, as it has been pending since March and hopes that the Personnel Department will come forth with the necessary information so that something can be done for these people retired city employees.
- MR. KANE said he also would like to know where the fault lies in getting these pensions up to standard, as well as in regard to the matter (item #4) brought up by Mr. Truglia. He said he does not think it is the function of this Board to wait for the Mayor to do things that this is the Legislative body and if there is a proposal in Mr. Philpot's Committee, it is not right for this Board to sit back and wait for the Mayor to do something about it. He said it is his feeling that both of these proposals have been before the Board a long time and it is time something was done.

THE PRESIDENT explained the situation. He said Mr. Philpot has done what he could in regard to the pensioners - that he wrote to Mr. McCutcheon, suggesting that he request the Mayor to initiate an appropriation so that these people may be given the benefits of additional pension rights granted to other city employees, which was fully discussed at the Steering Committee meeting, which would indicate that action has been taken to get things moving on that score. As to the second matter, he said it would seem that Mr. Philpot has given an answer as to what is being done there also.

MR. TRUGLIA said in regard to item #4, if the Committee cannot find time to do anything about this, then it should be turned over to another Committee -- perhaps the Legislative & Rules Committee. He said he does not think six months should be allowed to elapse without any action being taken.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

MR. KUCZO gave his Committee report. He said a meeting was held on October 1, 1964 at the Municipal Office Building, with the following members present: Frank Veit, Andrew Tatano, Chester Walajtys and Paul Kuczo.

Concerning request to investigate the possibility of installation of MARNING SIGNS TO MOTORISTS NEAR SCHOOL BUS STOPS to slow down during school term (Introduced by Joseph S. Bitetto, 6th District Representative in letter of 9/14/64)

MR. KUC2O said the Committee felt this was a reasonable request and in the best interests of school children who must take a bus and the members of the Committee requested the Board of Public Safety to meet with them in order to resolve this matter. He said a letter was sent to this effect.

SMITH HOUSE - Concerning application of Section 484.4 of Charter regarding changes made in specifications (See Minutes of 8/3/64, page 4094)

MR. KUCZO said this Committee is still awaiting action on the motion that was made at the August Board meeting regarding Section 484.4 of the Charter dealing with alteration of specifications.

Concerning Housing for the Elderly

MR. KUCZO said five possible sites for housing for the elderly were looked into, but found to be inadequate.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE:

MR. RICH, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said the Committee met on September 23, 1964 in the Family Relocation Office, with the following in attendance: Mrs. Esposito, Messrs. Hearing, Longo, J. Morris, Murphy, Philpot and Rich. Also present were: Mrs. Marshall, Commission Chairman, Miss Pinchot and Messrs. Shapiro and Battiste of the Commission staff.

Concerning SITE CENSUS of SOUTHEAST QUADRANT URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT

MR. RICH reported that most of the meeting was devoted to a detailed report by Mr. Battiste on the results of the site census conducted this summer. (A copy given to the Board for their files) He said the summery finding of the survey is that the number of families which will be required to relocate is smaller than was estimated in December of 1962 and the economic and racial character of it has changed to some degree.

Concerning Progress Report from URC

MR. RICH said the Committee received a progress report from Mrs. Marshall, that a number of second sppraisals have been sent to H.H.F.A. and should be processed in the next few weeks, so first acquisition proceedings should take place in

October. He said the Willow Street area where relocation housing is expected to be built in the spring of 1965, will be the first area of physical action of the Project and building demolition is expected by December, with the cleared land acting as a temporary parking lot. He reported that Mrs. Marshall indicated that the existing relocation resources for families displaced by Stage One of the Project are adequate for the known need.

Concerning Pending Suit Against Project

MR. RICH said this may be tried this fall if the petitioners continue to press the suit and supply information that has been requested by the Court.

Concerning Low Cost Public Housing

MR. RICH reported that the Commission has taken a position that it will recommend the Housing Authority build DISPERSED units IF the need for more such housing develops and that the Commission feels another Southfield Village type of Project would not be desirable. He said that within a year, when Stage Two is expected to start, it should then be definitely known whether more low cost public housing will be needed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS:

- (1) Letter from DOLAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL Principal Glenn W. Moon (dated 9/24/64)
 scknowledging receipt of letter from Board thanking him for extending use
 of Dolan School for Board meetings
- (2) State Liquor Control Commission Notice of application for Tavern Permit from Bartley Harrington for premises at 906 E. Main Street

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, duly seconded and CARRIED the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 P.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.

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