# Minutes of Special Meeting held December 7, 1964

### Meeting of the 8th Board of Representatives Stamford, Connecticut

A Special meeting of the 8th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held shortly after the adjournment of the regular monthly meeting, 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. Schwarts, at 11:45 P.M.

THE PRESIDENT read the following "Call" of the meeting:

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT Municipal Office Building 429 Atlantic Street Stamford, Connecticut

November 25, 1964

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES, CITY OF STAMFORD

- I, RONALD M. SCHWARTZ, President of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of said Board of Representatives, immediately after adjournment of its regular meeting to be held Monday, December 7, 1964, for the following purpose:
  - Election of successor as replacement for Ronald M. Schwartz, 16th District Representative, in accordance with Sec. 113 of the Charter.
  - \* (2) Election of a new President.

Ronald M. Sohwarts, President, Board of Representatives

\* Note: In accordance with Rules of Board - See Page 2 of Rules - Rule #8.

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THE PRESIDENT said he would like to make a short statement. He said he has been advised by Thomas Morris, his fellow Representative from the 16th District, that he has no replacement for him at this time. Therefore, he said although he is resigning now as President of the Board, he will not resign until December 15th, at which time he is moving from his District.

THE PRESIDENT spoke briefly, going back into the history of his service as a member of the Board from the 16th District and also his presidency. He expressed his thanks to the various people who have helped him during his term.

According to the rules, the President now turned the meeting over to Mrs. Lillien-dahl, Clerk of the Board.

ROLL CALL was taken, with 39 members present and one absent. The absent member was Michael Sherman.

MRS. LILLIENDAHL called for nominations for Temporary Chairman.

MR. NATHANSON nominated Thomas A. Morris, Republican member from the 16th District for Temporary Chairman. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. MORRIS assumed the Chair. He said the next order of business would be the nomination of the new President of the Board. He called for nominations.

MR. KEGGI nominated Alan H. Ketcham, Republican member from the 20th District, for President. Seconded.

MR. TRUGLIA nominated George V. Connors, Democratic member from the 10th District, for President. Seconded.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Morris, Temporary Chairman, declared the nominations closed.

MR. MORRIS declared a quorum to be present.

MR. KUCZO asked if there was going to be a roll call vote or a secret ballot.

MR. MORRIS said there would be an open ballot.

MR. KUCZO MOVED that there be a closed ballot (secret ballot).

MR. MORRIS asked him if he was appealing from the ruling of the Chair.

MR. KUCZO replied that he was. He said this is a special meeting and not an organization meeting.

MR. MORRIS said he ruled that the voting be by open ballot, this being an organization meeting.

MR. KUCZO reiterated his statement that this is not an organization meeting, but a special meeting, as stated in the "Call" of the meeting.

MR. SULLIVAN said he wanted to know what rule Mr. Morris is going by.

MR. MORRIS read from the Rules of Order, rule No. 4 under "Voting".

MR. TRUGLIA objected. He said a "Call" was issued for this meeting and it is a call for a special meeting of this Board and not an organization meeting.

Several members rose on a point of order. Mr. Nathanson asked if the Board is going to vote on this matter or "rehash" it all over again.

MR. SELSBERG said that a special meeting can also be an organization meeting as well.

There was considerable debate at this time.

MR. KANE said he wants to get a ruling from the Corporation Counsel on the Chairman's interpretation of the rules of the Board.

MR. MDRRIS said there was a motion on the floor for a vote on Mr. Kuczo's appeal from the ruling of the Chair. He explained the vote. He said those voting "yes" are voting in favor of Mr. Kuczo and those voting "no" are voting in favor of the ruling of the Chair. The appeal from the ruling of the Chair was LOST by a voice vote.

A request was made for a standing vote. The Chairman asked the members to stand. There were 18 votes in favor of Mr. Kuczo's appeal from the ruling of the Chair, and 21 votes in favor of the ruling of the Chair. The appeal was LOST.

A ROLL CALL VOTE was taken for election of a President, replacing Mr. Schwartz.

There were 21 votes for Alan H. Ketcham and 18 votes for George V. Connors. Mr. Ketcham was declared elected President by the following roll call vote:

#### THOSE VOTING FOR ALAN H. KETCHAM

### THOSE VOTING FOR GEORGE V. CONNORS

Joseph Bitetto (R) William Caporizzo (R) William Hearing (R) Booth Hemingway (R) J. John Keggi (R) Alan Ketcham (R) Frances Lilliendahl (R) Edwin Lindstrom (R) Peter Martin (R) Thomas Morris (R) Benjamin Nathanson (R) Romaine Philpot (R) Paul Rand (R) Daniel Remling (R) John Rich (R) George Russell (R) Ronald Schwartz (R) William Selsberg (R) Andrew Tatano (R) Frank Veit (R) Michael Zezima (R)

Patsy Arruzzo (D)
Vincent Caporizzo (D)
George Connors (D)
Edward Dombroski (D)
Robert Durso (D)
Jennie Esposito (D)
John Kane (D)
Stephen Kelly (D)
Paul Kuczo (D)
Stanley Kulowiec (D)
Carmine Longo (D)
John Morris (D)
William Murphy (D)
Gerald Rybnick (D)
Gerald Sullivan (D)
Anthony Truglia (D)
Dominick Vivona (D)
Chester Walajtys (D)

THE CHAIRMAN declared Mr. Ketcham elected as President. (applause)

MR. KETCHAM assumed the Chair as President. He said he would save any remarks for the next regular Board meeting, due to the lateness of the hour.

MR. CONNORS said he wished to congratulate Mr. Ketcham on his election as President and wished him the best of luck.

MR. TRUGLIA said he also wished Mr. Ketcham the best of luck.

MR. KETCHAM announced there would be a Republican Caucus after the meeting adjourns.

## ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 A.M.

Velma Farrell

Administrative Assistant (Recording Secretary)

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APPROVED:

- Thank H. as

Alan H. Ketcham, President Board of Representatives