

MEETING OF THE 8TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES
Minutes of November 8, 1965
Stamford, Connecticut

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The last regular monthly meeting of the 8th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, was held on Monday, November 8, 1965 in the Board's meeting room, Municipal Office Building, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Alan H. Ketcham, at 8:25 P.M.

INVOCATION: Given by Rev. Raymond Shoup, First Congregational Church.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 34 present and 6 absent at the calling of the roll. However, Mr. John Morris arrived at 9:05 P.M., changing the roll call to 35 present and 5 absent.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of October 4, 1965

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The President read the following report of the Steering Committee:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT
Meeting held Monday, October 25, 1965

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held Monday, October 25, 1965, in the Board of Representatives' meeting rooms, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Alan H. Ketcham at 8:20 P.M. All members were present, with the exception of George Russell, Booth Hemingway, Mrs. Lilliendahl, John Kane, Paul Kuczo, Stephen Kelly and Daniel Remling.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

(1) Additional Appropriations:

Additional appropriations, requested by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Finance at their October 14, 1965 meeting were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under the FISCAL COMMITTEE, with all appropriations over \$2,000 (except pensions) referred to a secondary committee.

(2) Concerning Increase in Salary for Acting Mayor under Section 302.1 of Charter to be in proportion to Mayor's Salary (Mayor's Salary increased to \$20,000.00 as of 12/1/65) (Deferred 9/13/65 and again on 10/4/65)

ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA UNDER FISCAL COMMITTEE

- (3) Final adoption of Ordinance re: Conveyance to LONG MILL, INC., AS PART OF AN EXCHANGE OF PROPERTIES IN CONNECTION WITH WIDENING AND STRAIGHTENING OF OAKLAWN AVENUE, of a small triangle of City-owned land on south side of Oaklawn Avenue, known as "Parcel B", as shown on Map No. 7984 on file in Town and City Clerk's Office (Mayor's letter 6/18/65) (Deferred 8/2/65 and again on 9/13/65 - Adopted for publication 10/4/65; published 10/14/65)

ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (4) Final adoption of Ordinance re: SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY - 35 x 125 ft. strip of land, known as Lot #216 on Hillendale Avenue to William C. Mocher, for the sum of \$3,500.00 (Mayor's letter 5/20/65) (Deferred 8/2/65 and 9/13/65 - Adopted for publication 10/4/65; published 10/14/65)

ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (5) Complaint concerning pot holes in WEED AVENUE (No letter)

MR. CONNORS, 10th District Representative (new 8th) said he has been receiving many complaints about poor road conditions on Weed Avenue and asked that something be done. REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- (6) Concerning publicity release (dated 10/13/65) by Stamford Special Police Association, requesting minimum wage be increased from \$2.00 per hour to \$3.00

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (7) Petitions for acceptance of roads as City streets

REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (8) Final adoption of Ordinance concerning PARKS, BEACHES AND RECREATION AREAS (Deferred 9/13/65; adopted for publication 10/4/65; published 10/14/65)

ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

- (9) Concerning establishment of another Standing Committee, to be known as the "Education Committee" (Brought up by Mr. Philpot, 15th District Representative, by presentation of a resolution at the 10/4/65 Board meeting - See report of "Education, Welfare & Government" Committee, page 4504)

ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

- (10) Concerning Institution of a Comprehensive Major Medical Plan for all Municipal Employees (Brought up by John Kane, 11th District Representative, under "New Business" at the 10/4/65 Board meeting)

REFERRED TO PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (11) Letter (dated 10/18/65) from E. A. Connell, Supt., Dept. of Parks & Trees, requesting approval of marina fees and I. D. card fee of 50¢ for 1966/1967 Season and for action to be taken not later than December 1965

REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (12) Letter (dated Oct. 19, 1965) from South Western Regional Planning Agency replying to Board's letter to them dated Feb. 22, 1965 - NOTED AND FILED
- (13) Letter (dated Oct. 9, 1965) from John McGutcheon, Executive Secretary, Classified Employees' Retirement Fund, advising action taken by Trustees to allow payments of benefits to pensioners who retired under the original pension plan, as adopted in 1952 - NOTED AND FILED
- (14) Letter (dated Oct. 5, 1965) from Paul Kuczo, 10th District Representative concerning COVE DAM PROJECT

The Administrative Assistant was directed to send a copy of Mr. Kuczo's letter to the Commissioner of Public Works.

- (15) Request for AMENDMENT TO 1965/1966 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET IN AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00 FOR ACQUISITION OF FIELDING PROPERTY, located at Southeast corner of North Street and Adams Avenue (Copy of letter to Mayor, dated Oct. 5, 1965, from Helen Tobin, Acting Supt. of Schools)

As no action was being requested of this Board, the above letter was considered to be merely informative. Copies were previously sent to all Board members.

- (16) Request for AMENDMENT TO 1965/1966 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET TO ACQUIRE THE LITTLE PROPERTY, LOCATED IN REAR OF STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION, SITE EXPANSION AND REHABILITATION PROJECT (No specific amount of appropriation mentioned) (Copy of letter to Mayor, dated Oct. 15, 1965, from Helen Tobin, Acting Supt. of Schools)

As no action was being requested of this Board, the above letter was considered to be merely informative. Copies were previously sent to all Board members.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Alan H. Ketcham, Chairman
Steering Committee

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FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. HEMINGWAY, Chairman of this Committee, being absent, the Committee report was presented by Mr. Russell. He reported that the Committee met on Tuesday, November 2, 1965 with six members present, approving the first three items on the agenda.

- (1) \$2,000.00 - PATRIOTIC & SPECIAL EVENTS COMMISSION - Code 128.5704 - 1965 Veterans' Day Celebration (Mayor's letter 10/6/65)

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mrs. Lilliendahl and CARRIED.

- (2) \$10,000.00 - BARTLETT ARBORETUM - City's contribution toward purchase of Arboretum as a State Park - Code 108.2400 (Mayor's letter 10/7/65)

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Kelly who said the Parks and Recreation Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.

- (3) \$7,884.80 - PENSION for Mrs. Louise H. Rheume, widow of Herman C. Rheume, deceased School Custodian, in amount of \$89.60 per month, retro-active to March 1959 - Code 154.0000 Custodian Pension (Per Corporation Counsel's opinion in letter of 7/8/65 to Commissioner of Finance) (See Mayor's letter of 9/22/65 with enclosures)

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for approval of the above request; seconded by Mr. Philpot, who said the Personnel Committee also approved.

MR. PHILPOT said in 1959 the Trustees of the Pension Plan ruled that Mrs. Rheume was not eligible for a pension. After that, certain inquiries were made and Mr. Clements found a provision in the State law which covered it.

(Note: See Special Act No. 158, approved June 9, 1965, entitled:
"An Act Concerning the Payment of a Pension to Mrs. Herman C.
Rheume by the City of Stamford" - Senate Bill No. 1179 -
February 1965 session of Legislature)

VOTE taken on item #3 above. CARRIED.

- (4) Two resolutions (No. 473 and No. 474) amending Capital Projects Budgets, PARK DEPARTMENT, for 1964/1965 and 1965/1966, authorizing TRANSFER of (a) \$5,000.00 from 1964/1965 "CUMMINGS PARK PHASE IMPROVEMENT" to the 1964/1965 "FISHING PIER"; and (b) \$20,000.00 from 1965/1966 "CUMMINGS PARK PHASE IMPROVEMENT" to the 1965/1966 "FISHING PIER" (Approved by Board of Finance on 10/14/65) (Mayor's letter of 11/4/65)

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for approval of the following resolution. He explained that the reason for this request is that the bids came in higher than were anticipated; that this procedure is a little unusual, but in order not to jeopardize the funds already appropriated to do this work, it was felt by the Committee that it would be best to present these resolutions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly who said the Parks & Recreation Committee concur in approval. CARRIED:

RESOLUTION NO. 473

AMENDING 1964/1965 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET, PARK COMMISSION,
TO TRANSFER \$5,000.00 FROM "CUMMINGS PARK PHASE IMPROVEMENT"
TO THE "FISHING PIER" APPROPRIATION

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, in accordance with Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, to approve an amendment to the 1964/1965 Capital Projects Budget, Park Commission, for the transfer of funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the "CUMMINGS PARK PHASE IMPROVEMENT" appropriation to the "FISHING PIER" appropriation.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Kelly who said the Parks and Recreation Committee also approve. CARRIED:

RESOLUTION NO. 474AMENDING 1965/1966 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET, PARK COMMISSION,
TO TRANSFER \$20,000.00 FROM "CUMMINGS PARK PHASE IMPROVEMENT"
TO THE "FISHING PIER" APPROPRIATION

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, in accordance with Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, to approve an amendment to the 1965/1966 Capital Projects Budget, Park Commission, for the transfer of funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the "CUMMINGS PARK PHASE IMPROVEMENT" appropriation to the "FISHING PIER" appropriation.

- (5) Increase in Salary for Acting Mayor under Section 302.1 of Charter to be in proportion to Mayor's Salary (Mayor's salary increased to \$20,000.00 as of 12/1/65) (Deferred 9/13/65 and on 10/4/65)

The above matter was held in Committee for action by the new Board (9th Board).

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. SELSBERG, Chairman, reported that inasmuch as there were no new matters referred to his Committee, no meeting was held this month.

- (1) Final adoption of Ordinance No. 122 re: Conveyance to LONG MILL, INC., AS PART OF AN EXCHANGE OF PROPERTIES IN CONNECTION WITH WIDENING AND STRAIGHTENING OF OAKLAWN AVENUE, of a small triangle of City-owned land on south side of Oaklawn Avenue, known as Parcel B, as shown on Map No. 7984 on file in Town and City Clerk's Office (Mayor's letter 6/18/65) (Deferred 8/2/65 and again on 9/13/65 - Adopted for publication 10/4/65; published 10/14/65)

MR. SELSBERG MOVED for final adoption of the following Ordinance (which appears in the Minutes of October 4, 1965 on page 4500). Seconded by Mr. Kane and CARRIED:

ORDINANCE NO. 122 SUPPLEMENTAL

CONCERNING CONVEYANCE TO LONG MILL, INC., AS PART OF AN EXCHANGE OF PROPERTIES IN CONNECTION WITH WIDENING AND STRAIGHTENING OF OAKLAWN AVENUE, OF A SMALL TRIANGLE OF CITY-OWNED LAND ON SOUTH SIDE OF OAKLAWN AVENUE, KNOWN AS PARCEL B, AS SHOWN ON MAP NO. 7984 ON FILE IN TOWN AND CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

In conformity with Section 488 of the Stamford Charter, and notwithstanding any provisions of Chapter 2, Sections 2-24 to 2-27 inclusive, of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford, the exchange of property between the City of Stamford, Colonial Cemeteries, Inc., and Long Mill, Incorporated, of the following described property:

Property deeded to the City of Stamford by Colonial Cemeteries, Inc.:

All those certain pieces, parcels or tracts of land situated in the City of Stamford, County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, being known and designated as Parcel "A" and Parcel "C" on a certain map to be filed in the City and Town Clerk's Office of the City of Stamford, entitled "City of Stamford, Map Showing Southerly Street Line of Oaklawn Avenue as Agreed to Between the City Engineer and Colonial Cemeteries, Incorporated" November, 1960.

Property to be deeded to Long Mill, Incorporated by the City of Stamford, Connecticut:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situated in the City of Stamford, County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, being known and designated as Parcel "B" on a certain map to be filed in the City and Town Clerk's Office of the City of Stamford, entitled "City of Stamford, Map Showing Southerly Street Line of Oaklawn Avenue as Agreed to Between the City Engineer and Colonial Cemeteries, Incorporated" November, 1960.

and is hereby authorized.

The Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to act for the city and to execute all documents necessary to transfer title to such above described property

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

- (2) Final adoption of Ordinance No. 123 re: SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY - 35 x 125 ft. strip of land, known as Lot #216 on Hillandale Avenue to William C. Mocher, for the sum of \$3,500.00 (Mayor's letter 5/20/65) (Deferred 8/2/65, and on 9/13/65 - Adopted for publication 10/4/65; published 10/14/65)

MR. SELSBERG MOVED for final adoption of the following Ordinance (which appears in the Minutes of October 4, 1965 on page 4501). Seconded by Mr. Kane and CARRIED:

ORDINANCE NO. 123 SUPPLEMENTAL

CONCERNING SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY OF 35 x 125 FOOT STRIP OF LAND KNOWN AS LOT #216 ON HILLDALE AVENUE, TO WILLIAM C. MOCHER

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

In conformity with Section 488 of the Stamford Charter, and notwithstanding any provisions of Chapter 2, Sections 2-24 to 2-27 inclusive, of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford, the sale of City-owned property to William C. Mocher, residing at 89 Hillandale Avenue of the following described property:

ALL that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, situated in the City of Stamford, County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point which is the northeasterly corner of land now owned by the Releasee on Hillandale Avenue, thence 35 feet in an easterly direction along the southerly line of Hillandale Avenue to a point, thence in a southerly direction 125 feet on a line parallel to the easterly boundary of said land of the Releasee to a point, thence in a westerly direction 35 feet to the southeasterly corner of said land of the Grantee, thence in a northerly direction 125 feet along the easterly boundary of said land of the Releasee to the point or place of beginning,

for the sum of \$3,500.00 is hereby authorized.

The Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to act for the City and to execute all documents necessary to transfer title to such above described property.

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

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

MR. HEARING, Chairman, spoke briefly. He said Mr. Oeffinger from the Police Department has been up on Broad Street, trying to get that traffic light installed and until that is completed, there will be nothing else done. He said, as some members may have noticed, there are complaints coming in about street lights along the Thruway, especially the traffic light at Elm Street, which gets a "virus" every so often. He said that Norwalk has the same trouble and are trying to get it straightened out with the State Police, who are the only ones who can touch them.

MR. HEARING read a letter he had received from Mr. Bell, President of the Water Company, regarding the installation of additional water mains on COLONIAL ROAD connecting the entire area into the Springdale high pressure system.

He said the project was approved by the Board of Directors of the Water Company and the construction of 700 feet of water mains on Colonial Road will soon be started, after sterilization, which has been done, showing the main is free from contamination. He said they have scheduled the tie in with the main line on Strawberry Hill Avenue for the week of November 15th.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

Acceptance of roads as City streets:

MR. RUSSELL, Chairman, said his Committee wishes to present the following streets for acceptance as City streets and MOVED for acceptance. Seconded and CARRIED: (All have been certified for acceptance by the City Engineer in his letter dated November 8, 1965, as required by Ordinance No. 92 Supplemental. All maps mentioned are on file in the office of the City and Town Clerk)

BENTWOOD DRIVE - Extending southwesterly and westerly from Erskine Road to and including a permanent turnaround. Length, approximately 1,550 ft. Map No. 7802.

- DAGMAR PLACE - Extending from Haig Avenue westerly to a dead end. Length approximately 380 ft. Map No. 7868.
- DAGMAR ROAD - Extending from Dagmar Place southerly to south property line of lots Nos. 34 and 35. Length, approximately 692 ft. Map No. 7868.
- DUNDEE ROAD - Extending from the already accepted portion southeasterly and southerly to and including a temporary turnaround. Length, approximately 850 ft. Map No. 8005.
- HAIG AVENUE - Extending from Knox Road to south property line of Lot No. 1. Length, approximately 1,540 ft. Map No. 7868.
- HEATHER DRIVE - Extending northerly from Mountain Wood Road to and including a temporary turnaround. Length, approximately 350 ft. Map No. 7671.
- HIGHLINE TRAIL - Extending from Westover Road westerly and southerly to and including a temporary turnaround. Length, approximately 1,930 ft. Map No. 5708.
- HIGHLINE TRAIL SOUTH: Extending from Highline Trail southerly to and including a permanent turnaround. Length, approximately 350 ft. Map No. 5708.
- MOUNTAIN TRAIL: Extending northwesterly from West Trail to and including a permanent turnaround. Length, approximately 350 ft. Map No. 7785.
- MOUNTAIN WOOD ROAD - Extending easterly and southerly from Long Ridge Road to and including a permanent turnaround. Length, approximately 2,480 ft. Map Nos. 7670, 7671 and 7672.
- WEST TRAIL: Extending from the already accepted portion northerly to and including a temporary turnaround. Length, approximately 810 ft. Maps Nos. 7784 and 7785.
- WESTWOOD PLACE - Extending northerly from Westwood Road to and including a permanent turnaround. Length, approximately 250 ft. Map No. 7568.
- WESTWOOD ROAD - Extending from the already accepted portion northerly and easterly to Stillwater Road. Length, approximately 1,840 ft. Maps Nos. 7668, 7568.
- WHITE OAK LANE - Extending from the already accepted portion southeasterly to and including a permanent turnaround. Length, approximately 300 ft. Map No. 7837.

MR. RUSSELL said there are a few roads which are not being accepted tonight, which were being held up for minor reasons, but which will probably be brought up for acceptance at the next Board meeting, as they were completed before October 31st.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:Final Adoption of Ordinance-No. 124 concerning PARKS, BEACHES AND RECREATION AREAS
(Deferred 9/13/65) (Adopted for publication 10/4/65 - See Page 4505 of Minutes)

MR. TRUGLIA requested a recess at this time (8:50 P.M.). Mr. Morris, Majority Leader, concurred in the request for a recess.

The recess was declared over at 9:20 P.M., and the members resumed their seats.

MR. KELLY MOVED for final adoption of the following Ordinance. He said the Ordinance was approved for publication at the last meeting of the Board and published in the Stamford Advocate on October 4, 1965 and is also printed in the Minutes of 10/4/65 on page 4504. Seconded by Mr. Truglia.

THE PRESIDENT said he wished to speak on the Ordinance. He thereupon turned the Chair over to Mr. Thomas Morris, Majority Leader, at this time.

MR. KANE said he wished to ask a question. He said he wished to know if the President at the conclusion of the discussion, will resume his seat, or will he act and vote as a member of the Board on this particular matter.

MR. MORRIS, Chairman, replied that he will act and vote as a member of this Board.

MR. KETCHAM said he has been a member of the Board of Representatives since 1955, for eight of the ten years, during which time a situation has developed within the municipal departments, which has not been to the best interests of the youth of the community and where the common good has been neglected. He said he believes that every available facility of the city should be utilized to provide proper recreation for the City's youth, under good supervision properly organized. He said he believes that in the Recreation Department the City has an outstanding authority, an outstanding man, who through years of unpublicized work, has been one of the factors for the betterment of the youth of this community - the Superintendent of the Board of Recreation. He said that when the Park Commission was removed from the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department by a Special Act of the State Legislature, and placed in a separate Commission, the factor of organized recreation was overlooked. He said having been a member of this Board at the time the Special Act was adopted setting up the Park Commission wherein this area of doubt and of overlapping jurisdiction was recognized and an Ordinance was brought forth, but this Board saw fit to pass another Ordinance in its place. He said what has happened during the past ten years have brought out the wisdom of the original clarifying Ordinance, which is substantially the same Ordinance which is before the Board tonight.

He said he believes that the Board of Recreation should have the legal and spelled-out duty and obligation to utilize the recreational areas of the parks without hindrance, for the betterment of the youth of this community. He said no matter how well intentioned the Park Department may be, he does not feel that they should be allowed to usurp the direction of recreational facilities within the framework of our government, and believes that recreation should be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Recreation and that the care and maintenance of the parks, the planting of flower beds, the care and planting of trees and supervision should be the responsibility of the Park Commission. He said he sees no reason why these separate distinctions cannot be made and why they cannot be separated and spelled out.

He urged adoption of the Ordinance, and although it may not be the perfect solution, is a long step forward towards that goal of clarifying a situation that has been with us for the last ten years.

MR. KELLY MOVED THE QUESTION. There was some objection, as others wished to speak on the Ordinance.

The Chairman said in the interests of letting others speak, he would ask Mr. Kelly to withdraw his motion at this time.

MR. KANE said he believes the Ordinance should stand on its merits and should be acted upon, but that the members should not enter upon a personality conflict, or even mention it. He said it was his suggestion when a member of the Charter Revision Committee that both of these departments be brought together; there is bound to be some "internal bleeding" by so doing, but that it should be done. He said he cannot agree that the best interests of the juveniles in Stamford has been neglected by anybody and that if this were so, this Board would have acted sooner. He said he does not believe that either the Board of Recreation or the Park Department has attempted to injure the youth of this community.

MR. SELSBERG said to be sure there is no confusion, he wished to state for the record that he is very much in favor of not doing anything. He said he is sure that everyone on the Board feels the same way - that we should utilize the facilities of the City to the utmost, so that all residents of the City can get the full benefit of whatever may be available. He said if there is a problem with the juveniles, then perhaps something should have been done two years ago. He said at one time he had suggested that this jurisdictional dispute should be referred to a panel of attorneys and a panel of attorneys was picked, and the Park Department was willing to abide by any decision they made, but the Recreation Department was not. He said Mr. Morris (Majority Leader) had suggested at a recent meeting of the Steering Committee that this matter again be referred to a panel of attorneys, and he believes that would be the best way to handle the problem. He said by this Board trying to handle the problem, he does not think it has been given the equitable treatment that it should have been given. He said perhaps Charter revision is the answer and that what has to eventually come is a combination of both departments; a Commission set up to do both jobs. He said he is certain that the adoption of this Ordinance is not going to end the dispute - that it will continue until something much more far-reaching is done.

MR. SELSBERG MOVED TO RECOMMIT. There was no seconder.

MR. MORRIS said he cannot consider the motion as there was no seconder.

MR. BITETTO said, as a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee, he feels they have explored this Ordinance only in part. He said he agrees, in part, with some of the remarks made by Mr. Ketcham. He said he feels that there is a definite need for correction in jurisdiction for both the Park and Recreation Commissions; that personality conflicts certainly do exist. He said the Ordinance was never formally brought before the Parks and Recreation Committee for formal adoption and there are many questions to be answered in the Ordinance as it now stands, and by Mr. Ketcham's own admittance this Ordinance is not perfect, nor is it the answer to the problems it will create if adopted. He said he believes as a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee of this Board that we should act responsibly on this matter, and by adopting the proposed Ordinance will only create chaos to a condition

that is not proper now. He said he thinks his Committee should have studied this matter more thoroughly and should not act hastily in bringing this before the Board at this time. He said the Committee by-passed the members of both these Boards (Board of Recreation and Park Commission) because they were not asked to sit down with the Committee who should have asked their opinion before going further, because the Ordinance does set forth the policy of both these Boards. He said the members of these Boards are responsible people and there is no reason in the world why they should not be allowed to sit down and voice their opinions, which would certainly bring about a better understanding of their problems. He said he believes action should be deferred for further study by the Committee and if necessary, go to a public hearing before final action is taken.

MR. CONNORS said he remembers going through this ten years ago, and here we are, ten years later, going through the same thing all over again. He said he doesn't care whether there is a personality conflict between two people or ten people - that here we sit in the same boat that we were in ten years ago. He said he believes this Board has got to face the music and straighten this out once and for all, and if this is not the right Ordinance, then maybe we should get another one, but at least if we do pass an Ordinance, we are on the right track and starting to straighten out a mess that has been with us for ten years and at least we are going to accomplish something, because the way things are now going, nobody knows where they are going or how they are going to get there.

DR. NORLEY said Mr. Ketcham admits this Ordinance is not perfect, and he seems to be satisfied to accept imperfection, but he does not believe this Board should, and thinks we should vote against its adoption.

MR. TRUGLIA said there is a background to this Ordinance which he believes the last two speakers have neglected. He said we seem to be getting the story that because this is not a perfect Ordinance that it therefore should not be adopted. However, he said he would like to back track a little and give the Board some information. For some time, he said, nothing could be done on this matter, although it was fully recognized by everyone that there was a problem. He said Mr. Selsberg tried, and he will admit that he certainly didn't get very far - that Mr. Bitetto was a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee and had many objections that he voiced, but nothing really constructive or concrete. He said he volunteered his services and can only say that they came up with a really fruitful meeting one evening. He said they invited the two Superintendents of both City Boards, the Corporation Counsel, and the previous Corporation Counsel who had drawn up the original Ordinance, which is substantially the same one the Committee Chairman has brought before the Board tonight. He said if other people should have been invited, all they had to do was request it and they would have been invited to attend. He said the Committee (Legislative and Rules) held an open hearing to discuss the proposed Ordinance. Now, he said, if something was lacking in the proposed Ordinance, it certainly should have been brought out at these meetings that were held.

Mr. Truglia said at the meeting, they asked these two gentlemen just what was their definition of their respective areas and in what areas they worked best in, without overlapping or confusion and they sat there and gave us their ideas to these two questions (which were later presented in writing). He said we then dismissed these two gentlemen and went into executive session and on the basis of that background we came up tonight with this Ordinance and all we have gotten so far is a lot of "gobbledygook" from some of the Board members. He said he believes we must face up to the fact that either we ARE men of decision or not.

He said we may be "at the end of this Board, but I have reached the end of my patience" with this matter. He said let us either make a decision tonight or not, but to stop talking it to death.

MR. KETCHAM spoke for the second time. He said he wanted to point out a few points that will bear correction. He said a panel of attorneys was appointed, approximately a year ago, and were charged with arbitration. He said insofar as he knows, this approach is on the record, was ineffective, that the panel was never used, to the best of his knowledge and belief in that they were never approached. He said therefore that machinery has been set up for over a year and was not utilized and apparently there was no desire on anyone's part to do so.

He said stress was also laid on a point that he admitted to the fact that this present Ordinance is not perfect, but there is a truism that only one perfect document has been ever written. He said, speaking of Ordinances, he would hate to risk his neck on Ordinances that have been passed by this Board in his four terms as a member of this Board. He said he makes no pretext that we are passing a "perfect" document - that we all strive for perfection, but do not necessarily attain it. However, he said he believes that an honest effort has been made by a Committee of this Board, which started on this matter over six months ago, was an honest and reasonable effort, and deserves the support of each and every member.

MR. MORRIS, Chairman pro tempore, said a motion was previously made by Mr. Selsberg to recommit. He asked if there is now a seconder to that motion.

MR. BITETTO said he wished to second Mr. Selsberg's motion to recommit.

MR. MORRIS announced the motion is debatable.

MR. CONNORS MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded.

MR. MORRIS called for a show of hands. The motion was LOST by a vote of 12 in favor and 19 opposed, with four abstentions.

MR. CONNORS MOVED THE QUESTION.

MR. KELLY MOVED for passage of the Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Truglia. (repeat of motion made previously)

MR. MORRIS said the motion now before the Board is the motion for adoption of the Ordinance.

MR. KANE asked what vote was necessary for passage of the Ordinance.

MR. MORRIS replied the vote needed is 21.

MR. SELSBERG MOVED for a roll call vote.

MR. MORRIS reminded the members of Rule #2 under "Voting" of the Rules of Order, which states that this requires agreement by one-fifth of the members present.

He said there were the required number requesting a roll call vote.

MR. BITETTO said he would like to ask, through the Chair, whether Mr. Kelly is presenting this Ordinance as an individual member or as the Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

MR. MORRIS said he believes it is presented by Mr. Kelly as a member of this Board.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for a five minute recess at this time. (9:50 P.M.) This was granted with the understanding that the roll call vote on the Ordinance would be taken on their return.

The meeting reconvened at 10:00 P.M. and the members resumed their seats.

MR. MORRIS informed the members there are 35 members present and a roll call vote will now be taken on the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 124 SUPPLEMENTAL

CONCERNING PARKS, BEACHES AND RECREATIONAL AREAS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Chapter 23, Sec. 23-1 through Sec. 23-4 of the Code of General Ordinances is hereby repealed and new Sections substituted therefor, reading as follows:

CHAPTER 23. PARKS, BEACHES AND RECREATION AREAS

Sec. 23-1. Rules and Regulations governing the conduct and activities of all persons using the recreational areas, such as bathing areas, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, lawn bowling, playground areas equipped with permanent recreational facilities, handball courts, bocci courts, basketball courts, soccer fields, badminton courts, horse-shoe courts, archery ranges, shooting ranges, wading pools, and volleyball courts, publication and posting.

Recreation areas for the purposes of this ordinance are defined to be those places set aside within public parks for the above purposes, designated as such by the Park Department or the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, and shall have the force and effect of law, provided a copy of such rules and regulations as adopted by the Board of Recreation and approved by the Board of Representatives, is published at least once in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Stamford, and a copy of same is posted in a conspicuous place on the premises in question.

Sec. 23-2. Rules and Regulations governing the location of recreational and park areas adopted; publication and posting.

The Park Commission of the City of Stamford shall determine the place and location of public parks and recreational areas within the bounds of public parks and shall prepare and maintain the same in a condition suitable for safe use by the public. The Park Commission shall determine the rules and regulations governing the conduct and activities of persons using those portions of public parks not designated by it or the Board of Representatives for use by the public for the conduct of recreational areas under the supervision of the Board of Recreation.

The Park Department shall prepare, condition and maintain within the appropriation therefor, such public recreational areas and public bathing facilities and maintain them in a condition suitable for use by the public.

Sec. 23-3. Rules and Regulations of Hubbard Heights Golf Club: publication and posting.

Those rules and regulations for the use and conduct of the Hubbard Heights Golf Club and all of its facilities which have been, or shall be, adopted by the Hubbard Heights Golf Club Commission and filed with the Board of Representatives and approved by such Board by resolution, shall have the force and effect of law; provided that a copy of the same is published at least once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the City of Stamford and a copy of the same is posted in a conspicuous place at such premises.

Sec. 23-4. Violations of rules and regulations adopted by Sections 23-1 through 23-3.

A violation of all or any part of such rules and regulations which have been adopted in accordance with Section 23-1 through 23-3 shall be deemed a misdemeanor and punished in the manner provided for in Section 1-11.

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

THE ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN ON THE ABOVE ORDINANCE FOLLOWS:

Those voting in favor of the Ordinance

ARRUZZA, Patsy (D)	KUCZO, Paul (D)
CAPORIZZO, Vincent (D)	LILLIENDAHL, Frances (R)
CAPORIZZO, William (R)	LINDSTROM, Edwin (R)
CONNORS, George (D)	LONGO, Carmine (D)
DOMBROSKI, Edward (D)	MORRIS, John (D)
DURSO, Robert (D)	MORRIS, Thomas (R)
ESPOSITO, Jennie (D)	RUSSELL, George (R)
HEARING, William (R)	RYBNICK, Gerald (D)
IACOVO, Edwin (R)	TATANO, Andrew (R)
KEGGI, J. John (R)	TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)
KELLY, Stephen (D)	VIVONA, Dominick (D)
KETCHAM, Alan (R)	

Those voting against the Ordinance

BITETTO, Joseph (R)
GOINGS, Augusta (R)
LE BEAU, Alton (R)
MURPHY, William (D)
NATHANSON, Benjamin (R)
NORLEY, Walter (R)
PHILPOT, Romaine (R)
RICH, John (R)
SELSBERG, William (R)

Those abstaining

KANE, John (D)
SULLIVAN, Gerald (D)
SUTHERLAND, Judith (R)

MR. MORRIS said the Ordinance was APPROVED by a vote of 23 in favor, 9 opposed with 3 abstentions.

MR. KETCHAM, President, now took the Chair and Mr. Thomas Morris resumed his seat on the Board.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

Concerning proposed amendment to Rules of Order of the Board by creating another Standing Committee, to be known as "Education Committee" and changing the Education, Welfare & Government Committee to the "Welfare & Government Committee" (See Rules of Order for 8th Board) (Requires a two-thirds vote) To be amended to read as follows:

COMMITTEES

1. There shall be the following Standing Committees:

- (a) Fiscal..... 8 members
- (b) Legislative & Rules..... 6 members
- (c) Appointments..... 5 members
- (d) Public Works 7 members
- (e) Health & Protection..... 5 members
- (f) Planning & Zoning..... 5 members
- (g) Parks & Recreation..... 7 members
- (h) Personnel..... 5 members
- (i) Steering..... 15 members
- *(j) Welfare & Government 5 members
- ** (k) Education..... 5 members

* Formerly the "Education, Welfare & Government Committee".

** A new Standing Committee.

(See October 4, 1965 Minutes under report of
Education, Welfare & Government Committee)

MR. KUCZO, Chairman of the Education, Welfare & Government Committee, said the only item before his Committee was the proposed amendment to the Rules of Order, as outlined above, which proposes to create another Standing Committee to be called the "Education Committee" and to change the Education, Welfare & Government Committee to the "Welfare & Government Committee". He said this has been reported out twice by his Committee and tabled once when it was in the Steering Committee. He said this month his Committee did not meet on this matter, but he has contacted the members who voted on it and again his Committee wishes to vote for approval of the creation of this particular Committee and he SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Philpot.

THE PRESIDENT said the proposed amendment to the Rules of Order is now before this Board for debate and consideration.

MR. CONNORS said he feels that as long as this is the last meeting of the 8th Board, that the newly elected Board should not be saddled with a new Committee and should wait until the new 9th Board is duly elected and in office, and allow them to make whatever changes in the rules they deem necessary. He recommended that this matter be TABLED and SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Murphy.

MR. RYBNICK objected because a motion was already before this Board. He was informed that a motion to TABLE takes precedence, and is not debatable and requires a majority vote to carry.

MR. PHILPOT said he had raised his hand before Mr. Connors made his motion to table and he would like to speak on Mr. Kuczo's motion.

THE PRESIDENT said this was contrary to parliamentary procedure, but because Mr. Philpot had requested to speak before Mr. Connors' motion was made, he would allow him to speak.

MR. PHILPOT said he believes that there should be a complete overhauling of the Committee system - that the Republican platform called for it and the Democratic platform called for a change in the Board itself. He said he thinks this Board should at least show its recognition of that fact now.

THE PRESIDENT said there is now a motion before the Board to TABLE, which has been duly made and seconded. There can be no debate and requires a majority vote, being a majority of those present and voting.

MR. PHILPOT requested a roll call vote be taken. One-fifth of those present asked that a roll call vote be taken.

THE PRESIDENT requested the Clerk to call the roll, on the question to TABLE the proposed amendment to the Rules of Order.

MR. MURPHY asked if it is true that a two-thirds vote is needed to amend the rules of the Board.

THE PRESIDENT said that is correct.

MR. MURPHY then asked if it is true that only a majority vote is needed at the organization meeting of the newly elected 9th Board when the Rules of Order are adopted.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Murphy that at the first meeting (organization meeting) of the newly elected Board, they have no rules, and therefore the two-thirds vote at that time is not binding - that a two-thirds vote is needed to amend the rules after they have been adopted. He said this is beyond his jurisdiction and he is merely giving his opinion at this time, but that will have to be decided at the time the new rules of order are adopted by the new Board of Representatives.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to TABLE the question of the rules change. CARRIED by the following roll call vote of 18 yes, 13 no and 3 abstentions:

Those voting in favor of tabling

CAPORIZZO, Vincent (D)
CONNORS, George (D)
DOMBROSKI, Edward (D)
DURSO, Robert (D)
ESPOSITO, Jennie (D)
IACOVO, Edwin (R)
KELLY, Stephen (D)
KUCZO, Paul (D)
LILLIENDAHL, Frances (R)
LINDSTROM, Edwin (R)
LONGO, Carmine (D)
MURPHY, William (D)
NATHANSON, Benjamin (R)
RYBNICK, Gerald (D)
SULLIVAN, Gerald (D)
TATANO, Andrew (R)
TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)
VIVONA, Dominick (D)

Those voting in opposition to tabling

ARRUZZA, Patsy (D)
BITETTO, Joseph (R)
CAPORIZZO, William (R)
GOINGS, Augusta (R)
HEARING, William (R)
KEGGI, J. John (R)
MORRIS, Thomas (R)
NORLEY, Walter (R)
PHILPOT, Romaine (R)
RICH, John (R)
RUSSELL, George (R)
SELSBERG, William (R)
Sellers, Nelson (R) O.S.

Abstentions

KANE, John (D)
KETCHAM, Alan (R)
MORRIS, John (D)

*Minutes accepted
with amendments
12/1/65*

(Note: Mrs. Judith Sutherland was excused from the meeting before the above vote was taken, leaving 34 now present.)

THE PRESIDENT announced the matter was TABLED.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE:

MR. RICH, Chairman, presented the following report of his Committee:

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE

The Committee did not hold a formal meeting since the last Board meeting, but the following report is made on the progress of the Southeast Quadrant Project:

1. Acquisition:

During October, 16 properties were acquired at a total price of \$407,410. This brings to a total of 71 the parcels acquired to date. A total of \$2,732,360 has been spent for acquisition of properties.

2. Family Relocation:

The total number of relocations which have been accomplished to date are as follows: 35 families, 15 single person householders and 42 roomers.

3. Business Relocation:

There are approximately 270 business firms yet to be relocated in the project area. During the last month, one business was relocated.

4. Broad Street Widening:

The widening of Broad Street between Bedford and Summer Streets was accomplished on November 2nd, 8 days ahead of schedule.

5. Architects:

The Commission has retained the Stamford firm of Sherwood Mills and Smith to act as consulting coordinating architects for the Southeast Quadrant Project.

6. Payment from Connecticut:

On October 26th the Commission received a check from the Connecticut Development Commission in the amount of \$3,286,416. This is the second payment under the State reservation of \$5,910,875. The first payment was received on June 24th in the amount of \$2,183,531. The second payment will be used for refinancing of an outstanding Federal loan and for construction of perimeter street improvements.

7. Relocation Office for the Elderly:

On October 21st, Mayor Mayers announced that the establishment of a

drop-in center for the elderly had been proposed through the cooperation of the Commission and the Stamford Area Senior Citizens Alliance (SASCA) in cooperation with the Mayor's Committee on Needs of Stamford's Older Adults. Techniques to assist the elderly in successful relocation are being researched and hopefully will be put into practice in the special office.

John T. D. Rich, Chairman

MR. RICH said he wished to announce that all Board members and members of other elective City Boards have been invited to a meeting called "A Progress Report on the Southeast Quadrant Redevelopment Project" on Wednesday, November 17th, at 8 P.M. in the Pitney Bowes dining room. He said this is being financed by the Citizens' Action Council and is designed to bring everyone up-to-date on the progress within the Southeast Quadrant Project.

MR. NATHANSON said he wished to ask a question, through the Chair. He said it was his understanding that the original purpose of the Urban Renewal Committee was to get reports from the Urban Renewal people themselves and he was wondering just how Mr. Rich did this.

MR. RICH said he set up a procedure with the Commission whereby every month just prior to the Board meeting, he receives a much more detailed report than the one he just gave, of what has transpired in the progress of the Project during the preceding month. He said this is typed and available for anyone to see; but when he presents a report to this Board it is taken from that report in a "boiled-down" version.

He said they have not had a Committee meeting in recent weeks, but it has been the practice of the Committee to hold one every other month.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING "HOUSE" COMMITTEE:

MR. LINDSTROM said at this time he can report that the new P. A. system is practically ours. He said through the efforts of Mr. Frank Benevelli, the Purchasing Agent, the meeting room is just about complete. He said the last thing was the bidding on the microphone and P. A. system - that they asked for bids on this which were received October 27, 1965 - that the bids came in for 22 "mikes", a master control, power amplifier cabinet, etc. He said the bids were higher than was anticipated and we have had to cut down on the number of "mikes" by purchasing 18 and four wall sound amplifiers instead of nine. He said this about completes it, outside of the voting system, which unfortunately the Board of Finance didn't see fit to approve.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE (Special Committee):

There was no report from the above Committee. MR. DURSO said he would like to comment. He said this Committee was formed the first month that this 8th Board was in office. There were several very important hearings held and we are now in the process of losing approximately one-half of the members of this Committee. He said all he can now visualize are problems coming up. He said he is very disappointed in not having the Committee come out with a final report as to their findings and close out this Committee once and for all with the same Board that started it all. He said with

the old members of the Committee leaving the Board, he can only foresee a lot of complications and a great deal of backlog of information needed for any new members on the Committee.

He said the Chairman, Mr. Lindstrom, was a very good Chairman, but something happened to get the Committee bogged down and they haven't met for some 14 or 15 months.

THE PRESIDENT informed the members that all special committees are automatically dissolved with the ending of the term of office of the 8th Board.

MR. KANE said: "Therefore no action has been taken by this Committee at all?"

THE PRESIDENT thanked Mr. Kane and said there would be no further action, as this Board goes out of office the end of November 1965.

OLD BUSINESS:

MR. CONNORS said he hates to see this Board come to the end of its term without thanking the President, Alan Ketcham, the Majority Leader, Thomas Morris and the Minority Leader, Anthony Truglia for their hard work as officers of the 8th Board. He said he wished to give them a vote of thanks. (applause)

MR. RYBNICK said we forgot to thank our Clerk, Mrs. Frances Lilliendahl and our Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Velma Farrell, for their many services during the past two years. (applause)

MR. MORRIS said he wished to thank the President and for the Board to note the excellent job he has done during the last term and also to note that he has been a member of this Board, serving for four terms. He spoke in commendation of the members now going off the Board and thanked them for their service.

MR. KETCHAM, the outgoing President, said he has been very proud to have served as a member of this Board, as Majority Leader and then as successor to Ronald Schwartz, as President; he said in his opinion this has been a good Board, with the members working hard and long at no profit to themselves and without pay and that they have accomplished a great many things, among them being the fact that after being an "orphan" for so many years of this Board's existence, they have finally achieved a home for themselves, with a place to sit and their own meeting room.

He said one of their achievements was the approval of the first \$1,000,000 appropriation to get Urban Renewal off the ground; that by Ordinance this Board set up the first Human Rights Commission, badly needed; and this Board, for better or for worse, set up the Redistricting of the City, which was a monumental task, in order to adhere to the Supreme Court's edict of "one man - one vote". He said they have held a great many special meetings in addition to the regular meetings - a total of 41 meetings, in addition to many Committee meetings, hearings, etc. He complimented the members on their integrity and work to uphold the independence of the Board and that they have worked hard to serve their constituents and their City. He said he thinks this Board can be proud of their work even though at some times perhaps they have generated more heat than light, and expressed annoyance at some of their fellow members, but sometimes a good floor fight brings matters out into the open where they can be better acted upon. (applause)

MR. TRUGLIA said, as Minority Leader, he too would like to say a few last words. He said after two years of being "battered and bruised" he only hopes that the future 9th Board will be a bit more lenient toward the minority party than it has been with the 8th Board. He said he hopes that the next Board will seriously consider the message that he is trying to put across and that they will stop all this bitterness and not carry from one Board to another petty differences, but work together for the common good of their City. He also thanked other members for their work on the Board.

Several other members spoke briefly.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned sine die at 11:10 P.M.

Velma Farrell

Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

APPROVED:

Note: The above meeting was broadcast
over Radio Station WSTC.
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Alan H. Ketcham

Alan H. Ketcham, President
8th Board of Representatives