

MEETING OF THE 9TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Minutes of September 6, 1966  
Stamford, Connecticut

A regular monthly meeting of the 9th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Tuesday, September 6, 1966 in the Board's meeting room, Municipal Office Building, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, George E. Russell, at 8:30 P.M.

INVOCATION - Given by Rev. Edward Surwillo, St. Leo's Church

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

ROLL CALL:

The roll call was taken by the Clerk. There were 34 present and 6 absent. The absent members were:

Edwin O. Lindstrom, Jr. (R) 1st District  
 Vincent G. Caporizzo (D) 5th District  
 Robert M. Durso (D) 5th District  
 William G. Hearing (R) 7th District  
 Leon Zebroski (R) 13th District  
 John T. D. Rich (R) 18th District

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Meeting of July 11, 1966  
 Meeting of August 1, 1966

The Minutes were accepted, with a correction to the July 11th Minutes, on page 4780 (erroneously numbered 4680) 5th paragraph - change "Mr. Buchanan said..." to "Mr. Farnen said...".

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Steering Committee report was read and entered in the Minutes, as follows:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT  
Meeting held Monday, August 22, 1966

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, August 22, 1966 in the Board of Representatives' meeting rooms, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, George Russell, at 8:30 P.M. All members were present, with the exception of Mr. Fusaro and Mr. Durso.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

- (1) Additional appropriations (2) approved by Board of Finance under suspension of the rules on 7/28/66 and (5) approved by Board of Finance on 8/11/66

Ordered placed on the agenda, under FISCAL COMMITTEE. Items in excess of \$2,000, except pensions, were referred to a secondary committee, in accordance with Rule #10 on page 5 of Rules of Order.

- (2) An appropriation of \$2,700 for the Police Department for SIGNAL LIGHT AT OLD NORTH STAMFORD ROAD AND BEDFORD STREET - (Mayor's letter of 7/8/66)

The above item, having been denied at the 8/1/66 Board meeting, but not reported out of the Health & Protection Committee, to whom it was also referred, was NOT ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA, as it was felt final action had been taken by the Board, even though the secondary Committee had not reported it out of Committee.

- (3) APPEAL from decision of Zoning Board - CARL W. GOEBEL and ROBERT L. REDNISS, (Application 66-008) - (Received in office of Board of Representatives 7/29/66)

ORDERED ON AGENDA, under LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE and PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

- (4) Concerning Recommendations of Special Water Conservation Committee to PLANNING BOARD (Resolution No. 490 adopted 5/2/66) urging their retention of "an independent, professionally qualified expert in the field of water supply"

The above matter was discussed and REFERRED TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE to "follow-up" on the Board's recommendations as set out in Resolution No. 490.

- (5) Proposed amendments to Article 11 of SEWER CODE by adding Section 57 thereto - CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS IN CASES WHERE IT WILL OVERTAX AVAILABLE SEWER FACILITIES - (Deferred 8/1/66 by Legislative & Rules Committee, awaiting opinion from Corporation Counsel)

The above matter was ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA under PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE and removed from the Legislative and Rules Committee.

- (6) MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR AMENDMENTS TO CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN - (Deferred 8/1/66 by Legislative and Rules Committee, awaiting further information from Actuary, Board of Trustees for Plan and Commissioner of Finance)

The above matter was ORDERED LEFT OFF THE AGENDA, pending receipt of more information.

Item No. 6 (above) previously referred to two additional Committees - the Personnel Committee and the Fiscal Committee, also remains in those Committees, for report at a later date, when all information is received.

- (7) Request in letter of 7/15/66 from Commissioner of Public Works, George Ferrara, that the Board initiate under Chapter 64 of the Charter, a resolution enabling them to proceed with the LAYOUT OF INTERVALE ROAD STREET LINE, FROM TURN-OF RIVER ROAD EASTERLY TO NEWFIELD DRIVE - (Descriptive Survey, dated 2/21/66, attached) (Held in Legislative & Rules Committee on 8/1/66; also referred to Planning & Zoning Committee and Public Works Committee; approved by Public Works Committee in their 8/1/66 report to the Board)

The above matter was ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

- (8) Letter (dated 8/19/66) from BURWOOD HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION re use of City-owned property on Burwood Avenue adjacent to pumping station as a site for scattered LOW-COST HOUSING, requesting site be used for promised park as originally planned

The above matter was REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (9) Letter (dated 7/28/66) from owner of FRANK'S DELICATESSEN, 227 Greenwich Avenue, complaining about CONSTANT FLOODING - (Second request; first was presented to 8th Board of Representatives on 8/2/65 and held in Committee, no action was taken)

Above letter REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (10) Letter (dated 8/14/66) from 8th District Representatives, Paul Kuczo and George Connors, CONCERNING POLLUTION AND CONTAMINATION OF COVE POND

Above REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (11) Letter (dated 8/22/66) from Thomas Morris, Majority Leader and 15th District Representative, REQUESTING WIDENING OF A SMALL SECTION OF LEONARD STREET (Per complaint of Mr. Louis DeMaio of 81 Leonard Street)

Above REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Not on Agenda

- (12) Complaint in petition from residents on HIGH CLEAR ROAD and UNITY ROAD, CONCERNING TRAFFIC HAZARD AT REAR ENTRANCE TO RIPPWAM HIGH SCHOOL, CAUSED by speeding of students - (Brought in by Howard Kaplan, 14th District Representative)

Above REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (13) Letter from Louis Casale, 1st District Representative (dated 8/11/66) requesting adoption of PROPOSED ORDINANCE regulating overnight parking of large and oversize trucks on City streets

Above REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (14) Letter (dated 8/3/66) from William Buchanan, 16th District Representative, REQUESTING FORMATION OF A SPECIAL LIAISON COMMITTEE of the Board to work with and attend all meetings of the SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY, in order to keep the Board informed of their activities, and offering his services as a member of such a Committee

Above REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (15) Petition (dated 7/27/66) from CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, requesting permission to ERECT CHRISTMAS LIGHTING POLES DURING STAMFORD-DENMARK FRIENDSHIP WEEK (Oct. 2nd thru 8th, and to be used during coming Christmas Season

Above REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - ORDERED PLACED ON AGENDA UNDER "PETITIONS"

- (16) Proposed resolution (presented by Peter Chirimbis, 12th District Representative) URGING BOARD OF EDUCATION TO RECONSIDER NAMING REPLACEMENT BUILDING, "CLOONAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL" now under construction, instead of "Woodside School" presently contemplated as the name chosen for such replacement

Above proposed resolution REFERRED TO EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (17) Letter (dated 7/19/66) from 8th District Representatives, Paul Kuczo and George Connors, attaching proposed resolution REQUESTING AN INVESTIGATION, UNDER SECTION 204.2 OF THE CHARTER, OF THE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION concerning alleged promises regarding housing for displaced persons in Southeast Quadrant Project and failure to live up to projected timetable

Above proposed resolution REFERRED TO URBAN RENEWAL SPECIAL COMMITTEE - Not ordered on agenda

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

George E. Russell, Chairman  
Steering Committee

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FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. HEMINGWAY, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said they met in joint session with the Personnel Committee and the Education, Welfare and Government Committee on Wednesday, August 31st.

- (1) \$75,000.00 - TENAMENT HOUSE OPERATING FUND - Code 114.0912 - For use in Enforcement of "rent Receivorship" Ordinance No. 128  
(Mayor's letter of 7/22/66) (Approved by Board of Finance under suspension of the rules on 7/28/66)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request, in the REDUCED amount of \$75,000 rather than the \$100,000 originally requested in the Mayor's letter. He said this reduction in no way indicates any lack of confidence in Ordinance No. 128, as the Committee believes this figure can be adjusted up or down as more experience is gained. Seconded by Mr. Murphy, who said the Education, Welfare and Government Committee also concurs in this recommendation.

MR. FUSARO asked, through the Chair, if the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, feels that this money will be sufficient, at the present time, with our present knowledge, to put through this program.

MR. HEMINGWAY replied that our present knowledge is basically zero, because we haven't started into the program. He said the Committee feels this is enough to get started.

MR. FUSARO said then, in other words, the door is being left open for a request for the additional \$25,000 if it becomes necessary.

MR. HEMINGWAY said this is correct.



MR. KUCZO said as he has already stated on this particular item a couple of months ago, he is against this \$100,000, now reduced to \$75,000, and he wouldn't give them a dollar for it, because he feels we already have a duplication in this instance and we already have Ordinance No. 65 which can be enforced to the fullest extent and if this is not done, then we are not doing a proper job. He said he can see no reason why an additional burden must be imposed on the taxpayers by appropriating this money.

VOTE taken on Mr. Hemingway's motion. CARRIED, with several "no" votes.

(2) \$25,000.00- BOARD OF EDUCATION - Resolution No. 500 amending 1966/1967 Capital Projects Budget for CONSTRUCTION WORK, PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL WORK FOR RIVERBANK SCHOOL and appropriation for said Project -  
(Mayor's letter of 7/18/66) (Approved by Board of Finance under suspension of rules on 7/28/66)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Nathanson. The resolution follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 500

AMENDING 1966/1967 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET, BOARD OF EDUCATION, FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK, PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL WORK FOR RIVERBANK SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATION IN AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 THEREFOR

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, to amend the 1966-1967 Capital Projects Budget to include an item to be known as "Alterations and Additions to Plumbing, Riverbank School" in accordance with the provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter by adding thereto the additional sum of \$25,000.00 for said Project.

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MR. KELLY said he would like to ask a question of Mr. Hemingway, through the Chair. He asked if any of the plumbing and electrical fixtures that were taken out of Cloonan School, are to be used in this job.

MR. HEMINGWAY said they had asked this same question of the Board of Education people and they informed him that all of the equipment from the old Cloonan School had already been used elsewhere in the school system and to answer the specific question in regard to Riverbank, the answer is "no"

MR. KELLY said there is still stuff stored in the City of Stamford that came out of Cloonan School - both plumbing and electrical fixtures and "somebody is kidding somebody".

MR. HEMINGWAY said the major part of this expense has very little to do with the actual purchase of sanitary facilities.

MR. KUCZO said he wants to know what kind of planning is the Board of Education doing when they come in with a request for \$25,000 and why has this need been created?

MR. HEMINGWAY said there is an answer to that, but it goes back a number of years and does not think the present Board of Education can be held accountable for it - that the school has some deficiency in design and there is no question about it.

MR. KUCZO said he wants to know who we hold responsible for such poor planning.

MR. HEMINGWAY said we vote the money, but it is pretty difficult to pin down some of these things, and certainly more difficult after 7 or 8 years after the fact.

MR. MURPHY, Chairman of the Education, Welfare & Government Committee, said this was also referred to his Committee and they concur in approval of the request.

VOTE taken on Mr. Hemingway's motion to approve Resolution No. 500. CARRIED unanimously.

(3) \$6,396.00 - BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS & RECORDS, Department of Finance, Code 116.0101, Salaries - New position of Assistant Controller - Salary Range: From \$7,675.00 to \$8,975.00 (S-20 Pay Grade) - To be filled as of September 1966 (Mayor's letter of 8/5/66) (Approved 8/11/66 by Board of Finance)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. He said this covers the approval of a new position of an Assistant Controller and the appropriation is to cover the 7 months or so remaining of the present fiscal year. He said it is not known yet just how soon the successful candidate will be hired. He said they also checked into how the examination will be given and it will be a City-wide examination and any resident or taxpayer in the City of Stamford is eligible to try out on the examination as it is not a closed examination, but is open, City-wide.

MR. FUSARO said as far as he understands it, it says "resident or taxpayer in the City of Stamford" and therefore could mean that someone from any place.....

MR. HEMINGWAY said he stands corrected - that it is open only to residents of the City.

MR. CONNORS said they stated "voter" also.

MR. HEMINGWAY said Mr. Connors was there with him and he hopes they both heard the same things and the subject of being on the voting list did come up. He said of course a person can still be a resident and not be on the voting list. He said they were assured that this would be a City-wide examination. He said the point they wanted to bring out that this examination is not limited to Civil Service employees - anybody in the City can apply for the job and take the examination.

MR. FUSARO said he would be in favor of the appropriation if it was limited to residents of the City of Stamford and thinks this Board should amend or add to this appropriation that the job be for a resident of Stamford ONLY.

MR. HEMINGWAY and Mr. Rybnick (Chairman of the Personnel Committee) said it is.

MR. RYBNICK said as it was stated at their meeting, this is only open to Stamford residents or voters of the City of Stamford and is not a Civil Service examination within the scope of the city workers. He said he thinks this open examination gives everyone a fair trial for the Assistant Controller's position

MR. CASALE said he believes we have the right to appropriate the money, but is not sure that we have the right to place any stipulation on whether it is local or out of town, or a taxpayer, voter, registered voter or not. He asked if this is correct, and do we have the power to add a rider to the approval of the appropriation. He said he doubts that the Board has this power.

MR. CASALE seconded the motion at this time.

MR. RYBNICK said the Personnel Committee concurs with the Fiscal Committee on this matter.

MR. CASALE said he wished to second Mr. Hemingway's motion. VOTE taken on the requested appropriation and CARRIED.

- (4) \$500,000.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Requested amendment to 1966-1967 Capital Projects Budget, for CONSTRUCTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE FACILITIES (Present building needed for Urban Renewal)  
(Mayor's letter of 8/5/66) (Approved by Board of Finance 8/11/66)

MR. HEMINGWAY said the above matter is being held in Committee for another month.

- (5) \$4,997.67 - PENSION. Police Sergeant Eugene W. Merritt, effective 7/15/66, based on annual pension of \$5,200.00, or two-thirds of annual salary of \$7,800.00 - (Mayor's letter of 7/26/66) (Approved by Board of Finance 8/11/66)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Connors, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Bitetto and others and CARRIED.

- (6) \$3,988.64 - PENSION. Blanch D. Harvey, widow of Police Lt. George J. Harvey, effective 7/30/66, based on annual pension of \$4,325.00 or 50% of Lt. Harvey's salary of \$8,650.00 - (Mayor's letter of 7/26/66) (Approved by Board of Finance on 8/11/66)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Connors, Mr. Kelly, and others. CARRIED.

- (7) \$800,000.00 - Resolution No. 499 amending 1966-1967 Capital Projects Budget - Department of Public Works - For CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-PURPOSE INCINERATOR and appropriation therefor (with three recommendations, as approved by Board of Finance on 8/11/66) - (Mayor's letter of 7/5/66)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Keggi. Mr. Bitetto said his Committee - the Public Works Committee - also concurs in approval of the appropriation. The resolution follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 499

AMENDING 1966-1967 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-PURPOSE INCINERATOR AND APPROPRIATION IN AMOUNT OF \$800,000.00 THEREFOR

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, to amend the 1966-1967 Capital Projects Budget to include an item to be known as "Department of Public Works - For Construction of a Multi-Purpose Incinerator" in accordance with the provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter by adding thereto the additional sum of \$800,000.00 for said Project.

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MR. BITETTO said they have hired a Consulting Engineer, Dr. Elmer Kaiser, who is very prominent in this field of engineering. He said this also comes under a Federal Assistance Grant of which we are receiving 12-1/2% of the Federal total amount appropriated for items of this sort.

MR. HEMINGWAY said this total sum of \$800,000 is not exactly all that Stamford will pay to get the \$250,000 grant from the Federal Government. In this connection he said he would like to commend Mr. Norman Wagner for his very strong efforts in trying to get this project under way and in this connection, the City of Stamford has received the total amount of money to be granted to the State of Connecticut. He said every State receives a maximum of \$250,000 - no more, and the City of Stamford got the whole allotment from the State of Connecticut, mostly because Mr. Wagner was right on the job and ready with the design and demonstrated the need for it.

MR. KEGGI said he also wished to commend Mr. Wagner for being a public servant of whom Stamford can be exceedingly proud.

MR. KUCZO said he does not feel this will solve our problem - that it is not solving the problem of the fly ash definitely and he is very concerned about the explosive element in that some chemicals could become explosive and also, that it may prove to be not the size that is needed. For instance, he said, the URC is now burning a lot of its demolition material and when they complete their job of building all of their parking lots, etc., perhaps we will not need this incinerator. He said why not, instead, start a little land filling such as down in Dyke Park. He said he feels that the members of this Board are not aware of just what all this will accomplish. For this reason, he MOVED this item be TABLED until more information is received. Seconded.

THE PRESIDENT said the motion to TABLE takes precedence and called for a VOTE on the motion to table. LOST, with one vote in favor of tabling.

THE PRESIDENT said the original motion is now before the Board.

MR. BROMLEY spoke in favor of the appropriation resolution.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI spoke in favor of the motion.

MR. WALDEN also spoke in favor of the resolution, but said he would like to ask a couple of questions, because, he also has not seen any specifications for the incinerator -- in terms of pollution, and in terms of private use of the incinerator.

MR. HEMINGWAY said they had considerable discussion on particularly, air pollution and Mr. Kaiser, the professional engineer consulting with the City on this, who has erected similar plants on a grant from the Public Health Department, and has



tried this system out for the better part of four years, is able to guarantee and confirm that the amount of fly ash and other debris that might appear in the form of smoke, just will not come and he said the most that we can expect to see would be on cold mornings in the winter might be some white vapor that would come out the top of the stack, but would not be of a dirty nature that would put soot on any part of the City. Secondly, regarding the burning of automobiles, Mr. Kaiser went into an experience he's had with a concern over in Brooklyn for whom he had been doing some consulting and described how completely they could consume an automobile and how very little dirt and dust and material that was left when they finished. Finally, regarding how much material will be generated out of this plant, apparently they are planning to reduce it by some 90% - in other words, if you put in 100 lbs., only 10 pounds of ash or small amount of debris will have to be pushed out once a day. He said it is built in compartments, so that they can operate all three compartments at one time, or they can separate and only burn what is needed for that particular day's business.

MR. HEMINGWAY said he also wants to point out that when the Board of Finance, in approving this project, made three requests that the City must consider when they get into operation, as follows:

- (1) That the construction and operating costs of the multi-purpose Incinerator be chargeable against the City as a whole, and not to a specific tax district;
- (2) That the multi-purpose Incinerator in no way be construed to be in substitution of or to hold up the progress of the Capital Project for improvement of and addition to the present City Incinerator; and
- (3) That every attempt be made to make the operation of the multi-purpose Incinerator self-sustaining by proper charges to users.

MR. HEMINGWAY said the Public Works Department cannot, as yet, commit themselves to any schedule or any policy, but they agreed that they would certainly take that under consideration when the unit was put into operation.

MR. HEMINGWAY said he also wished to call attention to the fact that this is not going to be an Incinerator for Fairfield County, but for the use of the City of Stamford.

MR. FUSARO asked if the Commissioner of Public Works has any idea whether this is going to be self-sustaining or not.

MR. HEMINGWAY said they have not made a study on the matter of policy as to whether certain users, such as the automobile demolition companies would be charged or whether they wouldn't.

MR. FUSARO asked if they feel they may cause this to be self-sustaining.

MR. HEMINGWAY said no, he wouldn't say that - he thinks it is now a matter of getting it underway and then making every effort to make it self-sustaining. He said the Public Works Department has already been put on notice to that effect by the Board of Finance. He said it is not a part of our motion that this be tied in.

MR. FUSARO MOVED THE QUESTION.

THE PRESIDENT said there were two other speakers to be heard first.

MR. CONNORS said many industrial plants pay so much for what they deliver to these incinerators. He said he also asked the question and as Mr. Hemingway has stated, they can't come up with any flat figure at the present time, but they do intend to charge. He said a lot of these industrial plants are presently shipping a lot of their solids out to Jersey, for which they would be only too glad to pay the City of Stamford the money to dump it into our Incinerator and would be way ahead of the game on it.

MR. KUCZO said he would like to know the approximate percentage of the waste distributed by Urban Renewal and those car burners who would use the Incinerator.

MR. HEMINGWAY said, as Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, he does not have that information.

MR. KUCZO said then how can we vote on something that we don't know anything about?

MR. RYBNICK said perhaps he can answer that question. He said they did state at the meeting that they DO NOT intend to burn cars and it isn't for the purpose of burning cars, but is to be used for heavy tree trunks, waste materials of other sources, but in reference to Mr. Fusaro's answer, it was stated that there would be added revenue coming into the City from the use of this Incinerator.

MR. KUCZO said the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee had stated that they intend to burn cars in the Incinerator and said: "Will they?"

MR. HEMINGWAY replied "yes, I think they expect to."

THE PRESIDENT said he thinks the Board is getting into technical questions that cannot be answered.

MR. KUCZO said he still thinks this Board is being short-sighted.

MR. HEMINGWAY said it was described to the Fiscal Committee just how dollies would be built, going in on a track, carrying two cars, one on top of the other, and then the dollies would come out and be re-charged with more cars.

MR. KUCZO said this gets back to his question - where is the percentage of car burners that are going to use this? He asked if the City of Stamford is going to pay for "freight" for them, or what?

THE PRESIDENT said he thinks this is a question that is not proper.

MR. KUCZO said he disagrees - that he believes it is definitely germane. He said he wants to know if the taxpayers of the City are going to support this, or are the users going to support it - and that's what he is trying to find out.

MR. CONNORS said as Mr. Kaiser stated to the Committee, there is a plant in Brooklyn that can burn 400 cars in a very short period of time. But, who pays for it, he does not know, but he did tell them that the junk value is so clean that they have no trouble getting rid of the junk, because it comes out annealed, very soft and they are tickled to death to pick it up and he feels that the City could very probably make quite a bit of money selling the junk to junk dealers. He said that question asked by Mr. Kuczo was answered.

MR. FUSARO said he believes that what Mr. Kuczo is trying to get at is will those burning cars pay for it - will they be paying customers of the Incinerator.

MR. HEMINGWAY (reading from the report) explained that derelict cars become a community problem, as they are abandoned all over the City and the Police must arrange to haul them away at a cost of anywhere between \$25 to \$50, and auto bodies may re-enter the metal trade for re-use if first burned and cleaned of contaminants and can then be baled and shipped to the steel companies..... that closed burners can do this job smokelessly, but at a cost of \$4.00 to \$5.00 per body, which cost consists of amortization of the Incinerator which is about \$1,000 per body day of capacity. He explained that this has not been planned by any local scrap processor, to the best of the writer's (Mr. Kaiser) knowledge.

Mr. Hemingway continued reading from the Kaiser report, which he said, of course does not bind the City Administration to action one way or the other, but does give you information as to what the equipment is designed to do. He said he certainly does not think the City is going to let abandoned automobiles remain on City streets once this facility is constructed.

MR. RYBNICK said he believes mention was made that there will be a nominal charge made to users of the Incinerator.

MR. CASALE said he is in favor of the appropriation, but would again MOVE THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED with one "no" vote.

THE PRESIDENT asked if anyone would care to move the question.

MR. HEMINGWAY said he has already made a motion to adopt the resolution.

THE PRESIDENT said we will now vote on the resolution appropriating \$800,000 for the Incinerator.

VOTE taken on Mr. Hemingway's motion to adopt Resolution No. 499. CARRIED, with one "no" vote (Mr. Kuczo).

#### LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. BROMLEY, Vice-Chairman, in the absence of the Chairman, presented the report of his Committee. He said a meeting was held in the Board Caucus Room on Monday, August 29th at 8:15 P.M., with all members of the Committee present.

APPEAL from decision of Zoning Board - CARL W. GOEBEL and ROBERT L. REDNISS,  
Application No. 66-008 (Received in office of Board of Representatives 7/29/66)

MR. BROMLEY said the Committee finds this appeal to be in proper form for consideration by the Board.

THE PRESIDENT said there will be a further report on this matter under the Planning and Zoning Committee.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. BITETTO, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said a meeting was held on September 2nd in the Board of Representatives' meeting room. Present were Messrs. Bitetto, Casale and Mosca, with Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Kelly excused.

He said other matters were previously reported out under Fiscal Committee.

Concerning proposed amendments to ARTICLE II of SEWER CODE by adding Sections 57, 58 and 59 thereto - ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS IN CASES WHERE IT WILL OVERTAX AVAILABLE SEWER FACILITIES - (Deferred 8/1/66 by Legislative & Rules Committee - See Minutes of 8/1/66, page 4701, item #2)

MR. BITETTO read the following proposed Ordinance and MOVED for approval for publication. Seconded by Mr. Buchanan and others.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE STAMFORD SEWER CODE - CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS IN CASES WHERE IT WILL OVERTAX AVAILABLE SEWER FACILITIES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

The Building Code of the City of Stamford is hereby amended by the addition of the following Sections to ARTICLE II of the SEWER CODE, as follows:

Section 57. Building Sewer Permit.

No building sewer permit shall be issued and no connection to a public sewer shall be allowed in any case where, in the judgment of the Supervisor or the Commissioner of Public Works, such connection or connections, will overtax the capacity of the existing public sewer so as to create a substantially greater hazard to public health than existed before the installation of such proposed connection. The Supervisor, or the Commissioner of Public Works, shall, in writing, inform the Building Inspector of his determination and shall send a certified copy thereof to the applicant.

Section 58. Areas Served by Public Sewers.

In areas served by public sewers, no building permit shall be issued where a building sewer permit has not been issued and thereafter, no certificate of occupancy shall be issued where the connection to the public sewer has not been finally approved in accordance with the provisions of this Code, provided, however, that the Building Inspector shall notify the applicant in writing of his action, forthwith, in the event the application is denied.

Section 59. Installation of New Sewer Lines.

- (a) In any case where there has been a final determination that the existing public sewer is, or will be, overtaxed, a building permit and a building sewer permit shall not be denied under Sections 57 and 58 hereof, if the owner of the affected property shall cause to be installed, or shall post a bond for the installation of an adequate sewer facility, at his own expense, in accordance with standards established and required by the Commissioner of Public Works.



- (b) Where a new sewer facility has been installed, as provided in (a) above, and before the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, the owner shall file in the office of the Sewer Commission, a sworn statement of costs, together with a copy of the contract, for the installation of such sewer facility, if any.
- (c) Any person aggrieved by the failure of the Building Inspector to issue a building permit, as provided in Section 58 above, may, within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the written notice of the denial by the Building Inspector, appeal to the Building Board of Appeals, pursuant to Section 13 (d) of the Building Code of the City of Stamford, except that in the case of an adverse ruling of the Building Inspector pertaining to the construction, installation, or maintenance, of any existing new or proposed municipal sewer line, such aggrieved person may apply for review to the Board of Representatives within fifteen (15) days after the filing of the Building Inspector's ruling.
- (d) Upon the completion by a private person of any extension to an existing, new, or proposed municipal sewer line, such extension shall become a part of such existing, new or proposed, municipal sewer system and shall thereafter be maintained as a part of the overall municipal sewage system of the City of Stamford and such person constructing the same shall be deemed to have dedicated such extended sewer line to the City of Stamford by his application for a certificate of approval of the same, by the proper municipal Department.

ENACTMENT:

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

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MR. BITETTO said a good portion of this revised Ordinance was dictated by the Assistant Corporation Counsel, Gerald Kolinsky.

MR. BROMLEY said this proposed sewer code amendment has been discussed at many meetings and the Legislative and Rules Committee has had a session where people have come and aired their views on this thing. He said he fails to see how a vote can be taken tonight on its publication without concurrence by the Legislative and Rules Committee. He said they did not consider this at their last meeting - this particular version.

MR. FUSARO said at the Steering Committee meeting Mr. Rich (Chairman of the Legislative & Rules Committee) refused to act upon this matter any further and dumped it in the "lap" of the Public Works Committee and now they have completed their work on it.

MR. BITETTO said, in all fairness to the Acting Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee, he would say that the Chairman is correct in his statement, but he would also like to say that the request that he (Mr. Bitetto) has made, was predicated upon information contained in the files of the Legislative & Rules Committee and also on file in the office of the Board of Representatives.

He said they took all of the data that was in the file and he personally spent a considerable amount of time with the Assistant Corporation Counsel, Gerald Kolinsky, and brought it to the attention of the Board's Administrative Assistant, who worked on this present version of the proposed Ordinance, in haste. He said they have prepared this and in consideration of the fact that they are only asking for publication and not adoption of the proposed Sewer Code amendment and further, that he intends to request the Legislative & Rules Committee to come to an open hearing and he believes that the final enactment of this Ordinance should be placed before this Board by both Committees.

MR. BROMLEY asked if he is to understand that the Steering Committee took this out of the Legislative & Rules Committee, or are we to concur on this, possibly next month, after it has been published. He asked what is the procedure, as he believes it should be put down in the record of the Board's proceedings.

THE PRESIDENT explained what happened at the Steering Committee was the fact that Mr. Rich's report to this Board at their last meeting was all that their Committee intended to do with the proposed Ordinance. He said this was discussed at the Steering Committee meeting and the Public Works Committee brought out the fact that in actuality, they were the ones who had it originally and referred it to the Legislative & Rules Committee for proper wording and while it was in the Legislative & Rules Committee, serious changes of intent were made in the work done by that Committee, and for that reason they felt that it was not what the Public Works Committee had intended be done. Because of that request, the Steering Committee thereupon decided to allow the Public Works Committee to continue their work on it, but to then re-submit it back again to the Legislative and Rules Committee for proper wording as has always been the job of the Legislative & Rules Committee in the past. He said that as Mr. Bitetto has said, after publication, there will then be a joint public, or rather, open hearing, on it, by both the Public Works Committee and the Legislative & Rules Committee. He said by doing it this way, it ought to settle the problems that have been going on in regard to this matter.

MR. MORRIS said that about two years ago, the Public Works Committee submitted this proposed Ordinance, being at that time Section 57 and Section 58 which was drawn up by the then Corporation Counsel, Mr. Kveskin. He said, however, after this was submitted to the Legislative & Rules Committee, the content of the Ordinance was basically changed. He said he has some difference of opinion in regard to Section 59, but is sure that when Mr. Bitetto has the hearing, he may have different thoughts on this, as he intends to meet with the Sewer Commission. He said he sees no harm in publishing this, even though it may be changed before final adoption. He said he remembers the Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee as saying, more or less, that he "washed his hands" of this matter and it was thereupon submitted to the Public Works Committee.

THE PRESIDENT said he thinks the problem is how we are going to handle this matter.

MR. FARMEN said, as a member of the Legislative and Rules Committee, he would like to raise this point. He said when they revised the proposed Ordinance, it was because of a constitutional question and now this new version has been drawn up as of this morning. He said sure the office of the Corporation Counsel helped draft it, but he does not think that all of the constitutional questions have been cleared out of this revised version and now we are going ahead and publish it.

THE PRESIDENT explained that the purpose of publication is for the very reason that Mr. Farman has raised, and both Committees will have another month after holding an open hearing, to make any necessary changes. He said to publish the proposed Ordinance is not finalizing it by any means.

MR. KAPLAN said as a member of the Legislative and Rules Committee, he would like to review for a moment what the status is and what changes have been made in the past year and a half. He said the original proposal which came through and which Mr. Morris has been supporting was approved by the then Corporation Counsel, Mr. Kueakin, and was very similar to the present proposal, but has been added to at this point, and there were two changes, of substance, which have been added to the original proposal by the Legislative & Rules Committee. He said the first change was if a builder wants to improve, or extend the public sewer, if he pays for it, then he can do it. And, the second change was to say, well, once that a man has put in his own money to improve the public sewer and if someone else wants to use it, they have to chip in to his expenses.

MR. KAPLAN said he believes that essentially it is a good change that has been made by Mr. Bitetto's Committee, with Mr. Kolinsky's concurrence, is to take out the contribution phase of it, which, in large measure was instituted by himself, but he believes it is probably better not to have it. He said the proposal now, in essence, is that you can't overtax the City's sewers, if the City thinks it is going to overtax.....

MR. NATHANSON ROSE ON A POINT OF ORDER. He asked if this discussion concerns the publication of this Ordinance, or the merits of the Ordinance.

MR. KAPLAN said he is merely trying to trace through just how this involves the Legislative and Rules Committee and where we now stand on this proposal, so that the Board members who have not seen the various previous drafts of it, would be able to envision just where we are at the present time. He said he is, as a matter of fact, speaking in favor of publication.

THE PRESIDENT said he believes Mr. Nathanson to be correct in challenging whether the members are speaking on publication or getting involved in the merits of the Ordinance.

MR. FUSARO said he does not think Mr. Kaplan is speaking on the merits, because after all, there seems to be some conflict between the two Committees and we are trying to clear that conflict up.

MR. RYBNICK said he believes that Mr. Kaplan is merely trying to clarify something that Mr. Farman has asked and is just giving him an answer to the question that he raised.

THE PRESIDENT explained that the answer should more properly have come from Mr. Bromley, Vice-Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee, or from Mr. Bitetto. However, if they would like to yield to Mr. Kaplan to give the answers, it is O.K. with him.

MR. KAPLAN continued speaking. He said, in essence, what we are saying is that if the Supervisor, who is within the Public Works Department, or the Commissioner of Public Works, decides that an addition, which would be either going into or going from, one of our sewers, overtaxes the sewers, the only way you can get this, then (except through the appeal procedure within the Statute) is to do it at your own expense - the addition, or improvement, to the City sewer. He said he thinks this is really where it now stands. He said he does not think it is fair to say



that the Legislative and Rules Committee has "washed it's hands" of it - that it is not being fair to Mr. Rich to say this, and it very well may come back to the Legislative & Rules Committee after it has been passed for publication.

THE PRESIDENT said from the remarks that Mr. Rich made at the Steering Committee meeting, he might have left the impression that he was "washing his hands" of any further action on it, but he definitely made it quite clear at the Steering Committee meeting that he still felt it was in the hands of his Committee.

MR. BROMLEY said he thought we had definitely established that the Legislative and Rules Committee had to concur with this.

THE PRESIDENT said this is true - that this has been established.

MR. FUSARO said he didn't mean to infer that an awful lot of work was not put into this Ordinance by the Legislative & Rules Committee and did not mean to infer that Mr. Rich was giving up on a job, but that he felt he had completed all his work and it was out of his hands at this point - that his Committee had prepared an Ordinance and he felt that it was a good one and that he felt it should be acted upon without further changes and any further Committee work should be done by the Public Works Committee, because he felt he had completed his work on it.

MR. MURPHY said he was present at the Steering Committee meeting and Mr. Rich did say at one time.....but he later came back and did not just "throw it out" of his Committee.

MR. CASALE MOVED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

VOTE taken on publication of the proposed Ordinance. CARRIED with one "no" vote (Mr. Farnen).

#### HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

MR. KAPLAN, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said they met in the Board's meeting room on August 30th at 8 P.M. and present were Representatives Kaplan, Chirimbes, Arruzza and Caporizzo; also present as a guest was Mr. Casale.

- (1) Letter from Louis Casale, 1st District Representative, (dated 8/11/66) requesting adoption of PROPOSED ORDINANCE regulating overnight parking of large and oversize trucks on City streets

MR. KAPLAN said the majority of the Committee favored this proposed Ordinance and a draft was prepared at the meeting and the Corporation Counsel has been requested to give his opinion as to the legality of such an Ordinance, which the Committee awaits.

MR. KAPLAN asked that the Steering Committee also refer this to the Legislative and Rules Committee so that the Ordinance can be adopted in proper form.

- (2) Concerning request (dated 6/27/66) from Donald F. Zezima, Board of Public Safety, for adoption of an Ordinance to RAISE THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR OVERTIME PARKING FROM \$1.00 to \$5.00 - Also requesting an Ordinance re ILLEGAL PARKING IN FRONT OF FIRE HYDRANTS, DRIVEWAYS AND RESTRICTED ZONES (See page 4790, Minutes of 8/1/66, item #3; page 4807-4808)



MR. KAPLAN said the Safety Board originally requested that the price of parking tickets be raised, but <sup>upon</sup> discussion with the Committee, this was abandoned by the Safety Board. He said it was then decided that the price of parking tickets would remain at \$1.00, but if not paid within 30 days, the fine be increased to \$5.00, and if not paid within 60 days, the fine be increased to \$10.00. This was approved by unanimous vote.

He said the Committee also recommends, upon request of the Safety Board, to establish powers in the Chief of Police to tow away cars which are parked so as to block any public or private driveway, or which are parked within ten feet of a fire hydrant which is a fine under the Code of General Ordinances, but there are no tow-away regulations. He said tow-away powers are needed during emergencies. This, also, he requested be referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee to look into. He said his Committee has a proposed draft of both of these Ordinances; but would await comments from the Legislative & Rules Committee.

(3) Complaint in petition from residents on HIGH CLEAR ROAD and UNITY ROAD, CONCERNING TRAFFIC HAZARD AT REAR ENTRANCE TO RIPPWAM HIGH SCHOOL, CAUSED by speeding of students (See item #12 under Steering Committee Report)

MR. KAPLAN said the Committee voted in favor of asking the Police Department to erect stop signs at the rear entrance of the Rippowam High School parking lot which has become a very dangerous hazard to nearby residents.

(4) Concerning COVE HILL

MR. KAPLAN said in the Committee's opinion, this is one of the most dangerous roads in the City of Stamford, because it is steep, curving and excessively narrow, and there have been many protests from some of the East Side Representatives for many years that this be attended to and the time has come to do something about this. He said his Committee felt the Steering Committee should refer this matter to the Public Works Committee, and his Committee hopes that this will be one of the first matters in municipal highway construction in the next fiscal year.

(5) Complaints from residents RE NOISE AT POLYCAST CORPORATION (Follow-up report)

MR. KAPLAN said Mr. Chirimbes will now report on the above complaint.

MR. CHIRIMBES presented a report on the above matter at this time. He said he has been informed that this plant is being closed, and it has appeared in the newspaper also, which should end this trouble.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

(1) APPEAL FROM DECISION OF ZONING BOARD - CARL W. GOEBEL and ROBERT L. REDNISS Application No. 66-008 (Received in office of Board 7/29/66)

MR. MOSCA said his Committee held an open meeting on Wednesday, August 31st at 8 P.M. concerning the above Appeal. He said present were: Peter Chirimbes, Benjamin Nathanson and Dominick Mosca, Chairman. Also present: Thomas Morris, Majority Leader of the Board.

He said the Committee heard speakers both for and against the Appeal, read the testimony taken at the Zoning Board hearing and after a complete study of the Appeal, the Committee voted to reject the appeal and thus uphold the decision of the Zoning Board. He said his Committee, by this decision, offers no motion at this time.

A VOTE was taken on accepting the report of the Planning & Zoning Committee on the above appeal. CARRIED.

- (2) REGARDING DISPOSITION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY - Recommended by Planning Board at their meeting of 6/30/66, pursuant to request of Commissioner of Finance under date of 6/2/66 and requirements of Section 2-24 of Code of Ordinances (List mailed to all Board members and follow-up letter mailed 8/3/66, enclosing stamped, addressed envelope for members' use in replying)

MR. MOSCA said his Committee has decided to keep this in Committee for another month.

THE PRESIDENT said this has been going on for several years and Mr. Mosca is trying to finalize it and if any of the Board members have any feeling on any of these properties, to please contact Mr. Mosca.

- (3) Petitions for acceptance of roads as City streets:

MR. MOSCA MOVED for acceptance of the following roads as City streets; seconded and CARRIED. He said all maps mentioned are on file in the office of the City and Town Clerk and all roads have been certified for acceptance by the City Engineer, as required by Ordinance No. 92 Supplemental:

BITTERSWEET LANE - Extending from Thornwood Road westerly to the south property line of Woodbine Road. Length, approximately 1,050 ft. As shown on Map No. 8023.

BRANDYWINE ROAD - Extending from Vine Road northerly and easterly to and including a permanent turnaround. Length, approximately 690 ft. As shown on Map No. 8281.

QUAIL'S TRAIL - Extending from Bittersweet Lane southerly to and including a permanent turnaround. Length, approximately 700 ft. As shown on Map No. 8023.

THORNWOOD ROAD - Extending from the already accepted portion northerly to the north property line of Bittersweet Lane. Length, approximately 1,000 ft. As shown on Map No. 8023.

MR. BENNETT asked if there isn't some way in which the names of roads proposed for acceptance by the City can be submitted before their acceptance as City streets, in order to avoid names that are not suitable.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Bennett that he is bringing up a very old problem and there have been times in the past when this Board has been asked to switch names of Roads after they have been accepted, which has to be done by the adoption of an Ordinance. He said he thinks this is within the jurisdiction of the Planning Board, to try and screen these names and perhaps it might be a good idea for Mr. Mosca to contact the office of the Planning Board and remind them it should be done before these roads are accepted.

MR. BROMLEY said he would like to echo the sentiments mentioned by Mr. Bennett. He said he is a Director of the Stamford Historical Society and they have been consulted from time to time about the proposed names of streets and their suitability from the standpoint of the history of Stamford and the question has come up many times before the Society that many of these roads that are now named in

a very flip way and these names are going to be perpetuated for many years in the future and it would seem as though the Planning Board should exercise a little more of their powers in controlling the naming of these streets.

THE PRESIDENT said he would like to suggest that the Stamford Historical Society send a letter to the Planning Board to consider when names are being suggested, because many of these developers are really desperate to find suitable names, and any suggestions would be very helpful to them.

MR. BROMLEY said the Society has already done considerable research on this matter and they have all sorts of names that could be suggested.

There ensued considerable discussion as to how this should be implemented in the future.

Several members asked what was being done about various matters that have been referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee that are not on the agenda this evening. Mr. Mosca said he would look into these.

THE PRESIDENT called the members' attention to Page 357 of the Code of General Ordinances, Section 29-50 spells out the manner in which roads can be accepted, and if they do not meet those specifications, this Board can do nothing about it.

- (4) Request in letter (dated 7/15/66) from Commissioner of Public Works, George Ferrara, that the Board initiate, under Chapter 64 of the Charter, a resolution enabling them to proceed with the LAYOUT OF INTERVALE ROAD STREET LINE, FROM TURN-OF-RIVER ROAD EASTERLY TO NEWFIELD DRIVE - (Descriptive Survey, dated 2/21/66, attached) - (Held in Legislative & Rules Committee on 8/1/66; also in Planning & Zoning Committee and Public Works Committee; approved by Public Works Committee in report to Board on 8/1/66)

MR. MOSCA MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded and CARRIED:

RESOLUTION NO. 501

DIRECTING IMPROVEMENTS AND LAYOUT OF INTERVALE ROAD STREET LINE,  
FROM TURN-OF-RIVER ROAD EASTERLY TO NEWFIELD DRIVE (under provisions  
of Chapter 64 of Charter)

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD:

That it is the opinion of the Board of Representatives that the public health, safety, welfare, convenience and necessity require the construction, widening and layout of the highway known as INTERVALE ROAD, from Turn-of-River Road easterly to Newfield Drive, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intention of the Board of Representatives, with the approval of the Mayor, to construct, widen and lay out said highway, together with any curbing, drainage or other incidental installations required to carry out said project, pursuant to the powers granted it under Section 640 of the Charter of the City of Stamford; and



IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be and is hereby requested to direct the Department of Public Works to do the preliminary engineering work, including preparation of surveys, plans, profiles, specifications and estimates of the total cost of the improvement and to submit a report thereon to the Commissioner of Finance, who shall make estimates of the value of any land proposed to be taken and of the amounts of the benefits or damages which should be assessed against or in favor of each piece of property affected; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor be requested to submit a report thereon to the Board of Representatives; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the total cost of work and improvements, as aforesaid, shall be borne by the City of Stamford as a Capital Project, except to the extent that any adjoining property shall be benefited, in accordance with the provisions of Section 649 of the Charter, in which event, said improvements or benefits shall be assessed to the adjacent owner of property or properties benefited thereby; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that all necessary and requisite steps be taken toward the construction and layout of said highway, curbing, drainage and incidental installations in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 64 of the Charter of the City of Stamford.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

MR. RYBNICK said he has a report from the Personnel Commission which he wishes to read. He said they do not hold meetings during the months of July and August, so the report is for the meeting held during the month of June. He read the following report:

The regular monthly meeting of the Personnel Commission was held June 20, 1966 in the office of the Personnel Director, 429 Atlantic Street at 8:00 P.M.

Present: John L. DeForest, Acting Chairman  
Charles E. Hoyt  
John F. McGutcheon  
William Walko

Others: Mr. M. Nau, Mrs. G. Nau, Claude Dixon, Joseph Siladi and Mrs. Marts.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted on a motion by Commissioner Hoyt, seconded by Commissioner DeForest.

Mr. Siladi, Mrs. Marts, and Mrs. Nau spoke in favor of a request for re-classification for Ernest Mezzo from Utility Serviceman W-10 to Head Custodian I, W-II. Effective July 1, 1966.

Mr. Lyons appeared and asked that the position of Assistant to Controller S-18 created by the Personnel Commission, be eliminated and his original request to create the position of Assistant Controller S-20 be granted. He explained that the Assistant to Controller position is not adequate and he explained in greater detail the reasons for this, i.e., growth of the office, automation of accounts, complexity and organization of the office. He also stated that the examination for the position could be open competitive and promotional.



Letter from Donald Zezina, Board of Public Safety, was read, which requested the re-establishment of the position of Dog Warden in the classified service.

Executive Session:

The position of Assistant to Controller S-18 was eliminated. Motion by Commissioner Hoyt, seconded by Commissioner DeForest. Assistant Controller S-20 was created (to be filled by open competitive and promotional examination) on motion by Commissioner DeForest, seconded by Commissioner Hoyt.

Commissioner Delany was canvassed by 'phone and said he was in favor of the above action.

The position of Dog Warden was re-established in the classified service, at S-8, the same rate it previously held. To be filled by competitive examination, on motion by Commissioner Hoyt, and seconded by Commissioner DeForest.

Reclassification for Ernest Mezzo was approved to Head Custodian I, W-II, motion by Commissioner DeForest, seconded by Commissioner Hoyt.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 p.m.

John F. McCutcheon,  
Personnel Director

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

Resolution, concerning re-naming of "CLOONAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL"

MR. MURPHY MOVED for approval of the following resolution; seconded and CARRIED:

RESOLUTION NO. 502

URGING BOARD OF EDUCATION TO RECONSIDER NAMING  
REPLACEMENT BUILDING, "CLOONAN JUNIOR HIGH  
SCHOOL" INSTEAD OF "WOODSIDE SCHOOL"

WHEREAS the memory of the late Dr. John Cloonan has been perpetuated in the name "Cloonan Junior High School" thereby giving some measure of recognition to the services rendered by Dr. Cloonan to this community; and

WHEREAS, it is now proposed that said name be abandoned, thereby effectively withdrawing said recognition accorded to Dr. Cloonan;

BE AND IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives strongly urges the Board of Education to reconsider its decision to abandon said name and urges that the replacement building now under construction be named in the same fashion as the original "Cloonan Junior High School".

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URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE:

MR. KEGGI, Chairman, presented a progress report on urban renewal for the month of August. He said his Committee met August 24th at 8 P.M. in the Democratic Caucus Room of the Board of Representatives and present were the following: Messrs. Casale, Karl, Keggi and Murphy. Also present were: Mrs. Marshall, Chairman of URC and Mr. George McCulloch, Director of Redevelopment. He said a number of current problems and developments were discussed, with special reference to seven areas proposed for investigation by Mr. Connors and Mr. Kuczo.

The Progress Report on the Urban Renewal program for August, follows:

Eleven properties were acquired at a cost of \$340,000 making the grand total of 165 acquisitions, to date, at a cost of just over \$7,000,000. Approximately 40% of all parcels have been acquired, including 85% of the Willow-Bell Street relocation housing project site. In the latter area, all of the properties containing structures have been acquired, leaving vacant land, Church property and easements still to be acquired.

Ten households and three roomers were relocated during the month and 42 households and 11 roomers were added to the caseload. Up to August 31st, 163 households and 100 roomers - a total of 263 - have been relocated, leaving an active caseload of 312 remaining, consisting of 241 households and 71 roomers.

Eight businesses vacated during August, making the total of businesses vacated 135 and a current active caseload of 229 remaining.

Demolition of the former Suburban Cadillac-Earl Scheib buildings were completed during August; also the demolition of two individual garages, making way for the temporary paving of Broad Street. Work was also begun on the demolition of the Strand Theatre complex, with the actual work expected to start September 10 to 15th.

The temporary paving of Broad Street, between Greyrock Place and Grove Street, started August 29th and completion expected by now. Following a revision of signalization, the street will be open to two-way traffic.

Through the courtesy of Radio Station WSTC, the Urban Redevelopment Commission presented three regular bi-weekly radio programs, "URC Reports". On August 3rd, Mrs. Marshall and Mr. McCulloch, Director and Redevelopment Coordinator, gave a progress report. On August 17th, Thorne Sherwood, of Sherwood, Mills and Smith, and Eugene D. Jones, of Frederick R. Harris Associates, discussed new commercial space planned for the Southeast Quadrant. On August 31st, Mr. Jones and Stanley Hass (also of Harris Associates) joined Mrs. Marshall for a discussion of public improvements.

Members of the Commission and staff met with the Fair Housing Committee the N.A.A.C.P., the Catholic Interracial Council, the Citizens Action Council and this Committee. On August 4th, a meeting was held on Site 21 (one of the sites for direct sale to a group of local interested and qualified businessmen). Eight businessmen from the Project area participated. In addition, numerous meetings were held by the Commission, staff and consultants, with other City officials and with Project property owners and tenants.

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Letter (dated 7/19/66) from 8th District Representatives, Paul Kuczo and George Connors, attaching a proposed resolution REQUESTING AN INVESTIGATION, UNDER SECTION 204.2 OF THE CHARTER, OF THE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, concerning alleged promises regarding housing for displaced persons in the Southeast Quadrant and failure to live up to projected timetable. (See item #17 under Steering Committee Report; referred to Urban Renewal Committee)

MR. KEGGI said after his Committee reconvened in executive session, the members present voted unanimously in favor of the following:

- (a) To bring the resolution proposed by Messrs. Connors and Kuczo before the Board of Representatives at once;
- (b) To recommend that the request to establish an investigation of the Urban Redevelopment Commission be DENIED by this Board, and
- (c) To make the reasons for the above recommendation part of the Committee report to the Board and a matter of public record.

MR. KEGGI said the proposed resolution, referred to the Urban Renewal Committee, calls for "AN.... INVESTIGATION OF THE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION..... BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES, ACTING AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE....., so as to ascertain the following: (As outlined in the resolution)

- "(1) The nature of the Urban Redevelopment Commission regarding its functions within the City of Stamford and its relationship and its accountability to the Board of Representatives.
- "(2) The propriety of the Urban Redevelopment Commission engaging in activities outside the renewal area, such as appearances before public bodies performing governmental functions, including appearances in zoning matters involving property located outside the renewal area.
- "(3) The failure of the Urban Redevelopment Commission to make adequate provision for relocation of the many families to be displaced by the urban renewal project, in spite of the overwhelming evidence of a severe housing shortage in Stamford, with special reference to the problems confronting minority groups in the housing field.
- "(4) The failure of the Urban Redevelopment Commission to grant to established local businesses, who will be displaced by the urban renewal project, the same courtesies and flexibilities which the Urban Renewal Commission has extended to non-Stamfordites, including LORD AND TAYLOR.
- "(5) The failure of the Urban Redevelopment Commission to live up to its projected timetable regarding the Urban Renewal Project.
- "(6) The role which the Urban Redevelopment Commission is to play in the future of the City of Stamford, and
- "(7) All other urban renewal matters which should be fully explored so as to provide complete information leading to an enlightened general public."

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MR. KEGGI said he would submit the Committee report on each of the above matters one by one, as requested in the resolution:

- (1) The functional relationship of the Urban Redevelopment Commission to the City government and its accountability to the various local boards and officials, is a matter of law and public record -- in particular, Chapter 130 of the General Statutes (1958 Revision), as amended; the Stamford City Code - Sec. 2-21 and 2-22; Ordinance No. 41 Supplemental and Resolution No 183 adopted by the Board of Representatives August 2, 1954.

MR. KEGGI said basically the U.R.C. is an independent operating agency of the City of Stamford, created by the Board of Representatives. Its members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by this Board. Its plans and the City's contribution to the renewal budget must be approved by this Board. Also, in order to keep this Board informed, the Urban Renewal Committee meets regularly with members of the Commission and staff officials to study various aspects of the program in considerable detail at regular Committee meetings. Furthermore, any problems brought to the attention of the Committee, or its Chairman, have been promptly investigated and reported back as soon as possible. He said it is a matter of record that this Committee has repeatedly invited all members of this Board to come and participate in its meetings, regularly held on the Wednesday immediately following the meeting of the Steering Committee.

- (2) The Urban Redevelopment Commission has a moral obligation to assist in the relocation of businesses from the project area, including many which desire to locate outside of the immediate project area. In this regard, the Commission has appeared before other Boards to support claims of hardship and to explain the special problems of relocatees. The Commission has also appeared, by request, in connection with downzoning proposals which directly related to the responsibility placed on it by THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES, to recentralize the major commercial activities of the City within the City.

MR. KEGGI said since the Urban Redevelopment Commission does not carry out its assigned mission on a remote island, or in a vacuum, there is no question that it is not only proper, but absolutely imperative, that it maintain a close contact with all other City Boards and departments.

- (3) The Urban Redevelopment Commission did attempt to work within the general policy set forth by the Board of Representatives in 1958, which urged against additional public housing. Furthermore, the Urban Redevelopment Commission has had to operate within the policy objectives of the renewal plan, AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES, which call for obtaining the highest and best possible use of property within the Project.

MR. KEGGI said that since the original plan was first formulated, at which time, according to the best data then available, no need for additional public housing for relocation purposes could be projected, a number of important factors have changed. He said the Commission has responded to the changes and has adjusted its plans accordingly.

MR. KEGGI said there is no evidence of any "failure" in the relocation of families, and by law, all persons displaced by renewal MUST be relocated in decent housing, and THEY WILL ALL BE SO RELOCATED and there is no shadow of doubt about it.

- (4) The only courtesy extended to LORD AND TAYLOR was the same that was offered to all businesses, both local "natives" and out-of-town "foreigners" alike, by acquainting all interested parties with the possibilities available within the framework of the plan - AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES.



MR. KEGGI said that Lord and Taylor was told of the readiness of the Commission and of the sponsor to work with them in developing location plans that would fit within the basic land use plan and also be compatible with obtaining the highest and best use of land within a coordinated development. He said meetings along these lines have been held with interested existing businesses and the willingness of the sponsor to consider waiving their right of first refusal on a site sought by Lord and Taylor, so that they might deal directly and without further delay, with the City, was a sacrifice on the part of the sponsors, in recognition of the desirability of having Lord and Taylor in downtown Stamford.

- (5) Clairvoyance is a gift no mortal Commissioner has ever claimed to possess. Therefore, project timetables are, at best, based on the imperfect information available at any given time and always subject to correction and adjustment as new developments unfold.

MR. KEGGI said "Seven Years to Success" was the best estimate four years ago, and seven years from start to finish is STILL the best estimate of the time required for the project. He said even though the Board of Representatives approved the Project in 1963, it is a matter of public record that a number of rear guard action by opponents of urban renewal effectively delayed the start of acquisitions and relocation to early in 1965. He said if one examines the record of progress during the relatively short period the Project has been allowed to go on its way, there is no apparent "failure" anywhere. He said if slight modifications in plans have occurred from time to time, all of these changes have been in the interest of a fairer renewal and a better Stamford, by avoiding the "Federal Bulldozer" approach to scheduling and minimizing the amount of dislocation and inconvenience to the residents and businesses of the area.

He reiterated that delays can develop due to the complex nature of such a project and the Commission can reasonably be expected to complete the Project on schedule, if allowed to proceed with a minimum of harassment.

- (6) The role of the Urban Redevelopment Commission in Stamford's future, is whatever role Stamford wants it to play.

MR. KEGGI said the Planning Board and the Board of Representatives may direct the Commission to conduct studies and formulate further plans, which, after a full process of hearings, discussions, budget appropriations and the usual legal actions, will become another Project. On the other hand, he said, should the people of Stamford and their elected officials decide that no further renewal is needed, then there will be no further role for the Urban Redevelopment Commission to play.

- (7) In all matters the Urban Redevelopment Commission has attempted to keep the public and the Board of Representatives fully and completely informed, by means of radio broadcasts, news releases and appearances before interested groups.

MR. KEGGI said his Committee has always endeavored to keep well informed by asking for detailed reports of renewal progress and by detailed discussions of individual aspects of the Project. He said his Committee has reported to this Board extensively in spite of the usual lateness of the hour when it appears on the Board's agenda.

He stressed the fact that a WRITTEN REPORT has ALWAYS been submitted to the Board's Secretary prior to each meeting and copies have been made available to both the radio and the press. He said it has been their sad experience, however, that clamor for investigating EVERYTHING and EVERYONE is always front-page news, while

quiet and systematic progress reports are not considered newsworthy as a general rule.

MR. KEGGI said his Committee is confident, however, that the public is enlightened enough and the Board of Representatives well enough informed, to be able to recognize the proposed resolution for what it is.

MR. KEGGI MOVED for acceptance of his Committee report. Seconded by Mr. Bromley and several others.

MR. RYBNICK said he would like to ask a question. Permission was given. He asked why people who have been moved out of buildings acquired by the URC have been moved back into these buildings after they were once vacated.

MR. KEGGI answered that the matter of relocating people from disgraceful fire-traps and places with no heat or decent facilities, into buildings that are in much better shape, he believes he reported on this at the last Board meeting. He said this is a humane attempt to be a good landlord and by law, they must relocate each and every one and they do not possess a magic "hole in the ground" into which they can make people disappear. He said these people will all eventually be re-located into safe, decent and sanitary housing and there is no reason why people should have to stay in very uncomfortable places where there are some that are in much better shape to which they could temporarily be placed.

MR. RYBNICK said that once these buildings are vacated, they should be demolished. He said just because Board members are asking these questions is not necessarily because they are opposed to urban renewal .... they are merely trying to get it started in the manner in which it was first intended back in 1957. He said we, on this Board have been trying to see that urban renewal gets its feet off the ground, and yet, still to this day, in spite of all the money that has been spent and acquired from the Federal government, the URC should have seen to it many years ago that some areas were provided in which to move these displaced people before going ahead and demolishing buildings wholesale, and, at least a unit to hold some of these people.

MR. CONNORS said he agrees with Mr. Rybnick. He said he was a member of the Urban Renewal Committee when it was first formed a number of years ago and at that time he was told by the Urban Redevelopment Commission that was the least of their problems. He said his argument at that time was "what are you going to do with the human element?" They said they would take care of that in good time and after all these years, it is not getting any better, but, in fact, is getting worse. He said last week it was publicized over the radio and in the press that a man came down from Hartford and said they were behind about 1,000 housing units. He said it is ridiculous that in seven years they could not have at least put up ONE GOOD UNIT. He said it does not make sense that now, all of a sudden, it is catching up with us. He said before long we will have signs up at all entrances to Stamford "COME TO STAMFORD, WE HAVE PLENTY OF PARKING" because it seems that all we do is tear down all the buildings and replace them with parking lots. He said another promise that was made is that when a building is torn down, they will pay the taxes on it, but once the building is gone, just how much taxes are you going to get out of unimproved property and do they still pay at the same tax rate that was listed before the building was torn down?

MR. KEGGI said it is correct that there is not very much tax money derived from an empty lot, but he would also like to ask a question and that is, how can a building be made to disappear one day and a gleaming skyscraper appear in its stead on the following day. He said there are a great many problems that have to be ironed out first, which makes it a ponderous and slow moving thing.

The question and answer period continued for some time.

MR. KUCZO said either the Urban Redevelopment Commission is guilty of deceit or irresponsible planning. He said he and Mr. Connors have asked that this Board investigate the Urban Redevelopment Commission because of this and now they find that it has been placed in the hands of the Urban Renewal Committee of this Board. He said that is not what they asked for and that they can do themselves, but what they are requesting is an unbiased investigation and not a "messenger boy" type of investigation.

MR. KEGGI asked that Mr. Kuczo's "messenger boy" remarks be stricken from the record.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Kuczo to refrain from making personal remarks.

MR. KUCZO read the resolution that he and Mr. Connors had submitted to the Board and on which Mr. Keggi has just finished making his Committee report. He said he is not satisfied that this was referred to a "biased" committee, but rather should have been referred to an investigatory committee to investigate in an unbiased manner. He said he was not asking for the "propaganda" that has just been submitted but rather a complete and unbiased investigation by an unbiased special investigating committee.

THE PRESIDENT reminded Mr. Kuczo that he is always requesting an "investigating committee" and is always by-passing the standing committees of this Board who are quite capable of looking into what has been referred to them and bringing in a complete report. He said the Board has enough committees now to undertake the Board's business and feels they should first be given the opportunity to investigate a matter and bring in a report. He said Mr. Kuczo's requests usually are based on by-passing these regular Committees. He said if a Committee does not bring in a complete report, it is then time to ask for further steps to be taken. He reminded Mr. Kuczo that this Board has Rules of Order and many times remarks has made are of a very derogatory nature and should not be made in a public meeting and are of too personal a nature. He asked him to please read Section 43 of Robert's Rules of Order, as it is not in good taste to use many expressions that have been used in a very lax manner.

MR. FUSARO said he may have misinterpreted some of what was presented in Mr. Keggi's report, but he thinks he did answer the questions posed by Mr. Kuczo and Mr. Connors.

THE PRESIDENT said he would like to ask Mr. Kuczo and Mr. Connors just which of the questions they feel were not properly answered.

MR. FUSARO said the request for an "investigation" was turned over to Mr. Keggi's Committee and not to a Special Investigating Committee under the terms of Section 204.2 of the Charter. He said apparently Mr. Kuczo and Mr. Connors are not satisfied with the report just given and would like to have a Special Committee formed and therefore the Urban Renewal Committee, being a Committee of this Board, has not been by-passed, but has, in fact, submitted its report.

MR. KEGGI said this matter was referred to his Committee by the Steering Committee and his Committee did not go out of their way to seek this referral, but merely to do as good a job as was possible with what was assigned to them. He said they have reported to the best of their ability and if Mr. Kuczo and Mr. Connors do not like the report, it is a difference of opinion to which they have a right.

He said since this matter has been brought before the Board promptly and expeditiously he would like at this time to MOVE THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.



THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on the motion, previously made by Mr. Keggi and seconded by Mr. Bromley, to approve the Committee's report. CARRIED, with two "no" votes.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING "HOUSE COMMITTEE" (Special Committee)

In the absence of the Chairman of the above Committee, MR. KAPLAN said he would like to call attention to the extreme heat in this meeting room which is supposed to be air-conditioned.

THE PRESIDENT said the air conditioning was turned off during the day and not turned on early enough before the Board meeting to cool the room sufficiently.

He called attention to the fact that permission has been given to the Republican and Democratic Town Committees to use this meeting room, but of course, under strict controls, which they understand is a privilege which they are requested to respect and is only being granted to these two elected groups.

MR. CHIRIMBES asked how we are to avoid conflict in the use of the Board's meeting rooms, as there are many times when they must hold meetings on very short notice and would not like to find that another group has pre-empted their meeting rooms.

THE PRESIDENT said as far as the Republicans are concerned, they meet on the first Tuesday of each month - the day after our own Board meeting. He said they also know that this Board always has first choice of the use of the room.

MR. CHIRIMBES said he was not referring to the Board meeting, but to various hearings that the Committees have to hold.

THE PRESIDENT said as long as they have a set meeting date, he does not think we should have a problem in working around that.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMITTEE (Special Committee)

MR. BROMLEY, Chairman, reported that his Committee met August 8th at 8:30 P.M. in the Democratic Caucus Room, with all members present. At that meeting, he said, they drafted a letter which subsequently was sent around to all City department heads and agencies which receive City funds, which letter, in effect, asked for the City departments to comment on how they enforce the conflict of interest provision in the Charter (Section 708) and what steps they presently take to make sure that persons or corporations with whom they deal do not present a conflict of interest problem. He said this letter was sent out September 1st and we are awaiting replies and after these are received, the Committee will then have a direction in which to go. He said they are making progress and will bring back a report within the stipulated time.

PETITION NO. 316 - Request (dated 7/27/66) from CHAMBER OF COMMERCE requesting permission to ERECT CHRISTMAS LIGHTING POLES DURING STAMFORD-DENMARK FRIENDSHIP WEEK (October 2nd thru 8th) and to also be used during the Christmas Season

In the absence of the Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee, MR. KELLY presented the above request and MOVED that permission be given, with proper insurance and safeguards to be provided, with the Police Department and Fire Department to be notified as usual. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.



NEW BUSINESS:Concerning appointment of Special Seven-member Committee, to be known as "PUBLIC HOUSING AND GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE"

THE PRESIDENT announced the formation of a new Special Committee. He said this became necessary because of the many calls as to the Board's responsibility and position on the so-called "Scattered Site" housing problem. He said there has been a special Housing Committee in the past on this Board and for the reason that all housing is not related to the URC, this was felt to be needed. He announced the following Committee:

Jonathan M. Bennett (R) Chairman  
Thomas A. Morris (R)  
John C. Fusaro (D)  
William E. Buchanan (R)  
Peter P. Chirimbas (R)  
Carmine V. Longo (D)  
\*George V. Connors (D)

\*(This name was presented later - See item #15 under Steering Committee Report)

Concerning Cutting down of Ragweed and Goldenrod

MR. NATHANSON requested for the benefit of Hay Fever sufferers, that the Public Works Department be requested to cut down these weeds and also to request those who have property that have goldenrod and ragweed in it, also do their part in keeping these fields cut down in the same way that they would in the winter time clear their sidewalks of snow, as it does present a hazard to a great many people who suffer from hay fever.

Communications on various matters

Several communications were introduced by various members at this time and REFERRED TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE for proper referral to Committee.

Concerning Picture of former President of 8th Board, Alan Ketcham

MR. RYBNICK said he wished to note that the picture of the President of the previous Board now adorns the meeting room. He thanked the President for taking care of this so promptly.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

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APPROVED:

George E. Russell  
George E. Russell, President  
9th Board of Representatives

Velma Farrell  
Velma Farrell  
Administrative Assistant  
(Recording Secretary)

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

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