

MEETING OF THE 9th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Minutes of May 1, 1967

Stamford, Connecticut

A regular monthly meeting of the 9th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, May 1, 1967 in the Board's Meeting Room, Municipal Office Building (2nd floor) 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, George E. Russell, at 8.30 PM

INVOCATION was given by Rev. George Poulos, Church of the Archangels.

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

ROLL CALL was taken by the Temporary Clerk, Mrs. Frances C. Lilliendahl. There were 34 present and 6 absent at the calling of the roll. However, several members arrived later in the meeting, one member resigned and was replaced, changing the roll call to 36 present and 4 absent.

The absent Members were: William G. Hearing (R) 7th District (Resigned)\*  
William D. Murphy (D) 6th District  
Patsy Arruzza (D) 9th District  
H. Alton LeBeau, Jr. (R) 13th District  
Hilda S. Clarke (R) 17th District

RESIGNATION AND REPLACEMENT FOR VACANCY:

\* Resignation of WILLIAM G. HEARING (R) 7th District Representative

THE PRESIDENT read Mr. Hearing's letter of resignation at this time.

MR. KARL offered the name of URWIN H. KRAUT (R) 19 Tremont Avenue, in nomination to fill the vacancy created in the 7th District, to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Hearing.

There being no other nominations, the PRESIDENT declared the nominations closed and Mr. Kraut elected to fill the vacancy, and requested Mr. Kraut to come forward and be administered the oath of office, which was administered by the President at this time, after which he assumed his seat as a member of the Board of Representatives from the 7th District.

THE PRESIDENT announced that this Board's Administrative Assistant, Velma Farrell was in a serious automobile accident yesterday on the way to the airport to be back in time for this meeting. He said that a car failed to stop at a stop sign and hit the limousine in which she was riding broad side; rolled it over twice and she was the only passenger who was seriously injured and was having a serious broken hip operation this morning and will unfortunately be laid up for quite a while. He said for those who are interested, he has the name and address of the hospital in Clearwater, Florida, where she is and he is sure the Sunshine Club of the Board will make a sure effort to send her a nice bouquet of flowers while she's there. He expressed his regret at the unfortunate accident and explained that Ann DeNaples is going to substitute for Mrs. Farrell while she is away from the office.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of April 3, 1967

The Minutes of the above meeting were accepted with the following correction:

Page 5039, half way down, where it say: "MR. RICH said this is the first step in a process." and then there is a parenthetical statement "(if the Committee recommends)". The Historic Study Committee has no approval power. It will merely RECOMMEND to this Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT  
Meeting held Monday, April 17, 1967

A meeting of the Steering Committee of the Board of Representatives was held on Monday, April 17, 1967, 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 7.15 P. M. All members were present, with the exception of the following: Hilda Clarke, Dominick Mosca, Benjamin Nathanson, Lynn Farman. Some of the members were unable to be present because of the early hour the meeting was called.

Also present were: Robert Bromley, Jonathan Bennett, ex-officio members, and Louis Casale.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

- (1) Appointment for FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD - PAUL PLOTKIN (D) for term ending Dec. 1, 1971. not acted upon at the April 3, 1967 meeting was

ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA under APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- (2) Additional Appropriations. on Agenda for Board of Finance Meeting to be held Thursday, April 20th, were

REFERRED TO THE FISCAL COMMITTEE - Items in excess of \$2,000 except pensions, were referred to a secondary committee.

- (3) Mayor's letter (dated 4/10/67) requesting approval of a LEASE between the CITY OF STAMFORD and the HALLOWEEN YACHT CLUB, covering a 20 year period, commencing January 1, 1967, at an annual rental of \$2,000.00 was

REFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Not on Agenda  
(On Agenda for next Meeting of Board of Finance on 4/20/67)

- (4) Corporation Counsel's opinion (dated 4/17/67) concerning legality of a proposed Ordinance, submitted by Stephen Kelly, 4th District Representative, Re: Exchange of property between City Departments, Board or Agencies

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE for information

- (5) Concerning proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 110 Supplemental, by eliminating all reference to salary for Executive Secretary - (Brought up under "Old Business" at the April 3, 1967 Board Meeting by Robert Bromley, 20th District Representative and referred to Steering Committee at that time)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (6) Letter (dated 4/10/67) from Paul Kuczo, 8th District Representative, regarding INCREASE OF CRIME IN CITY, outlining 4 suggestions how to solve the problem and asking the Board to "take immediate steps to initiate these requests."

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (7) Petition from RESIDENTS OF DORA STREET AND SEASIDE AVENUE AREA, requesting installation of STORM DRAINS to eliminate flooding of cellars - Also letter (dated 4/12/67) from Paul Kuczo, 8th District Representative on same matter

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Not on Agenda

- (8) Letter from Walter E. Berges, President of S.A.S.C.A. (dated 3/20/67) urging the formation of a CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE (Commission?) Also general police protection problems.

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Not on Agenda

- (9) Copy of letter (dated 3/24/67) to the Mayor from Helmut R. Heilner, 136 Big Oak Road, concerning FEASIBILITY STUDY BY PLANNING BOARD FOR AN ICE RINK IN STAMFORD

REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE for information - Not on Agenda

- (10) Carbon copy of letter to Mayor (dated 4/3/67) from Robert M. Talcott, Vice-President of Northern Little League, CONCERNING NEED FOR MORE PARK, RECREATION AREA IN NORTH STAMFORD and use of the SCOTFELDTOWN DUMP AREA to help solve this problem

Noted and filed with copy sent to PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

- (11) Letter (dated 4/3/67) from Ross Gelb, 34 Estwich Place, Springdale, concerning correct way to recite the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - (Addressed to the Steering Committee)

Above letter noted and filed.

- (12) Monthly report of Department of Public Welfare for January 1967

Noted and filed, with copy sent to EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

- (13) Letter (dated 4/13/67) from Mrs. David F. Babson, Jr.) concerning use by the Park Department of DDT in spraying city ponds and low areas and subsequent danger to wild life and citizens of such use

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REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Not on Agenda

- (14) Letter (dated 4/10/67) to President of Board, George Russell, from Lynn Farman, 18th District Representative, concerning bad road conditions on WOODBROOK DRIVE from Ward Lane to Eden Road

REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - Not on Agenda

- (15) Letter (dated 4/13/67) from Clement L. Raiteri, Jr., President of Stamford Democratic Association, Inc., enclosing a proposed resolution supporting Public Law 89-754, entitled "Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966", and a "Fact Sheet" compiled by his organization, also a booklet from the U.S. Department of HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, explaining the program in detail; also enclosed is a proposed resolution "Concerning MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS IN DEMONSTRATION CITIES"

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE for study - Not on Agenda

- (16) Letter from Thomas Morris, Majority Leader and 15th District Representative, (submitted 4/17/67) concerning Investigation of Zoning Board of Appeals

The above letter was read and it was decided that it should be brought up under "New Business" - Not ordered on the Agenda

There being no further business to come before the Committee, upon motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 8.45 P.M.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. NATHANSON, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said a meeting of his Committee was held tonight at 7.30 P.M. and the appointment of Mr. Paul Plotkin to the Flood & Erosion Control Board was acted upon.

The Tellers distributed the ballots to the Board Members. The vote is recorded below:

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD

Term Ending

PAUL PLOTKIN (D)

34 Big Oak Lane

(Replacing Nicholas Loglisci, whose term expired) (Held in Committee 4/3/67)

Dec. 1, 1971  
(5 yr. term)

VOTE: 31 yes  
5 no

Concerning Appointment of Special Committee to be known as "ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE"



MR. MORRIS MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES on the above matter. He said the reason for bringing it up now is because some of the Members have to leave early and as everyone knows, it requires a two-thirds vote to carry. Mr. Morris motion was seconded and CARRIED.

MR. MORRIS introduced the following resolution, authorizing the creation of the above special committee, and MOVED for approval. Seconded and CARRIED by unanimous vote:

\* RESOLUTION NO. 525

WHEREAS, certain charges have been made regarding the conduct of the Stamford Zoning Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, the resignation of certain officers of that Board has been demanded; and

WHEREAS, numerous civic groups, neighborhood associations, citizens and voters have strongly urged that an investigation of such charges be made; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals have themselves publicly requested such investigation; and

WHEREAS, in the light of such charges, it is now mandatory that a full investigation be made in order to protect the innocent, and prove or disprove, such charges and to restore public confidence in the Zoning Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Section 204.2 of the Charter of the City of Stamford empowers the Board of Representatives to "investigate any officer, department or agency....." by a special committee of the Board of Representatives; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that a Committee be appointed in accordance with Section 204.2 of the Charter of the City of Stamford to investigate specific charges of wrong doing (such as pecuniary involvement, or conflict of interest) submitted formally in writing to the Committee against the Zoning Board of Appeals, its procedures and practices and to report to the Board of Representatives its findings with any recommendations by September 1967, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such Committee shall be appointed by the President of the Board of Representatives, with the advice and consent of the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader, and shall consist of six members.

\* NOTE: Numbered out of context.

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For the record, the six member committee, as appointed by the President on May 13, 1967, is recorded below:

Thomas A. Morris (R) Chairman

J. Robert Bromley (R)  
Charles J. Heinzer III (R)  
John C. Fusaro (D)  
Charles R. Mitchell (D)  
William D. Murphy (D)

(To report back to Board September 1967)

THE PRESIDENT said the Board will now return to the regular order of business - the report of the Fiscal Committee:

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. HEMINGWAY, Chairman, said this is the first time he has given the Fiscal Committee report after ten o'clock at night during his term on this Board.

(1) \$700.00 - MAYOR'S OFFICE - Code 108.2101. Conventions, Dues & Conferences  
(Mayor's letter of 4/6/67)

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

MR. KUCZO said he would like to ask a question - just what, specifically, is this appropriation for?

MR. HEMINGWAY said it is to permit the Mayor of Stamford to attend the U. S. Mayors' Conference in Honolulu.

MR. KUCZO asked what is to be gained by that?

MR. HEMINGWAY explained the question is an intangible one and you cannot put a dollars and cents figure on a thing like this. He said whoever the Mayor of Stamford may be, will have much to gain by meeting with other Mayors who have problems similar to those encountered in this City and they can get together and compare experiences in solving these problems.

MR. KUCZO MOVED that the sum of \$700 be reduced to \$1.00 for gasoline for the Mayor so that he might take a trip around the City of Stamford to find out what's going on in town.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Kuczo that his remarks are OUT OF ORDER.

MR. KUCZO said he has made a motion to reduce the appropriation.

THE PRESIDENT SAID, hearing no seconder, the vote will be taken on the motion as presented by Mr. Hemingway. CARRIED, with one "No" vote (Mr. Kuczo).

(2) \$3,676.26 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - Code 530.1705 - Maintenance of Patrol Cars  
(Mayor's letter of 4/5/67)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Kaplan who said his Committee - the Health & Protection Committee - concurs in approval. CARRIED.

(3) \$257,382.02 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Code 606.0609. Snow Removal and Flood Emergency - (Mayor's letter of - undated)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Bitetto, who said the Public Works Committee concurred in approval.

MR. KUCZO said he and Mr. Connors submitted a letter quite a while back and never received an answer to it in regard to snow removal. He said there were many areas that were not plowed for almost a week and private property was damaged, with lawns being torn up, asphalt being thrown on lawns, etc.

MR. NATHANSON ROSE ON A POINT OF ORDER.

THE PRESIDENT asked him to state his point of order.

MR. NATHANSON said he can't see where the quality of the work done is the question before the Board. He said the question before the Board is the appropriation and not the quality of the work done.

MR. KUCZO said he wants to see the breakdown of the costs of this snow removal.

MR. HEMINGWAY said everyone on the Board has received this breakdown - it is contained in the Mayor's letter.

After considerable debate, MR. BITETTO MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded by several.

MR. KUCZO said he is still talking - how can they move the question?

MR. CONNORS said the President had better make sure he gets a two-thirds vote this time.

MR. RUSSELL asked the Parliamentarian if it requires a two-thirds vote to move the question. He replied it does — requires 27 votes.

MR. KUCZO wanted to know how is it possible to move the question when someone is talking.

THE PRESIDENT said because he is out of order and not speaking on the motion.

VOTE taken by a show of hands. There were 27 votes in favor of MOVING THE QUESTION. CARRIED.

MR. KUCZO said he still has the floor.

THE PRESIDENT warned him to keep to the question before the Board.

MR. KUCZO MOVED TO TABLE this appropriation until next month. Seconded by Mr. Connors. LOST.

THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on the appropriation. CARRIED.

(4) \$8,826.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, covering the following: (Mayor's letter of 3/13/67) (For Bureau of Sanitation, Incinerator and Sewage Treatment Plant)

Code 620.1215 - Furnace Repairs	\$4,418.00
Code 620.1801 - Maintenance of Buildings	1,995.00
Code 620.1201 - Maintenance of Equipment	2,413.00
	<u>\$8,826.00</u>

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Bitetto, who said the Public Works Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.

- (5) \$30,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Bureau of Sanitation, Division of Garbage Collection - Code 624.0617, Fill for Lane Reclamation

(Mayor's letter of 4/11/67)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Bitetto, who said the Public Works Committee also concurs in approval. CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. RICH, Chairman, said his Committee met in the Board's Caucus Room on Tuesday, April 25th, with the following members present: Messrs. Farman, Bromley, Kaplan and Rich.

- (1) Concerning PROPOSED ORDINANCE FORBIDDING EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY BETWEEN CITY DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS OR AGENCIES, WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES (Letter, dated 3/16/67, from Stephen Kelly, 4th District Representative - Referred to L & R Committee on 3/20/67 - See Minutes of 4/3/67, page 5027, Item #21)

MR. RICH said the Committee has discussed this at some length, but has not yet arrived at a conclusion. He said they received an opinion from the Corporation Counsel, which did not fully satisfy the Committee as being responsive to the question asked, and intend to discuss it further with the Corporation Counsel.

- (2) Concerning proposal to change STAMFORD CITY SEAL - (Letter dated 2/1/67 from Stephen J. Vitka to Mayor, copy to Board, enclosing drawing of proposed new seal)

MR. RICH said the Committee finds that it is within the power of the Board of Representatives to make a change in the Stamford City seal. However, they do not feel they are equipped to determine either the wisdom of making this change in the Seal or to judge the aesthetic merits of the present proposal.

He said they therefor make the suggestion that this matter would better be considered by such civic bodies as the Stamford Historical Society and/or the Chamber of Commerce, and that these organizations make recommendations to the Board after appropriate public discussion.

- (3) Request for Inclusion in Stamford Building Code the latest edition of the B.O.C.A. Code, its amendments and changes up to 1966 (B.O.C.A. is the "Basic Building Code, Building Officials Conference of America, Inc.") (Requested in letter dated 3/7/67 from James J. Sotira, Building Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer - See Page 5 of Building Code, under 100. General 2. Conformance with Code, Paragraph (c) and Paragraph (d) last sentence on page 6) - (Held in Committee 4/3/67)



MR. RICH said the above item is being held in Committee, because the Building Inspector has not yet returned to the Committee a specific proposal as to how this change is to be adopted.

- (4) Concerning NEED FOR AMENDMENT TO BUILDING CODE ON WALLS IN MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS TO REQUIRE SOUNDPROOFING - (Original request from Stearns Woodman, Chairman of Zoning Board, letter of 4/14/66 - See Minutes of 5/2/66, page 4664, Item #14) - Proposed amendment entitled "Acoustical Isolation of Dwelling Units"

MR. RICH moved for approval of the following proposed Ordinance for publication. Seconded by Mr. Bitetto, who said the Public Works Committee concurs in approving this amendment to the Building Code, and seconded the motion. CARRIED. The proposed Ordinance follows:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE STAMFORD BUILDING CODE - NOISE CONTROL FOR MULTIPLE DWELLINGS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

The Building Code of the City of Stamford be amended as follows:

- (1) Paragraph 1, "Habitable Rooms". Section 114 ("Light and Ventilation") be amended by the addition of a sub-paragraph (f) to read as follows:

(f) AIRBORNE NOISE

- (1) Walls, partitions, and floor-ceiling constructions separating dwelling units from each other or from public halls, corridors, or stairs shall have a minimum sound transmission class (STC) rating of 45 for airborne noise. This requirement shall not apply to dwelling unit entrance doors.
- (2) STC ratings shall be obtained with tests conducted by independent laboratories accredited in this field.
- (3) Penetrations or openings in walls, partitions or floors for pipe sleeves, medicine cabinets, hampers, electrical devices, or similar items shall be packed, sealed, lined, back-plastered or otherwise isolated by sufficient mass to maintain the required STC ratings.
- (4) Where grilles, registers, or diffusers in one dwelling unit are connected by ductwork with grilles, registers, or diffusers in another dwelling unit, and where such connecting duct is less than seven (7) ft. long, it shall be lined with duct lining; otherwise, an approved sound-attenuating device shall be installed therein.

This Ordinance shall take effect the date of its enactment.

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- (5) Concerning proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 110 Supplemental, by eliminating reference to salary - (Brought up under "Old Business" at 4/3/67 meeting by Robert Bromley, 20th District Representative - See Item #5 under Steering Committee Report, Meeting of 4/17/67)

MR. RICH said the Board will recall that this item was narrowly defeated when this came before the Board about two months ago. He said the Steering Committee has again referred this matter to the Legislative & Rules Committee and once more the Committee recommends the adoption of the Ordinance for publication. He said the Ordinance merely deletes all reference to salary for the Executive Secretary of the Human Rights Commission. He said the Committee believes it is wrong to limit salaries by Ordinance in this fashion - that salaries for all non civil service positions should be determined in the Budget, as we vote on all other salaries that are not civil service.

MR. RICH MOVED for adoption of the following Ordinance for publication. Seconded by Mr. Farnen.

The debate on the proposed Ordinance continued for sometime.

Mr. Kelly asked to be excused.

THE PRESIDENT said he just wished to call attention to the fact that Mr. Kelly is going into the hospital Sunday and will have a serious operation performed on Monday. The members wished Mr. Kelly lots of luck.

Mr. Connors also asked to be excused.

THE PRESIDENT said the count is now 34 present and 6 absent.

MR. FUSARO called the President's attention to the fact that Mr. Longo just left.

THE PRESIDENT corrected the count and said it is now 33 present and 7 absent.

THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on the following proposed Ordinance. CARRIED to publish by a show of hands. The vote was 21 in favor and 5 opposed:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

CONCERNING AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 110 SUPPLEMENTAL, BY  
ELIMINATING REFERENCE TO SALARY OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Paragraph 5 (g) of Ordinance No. 110 Supplemental titled: "An Ordinance Establishing a Commission on Human Rights for the City of Stamford" be amended by the deletion of the words:

". . . . . at annual salary not to exceed \$10,000 per year. . . ."

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

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. BITETTO, Chairman, said his Committee met on April 28th at the Office of the Commissioner of Public Works. He said he will present the Committee's report at the next monthly Board Meeting.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

MR. KAPLAN, Chairman, said his Committee met on April 27th at the Police Station, with the following members present: Representatives Arruzza, Chirimbes, Kaplan, Caporizzo. He said Representative Casale was also present, along with Chief of Police Kinsella and Messrs. Pierson and Addison of the Board of Public Safety. He said the Chief reported to them on the following items:

- (a) Request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$12,386 for additional communication equipment, such as radio units and walkie-talkies, in order to assist his department to use personnel more efficiently.

The Chief said he is going to use the radio equipment to enable them to coordinate with other Police Departments in Fairfield County so that criminals who are operating between communities can be more rapidly apprehended. He felt that better use could be made of the existing personnel and will have a greater impact on crime prevention in this City if walkie-talkie equipment can be obtained.

- (b) The second problem is the combined problem of transportation and communications. He said as far as transportation is concerned, many of our police cars are in a very ancient condition, having more than 80,000 miles on them and it is only through the excellent work of Captain McDonald of the Police Garage and his staff that the cars are running at all. He said we have 29 police cars in the City.

MR. KAPLAN said his Committee requested the Police Department for specific figures as to just what the crime rate has been last year and also the preceding year; also as to the type of crimes so that we will know if there is a crime wave in the city. Also, whether the crimes are ones of violence, breaking and entry, etc., so that we will know exactly what we are talking about.

He explained, in order to clarify many complaints, and so that there will be a better understanding of the Police Department: Section 430 of the Charter vests sole control for police administration in the Chief of Police. The Board of Public Safety is responsible for submitting appropriation budgets, making appointments, which he assumes also apply to promotions, and also for conducting disciplinary trials of policemen and firemen.

Concerning suggestions for the creation of a CRIME COMMISSION and a TRAFFIC COMMISSION

MR. KAPLAN said his Committee does not recommend these proposals, the reason, of course being that first, it is illegal. He said the Charter gives this power directly to the Chief of Police. Also, the Committee feels that the creation of another unnecessary agency would only hinder police administration by creating another body and encumber the swift, disciplinary action of the Police Department.

He stressed that the most important thing is to make sure the existing agencies work as efficiently as possible and that the Committee does not feel the creation of another "super" Commission or "super" review board would be in the best interests of the City.

Use of DDT and danger caused by poisoning of wild life thereby

MR. KAPLAN said this will be discussed at greater length and detail after the Committee has completed its research on the problems involved.

Concerning complaint about Pollution of Rippowam River

MR. KAPLAN said this was brought up by the Pulaski Democratic Club, but because of so much rain, the River is flowing swiftly and the pollution is not so apparent at this time of year, so this is being held in Committee for the present.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

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

\* RESOLUTION NO. 524

\* NOTE: Number taken out of  
context - No. 525  
appears first.

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CONCERNING THE INITIATION OF DIRECTION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF  
THE UNACCEPTED PORTION OF BARNCROFT ROAD PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 64  
OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD

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

That in the opinion of the Board of Representatives, public health, safety, welfare, convenience and necessity require the construction and improvement of the unaccepted portion of the highway known as BARNCROFT ROAD, from the end of the accepted portion westerly to the intersection of Overhill Road, to conform with the specifications set forth in Section 29-50 of the Stamford City Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives, with the prior approval of the Mayor, intends to direct the improvement of said highway and



incidental installations necessary for conformance with the above mentioned specifications in accordance with Section 640 of the Charter of the City of Stamford; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and is hereby requested to direct the Department of Public Works to do the preliminary survey and engineering and to prepare plans and specifications and an estimate of the total cost of the project, and to submit a report thereon to the Commissioner of Finance, who shall make estimates of the value of any land to be taken and of the benefits and damages to be assessed against, or in favor of each affected parcel of land; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be and is hereby requested to submit a report thereon to the Board of Representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total cost of the improvements be borne by the City of Stamford as a Capital project, excepting to the extent that any adjoining property shall be benefited, in which event the owner of said property shall be assessed in accordance with Section 646 through 649 of the Stamford City Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all necessary steps be taken toward the accomplishment of the above mentioned improvements in accordance with Chapter 64 of the Charter of the City of Stamford.

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

CONCERNING TWO PETITIONS

MR. LINDSTROM MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to bring two petitions before the Board. Seconded and CARRIED.

\*PETITION NO. 320 Request from St. Theodore's Society, 107 West Avenue for illumination of grounds and procession with music on West Avenue during Feast of St. Theodore on August 24-25-26 and 27.

MR. LINDSTROM MOVED for approval of the above petition. Seconded and CARRIED.

\*PETITION NO. 321 Request for a MEMORIAL DAY parade, from the SPECIAL EVENTS COMMISSION

MR. LINDSTROM MOVED for approval of the above petition. Seconded and CARRIED.

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: (A special committee)

MR. FARMEN, Chairman, said he has a very short report, just for public notice.

Concerning resignation of GEORGE McCULLOCH, Co-ordinator of Urban Renewal

MR. FARMEN said his Committee at its meeting on April 20th rendered regret that Mr. McCulloch will resign his position, effective June 1st. He said it is most unfortunate that he must resign when the start of real construction is in sight.

He said much has been accomplished. The project has acquired 58% of property, 367 families, householders and roomers have been relocated, compared to the current caseload of 375. 165 businesses have been vacated or re-located, compared to the current caseload of 211.

MR. FARMEN said Mr. McCulloch has willingly worked a 60 to 70 hour work week and Stamford owes him a vote of thanks for a job well done.

PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE: (A special committee)

MR. BENNETT, Chairman, presented a short report. He said during the past month, his Committee met with the Stamford Housing Authority and the Urban Renewal Commission, as well as the Senior Citizens Group and the New Hope Corporation and are continuing their efforts to obtain additional low cost housing for the City of Stamford. He read a letter the Committee sent to the URC at this time.

Request for expansion of the Urban Renewal boundaries at the Grove Street site.

MR. BENNETT MOVED for approval of the Committee's action that this request be DENIED. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. BENNETT said he wished to note, for the record, that this is a formal rejection by the Board of Representatives of any expansion of the Grove Street site at this time. He said it should be noted that this additional housing will not solve Stamford's needs. He said that in order to take care of the additional need for housing, we have before us a request to authorize preliminary work on the expansion of the Urban Renewal boundary at River Street for Senior Citizens' housing.

Boundary Amendment to the Southeast Quadrant Urban Renewal Project for Senior Citizen Housing

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

\* RESOLUTION NO. 527

BOUNDARY AMENDMENT TO THE SOUTHEAST QUADRANT URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Urban Redevelopment Commission is authorized to proceed with preparation of application to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development for a boundary amendment to the Southeast Quadrant Urban Renewal Project to provide a site approximate-

ly 66,000 square feet on River Street for disposition to the Stamford Housing Authority for Senior Citizen Housing, said application, upon completion, to be submitted to the Board of Representatives for approval, prior to submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

\* NOTE: Numbered out of context

MR. RUSSELL (PRESIDENT) noted that several members have left the meeting. He announced that we are now down to 30 present.

COVE POND DAM SPECIAL COMMITTEE: (Special Committee appointed 1/13/67)

MR. KUCZO, Chairman, presented a very bulky report of the findings of his special committee and said it is not possible to read such a long report, but a copy will be filed in the office of the Board, along with all photographs and other data pertaining to the report. He presented photographs showing the various sites of pollution, oil slicks, etc., and also erosion of the Cove Pond Dam itself.

MR. KUCZO MOVED that the recommendations as set forth in the voluminous special committee report be complied with immediately, to the best interests of the health and protection of the taxpayers' investment in this project. He said they have spent almost \$250,000 on it and it is still not in good condition.

MR. CASALE said he noted that Mr. Kuczo said the gentleman from the State (Mr. Peletier) thought the Dam was built on solid rock, but the test borings brought out the fact that there was 28 feet of sand and silt beneath the Dam. He asked who it was who approved building a Dam on top of 28 feet of sand and silt and who accepted such a job? What City Administration was it that designed and planned this?

MR. KUCZO said it was designed under Mayor Givens and finished under the Democratic Administration headed by Mayor Walter Kennedy. He said the date is February 27, 1959.

MR. CASALE said it does not seem logical to build a Dam on top of 28 feet of sand and rubble.

The question was brought up regarding giving the Committee subpoena powers.

THE PRESIDENT said this was a Fact-Finding Committee and does not include subpoena powers.

MR. NATHANSON said he questions the motion, as the Board of Representatives has never been able to tell any City Department how their department should be administered and fails to see how we can adopt the recommendations of the Committee as they have no binding power. He said if a particular department does not see fit to do this work, this Board cannot force them to do it.

THE PRESIDENT reminded Mr. Kuczo that the Board can only recommend and that is all.

MR. KUCZO said it is a recommendation.

Several of the members felt that they would like to take time to read over the voluminous report before recommending any action at all.

THE PRESIDENT said he feels this should be postponed and considered next month for the reason that this is such a lengthy report. It was MOVED, seconded and CARRIED that this be done.

MR. BENNETT asked if the Committee would have to be dismissed formally.

THE PRESIDENT said "yes" and it can be done next month when they adopt the report.

PETITIONS:

(Presented earlier under Report of PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE)

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution, having been brought in by Mr. Connors, 8th District Representative, who asked that it be spread upon the record of the proceedings of this Board, was ordered entered in the Minutes by MOTION, duly seconded and CARRIED:

\* RESOLUTION NO. 526

CONGRATULATING FIRE CHIEF THOMAS F. RICHARDSON - RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Thomas F. Richardson, Chief of the Stamford Fire Department since 1954, has recently retired after more than forty-three years of service in the Stamford Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Chief Richardson, or "Toggy" as he is known to his many friends, was honored at a testimonial dinner on Saturday, April 15, 1967; and

WHEREAS, he not only excelled in his service with the Fire Department, but is remembered by sportsmen of the area as an accomplished athlete, having played semi-pro baseball and football; and

WHEREAS, he will be missed by all of his friends and associates in the Fire Service, he will also be remembered for his leadership, personality, good humor and understanding, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the General Assembly unite in paying tribute to Chief Thomas F. Richardson on his



retirement after forty-three years of service with the Stamford Fire Department, and we wish him well in his retirement years, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the House and Senate be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to Chief Thomas F. Richardson as permanent evidence of the high esteem in which he is held.

\*NOTE: Appears out of context.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on MOTION, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 12.05 A.M.

*Velma Farrell*

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Administrative Assistant

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APPROVED:

*George E. Russell*

George E. Russell, President  
9th Board of Representatives

NOTE: The above meeting was  
broadcast over Radio  
Station WSTC until 11 PM.

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