

MEETING OF THE 9TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVESMinutes of June 5, 1967Stamford, Connecticut

A regular monthly meeting of the 9th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, June 5, 1967 in the meeting room of the Board, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

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

INVOCATION was given by Rev. Raymond Shoup, First Congregational Church.

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, Frances C. Lilliendahl. There were 34 members present and 6 absent.

The absent members were:

Edward Dombroski (D), 3rd District
Stephen Kelly (D), 4th District
George Connors (D), 8th District
Patsy Arruzza (D), 9th District
William Caporizzo (R), 15th District
Hilda Clarke (R), 17th District

THE PRESIDENT said that while we are checking the attendance record, he would like to call attention to Steve Kelly, member from the 4th District, who is recuperating at home after a serious operation. He said we miss him tonight because he has been very faithful in attendance for a good many years and has a very high attendance record.

MR. RYBNICK said Steve has asked him to convey his thanks to the Board for the flowers recently sent to him.

PAGE BOY: MARK HOPSON of Stamford High School.

THE PRESIDENT called attention to the Page Boy for tonight - Mark Hopson of Stamford High School.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Meeting of May 1, 1967
Meeting of May 8, 1967

THE PRESIDENT said we are behind in the Minutes, due to Mrs. Farrell's accident, as she is still recuperating in the hospital. He said he is now proofreading and hopes to have the minutes in official and proper form soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT
Meeting held Monday, May 22, 1967

A meeting of the Steering Committee of the Board of Representatives was held on Monday, May 22, 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 8:15 P.M. All members were present, with the exception of the following: Hilda Clarke, Edwin Lindstrom, Howard Kaplan, Robert Dursio and the ex-officio members - Jonathan Bennett, J. Robert Bromley and Paul Kuczo.

- (1) Additional appropriations (6) approved by the Board of Finance at their meeting of May 11, 1967, were ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA under FISCAL COMMITTEE - Items in excess of \$2,000 except pensions, were referred to a secondary committee.
- (2) Proposed Ordinance (for final adoption) concerning AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 110 SUPPLEMENTAL, by eliminating reference to salary
(Brought up under "Old Business" at the 4/3/67 meeting by Robert Bromley, 20th District Representative - See item #5 under Report of Steering Committee, meeting of 4/17/67 -- Approved for publication at the May 1, 1967 Board meeting, published May 5, 1967, for final adoption June 5, 1967)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (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 of 3/7/67 from James J. Sotire, 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 and 5/1/67)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (4) Request for WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE in connection with St. Francis' Church to construct a new parish house, under provisions of Ordinance No. 80.7 Supplemental (Their letter of 5/15/67)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (5) Proposed amendment to RULES OF ORDER, Paragraph 9 of the Section entitled "Committees" for the current third sentence, to be substituted the following sentence: "ALL PUBLICITY RELEASES shall be made by the Chairman, with the approval of a majority of the Committee" -- (Letter dated 5/1/67 from John T. D. Rich, 18th District Representative)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (6) Proposed Resolution supporting Public Law 89-754, entitled "Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966" and proposed resolution "Concerning MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS IN NEIGHBORHOOD CITIES" -- (Letter dated 4/13/67 from Clement L. Raiteri, Jr., President, Stamford Democratic Association, Inc.)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and the URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

Steering Committee Report (continued):

- (7) Concerning Proposed Authorization of An Easement from the City of Stamford to FRIENDSHIP HOUSE, INCORPORATED, for the Purpose of Providing a Storm Drain to Friendship House, presently under construction -
(Mayor's request of 5/22/67 with enclosures and map)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and the PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE -- ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (8) Concerning Proposed Ordinance providing for payments for damages incurred by citizens assisting a peace officer or officers apprehending a criminal or criminals, or to preserve the public peace, or to prevent public disturbance -
(Brought in by William Murphy, 6th District Representative)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (9) Concerning PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUILDING CODE ON WALLS IN MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS TO REQUIRE SOUNDPROOFING - (Original request from Stearns Woodman, Chairman of Zoning Board, in letter dated 4/14/67 - See Minutes of 5/2/66, page 4664, item #14) - Proposed amendment entitled "Acoustical Isolation of Dwelling Units." (Approved for publication 5/1/67 Board meeting; published 5/5/67)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (10) Resolution approving report of Commissioner of Finance CONCERNING IMPROVEMENT TO BE CARRIED OUT ON LOUGHRAN AVENUE - (Letter dated 5/17/67 from Gibbs Lyons, Commissioner of Finance) (See Chapter 64 of Charter)

- (11) PARKING AUTHORITY REPORT - Accumulative Statement of Cash Received and Expenditures Incurred during period of July 1, 1966 through Dec. 31, 1966 -
Note: Report ordered filed, with copy to Fiscal Committee -
Not on Agenda

- (12) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE - Monthly Report for February and March 1967
(Ordered noted and filed, with copy to the Education, Welfare & Government Committee - Not on agenda)

- (13) Letter (dated 4/19/67) from Latham Wilder, Chairman, Citizens for Improvement of South End - Requesting enforcement of Rent Receivorship Ordinance in the South End where undesirable situation exists

Noted and filed, with copy sent to Building Inspector - Not on agenda

- (14) Letter (dated 4/26/67) from Howard Browning, Chairman of Committee of Citizens to save the New Canaan Branch - Re: INVESTIGATION OF STAMFORD PARKING AUTHORITY request of January 4, 1967

Above letter to be answered by Board President, George E. Russell -
Not on agenda

Steering Committee Report (continued):

- (15) Letter (dated 4/28/67) from Ralph W. Moore, President, North Glenbrook Association - INVESTIGATION OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, specific conflict of interest James Bingham, Republican Town Committee Chairman and also Chairman of Planning Board, passes judgement on applications referred to the Planning Board for the Appeals Board for special exceptions after having members of his law firm appear before the appeals Board on these applications

REFERRED TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE -
Not on agenda

- (16) Letter (dated 4/28/67) from Paul Kuczo, 8th District Representative - requesting investigation under Section 708 of the Charter of the appointment of William Selsberg, Chairman of the Golf Authority, and subsequent resignation of Frank Daley from the Stamford Golf Authority

Above letter to be referred to the Corporation Counsel for an opinion by the President, George E. Russell - Not on agenda

- (17) Letter (dated 5/1/67) from Stearns E. Woodman, Chairman, Zoning Board, City of Stamford - Proposal creating and defining a DESIGN REVIEW BOARD, to be enacted by Ordinance

REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE and LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (18) Petition from property owners on Nicholas Avenue, requesting the City of Stamford to provide necessary and adequate street lighting

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (19) Letter (dated 5/4/67) from William Watrous, 72 Charles Street, Stamford, concerning conditions in rear of neighbor's yard being a menace and threat to the health of those living in the area, being violations of City Ordinances

Copy of above letter sent to Building Inspector - Not on agenda

- (20) Letter (dated 4/10/67) and 5/3/67) from Paul Kuczo, 8th District Representative, regarding INCREASED CRIME IN CITY and outlining 7 suggestions how to solve the problem and requesting the Board to "take immediate steps to initiate these requests"

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (21) Letter (dated 5/4/67) from Howard Kaplan, 14th District Representative, concerning proposed Ordinance dealing with ETHICS IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT and the CREATION OF AN ETHICS BOARD

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (22) Letter (dated 5/8/67) from John W. Muchinsky, 3rd District Democratic City Committeeman, concerning crime, deterioration of the Old Cloonan Jr. High School; also of the South End area

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

Steering Committee Report (continued):

- (23) Letter (dated 5/10/67) from Mrs. Leta Lane, 105 Fourth Street, Stamford, requesting that Stamford invest in the Architectural Review Board

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and the PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (24) Letter (dated 5/12/67) from Paul Kuczo, Jr., 8th District Representative, requesting an investigation of the Urban Redevelopment Commission

Above letter to be answered by the President, George E. Russell -
Not on agenda - Noted and filed

- (25) Letter (dated 5/16/67) from Booth Hemingway, 19th District Representative, concerning need for a general review of certain key positions in the City & Civil Service structure, if necessary, to engage outside consultants with experience in municipal management fields.

Above letter noted and filed, with copy given to Fiscal Committee -
Not on agenda

- (26) Proposed Ordinance from William Murphy, 6th District Representative, regarding payments for damages incurred by citizens aiding in the preservation of peace or apprehension of a criminal

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (27) Letter (dated 5/20/67) from Frank Merlino, being copy of his letter to Editor of Stamford Advocate, opposing plan for extension of WASHINGTON AVENUE and proposing a new route

Noted and filed - Not on Agenda

- (28) Letter (dated 5/19/67) from Howard Kaplan, 14th District Representative, forwarding request from LAKEVIEW OWNERS ASSOCIATION for INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS on Lakeview Drive, Stonewall Drive, Cobblers Pond Road and south end of Brook Run Lane, because of hazardous road conditions - (Letter submitted by James J. Smetana, President of Lakeview Owners Association)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (29) Letter (undated) received 5/22/67, from Thomas A. Morris and William P. Caporizzo, 15th District Representatives, concerning the feasibility of a MONORAIL linking the North Stamford area with the downtown business district

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (30) Letter (dated 5/22/67) from STAMFORD AREA SENIOR CITIZENS ALLIANCE concerning Bill of Rights demanding that a new code of ethics and rights be enacted to prevent dictatorial power which has reached a point of totally disregarding SASCA

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

Steering Committee Report (continued):

- (31) Letter (dated 5/21/67) from Bruno Giordano, concerning lack of attention given to rehabilitation of the OLD CLOONAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (32) Letter (dated 5/18/67) from Board of Finance concerning TAX RATES for 1967-1968 FISCAL YEAR

Noted and filed - Not on agenda

- (33) PROPOSED ORDINANCE FORBIDDING EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY BETWEEN CITY DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS OR AGENCIES, WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - (Presented by Stephen Kelly, 4th District

Representative (letter dated 3/16/67) - Previously referred to Legislative & Rules Committee on 3/20/67 - See Minutes of 4/3/67, page 5027, item #21 - Held in Committee 5/1/67)

Still in the LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Not on Agenda

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

George E. Russell, Chairman
STEERING COMMITTEE

Concerning letter regarding EASEMENT FROM CITY OF STAMFORD TO FRIENDSHIP HOUSE, INC., protesting granting of this easement - From Vincent Caporizzo, and Robert Durso, 5th District Representatives, and Theodore Boccuzzi, 9th District Representative

MR. BOCCUZZI (9th Dist.) inquired as to the status of the above letter.

THE PRESIDENT said that was in the Legislative & Rules Committee and asked the Chairman, Mr. John Rich as to the status of this matter.

MR. RICH replied the letter is part of the record and will be considered at the time his Committee has the matter of the Easement to Friendship House before it.

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. HEMINGWAY, Chairman, presented his Committee report at this time.

- (1) \$2,100.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - Code 530.1702 - Gasoline and Oil (Mayor's letter of 5/3/67)

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

- (2) \$35.00 - BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - Code 106.1101 - Old Record Books (Mayor's letter of 4/13/67)

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

- (3) \$350.00- BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - Code 106.0102, Part-time help, Salaries
(Mayor's letter of 5/16/67)

MR. HEMINGWAY said the above request was for part-time help during Mrs. Farrell's absence. HE MOVED for approval. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (4) \$50,000.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Project #135-5, Elementary and Junior High School Remedial Reading - Supporting Services (under Public Act #523, State Aid for Disadvantaged Children)

(Submitted under terms of Resolution No. 489, approved by Board of Representatives 4/1/66, concerning STATE AND FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS) (See letter of 4/27/67 from Joseph B. Porter, Supt. of Schools)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request, saying it is completely refunded to the City under the State and Federal grants.

MR. MURPHY seconded the motion and said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee also concurs in approving this item. CARRIED.

- (5) \$300.00 - REGISTRARS OF VOTERS - Code 102.5102 - New Voters (Mayor's letter of 5/16/67)

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

- (6) \$12,386.00- POLICE DEPARTMENT - Code 530.2201 - New Equipment (Mayor's letter of 4/20/67)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. He said this is for purchase of walkie-talkies and 50 Watt Mobile Units to help in the so-called "Crime Emergency".

MR. KAPLAN seconded the motion and said his Committee - the Health and Protection Committee - concurs in approval. CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. RICH, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said the Committee met on Wednesday, May 31st at 8 P.M. in the Board's Caucus Room, with the following present: Messrs. Farnen, LeBeau, Kaplan and Rich.

- (1) Proposed Ordinance for final adoption - CONCERNING AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 110 SUPPLEMENTAL, by eliminating reference to salary - (Brought up under "Old Business" on 4/3/67 by Robert Bromley, 20th District Representative - See item #5 under Steering Committee Report, meeting of 4/17/67. Approved for publication 5/1/67; published 5/5/67)

MR. RICH presented the following Ordinance for final adoption and MOVED for approval. Seconded by Mr. Bromley.

ORDINANCE NO. 137 SUPPLEMENTAL

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

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.

MR. RICH spoke in favor of the Ordinance. He explained that no other salary in the City government is specified by Ordinance and also with the passage of time salaries do tend to become out of line.

He compared the salary that Stamford pays its Executive Secretary with those in neighborhood towns and cities, for instance:

Hartford-----	\$12,000 with provision for increase
New Haven-----	\$15,000
Meriden-----	\$ 8,000 for part-time investigator, called a "Field Representative"
Norwalk-----	\$11,500 - Being advertised at this rate of pay
White Plains--	\$13,000 ⁰
(New York)	
New Rochelle--	\$11,000

MR. BROMLEY spoke in favor of the amendment to the Ordinance, saying it puts Stamford at a disadvantage if other cities are paying more for this type of work, competition wise. He said he felt it unfair to place an arbitrary ceiling on any job, because time changes salaries and what is a fair and equitable salary at the time the Ordinance is adopted may later on prove to be very unfair when compared to salaries paid for the same type of work by other cities nearby.

MR. NATHANSON said he would like to ask where Mr. Rich obtained his comparative salary figures.

MR. RICH said they were provided by the Chairman of the Human Rights Commission.

MR. CHIRIMBES wanted to know if lifting the salary restriction places the job in a Civil Service category and open to competitive examination.

MR. RICH explained that this job is an appointive one and therefore unclassified, and not subject to Civil Service provisions.

MR. LOCKHART pointed out that the question under discussion is the ceiling limitation.

MR. FARMEN spoke in favor of the Ordinance.

MR. CHIRIMBES said he would like to know who is going to determine the salary increases when it is not under Civil Service and what rules they go by to determine what these raises will be.

MR. MITCHELL said he believes we should be guided by the needs of the City and if it happens that these jobs are placed in a special category, it is all well and good.

MR. MORRIS MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. BROMLEY called for a ROLL CALL VOTE. (Requires one-fifth of those present to request a roll call vote) The proper number having signified their willingness for a roll call vote, one was taken on the question of approving Ordinance No. 137 Supplemental, amending previous Ordinance No. 110 Supplemental. CARRIED by a vote of 22 yes and 10 no.

THE VOTE FOLLOWS:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR

BITETTO, Joseph (R)
BOCCUZZI, John (D)
BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)
BROMLEY, Robert (R)
CAPORIZZO, Vincent (D)
FARMEN, Lynn (R)
FUSARO, John (D)
GRANT, Alan (R)
HEMINGWAY, Booth (R)
KAPLAN, Howard (D)
KARL, Frederick (R)
KRAUT, Urvin (R)
LE BEAU, Alton (R)
LINDSTROM, Edwin (R)
LOCKHART, Ralph (D)
LONGO, Carmine (D)
MITCHELL, Charles (D)
MOSCA, Dominick (R)
MURPHY, William (D)
NATHANSON, Benjamin (R)
RICH, John (R)
RYBNICK, Gerald (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION

BENNETT, Jonathan (R)
BUCHANAN, William (R)
CASALE, Louis (R)
CHIRIMBES, Peter (R)
HEINZER, Charles (R)
IACOVO, Edwin (R)
KUCZO, Paul (D)
LILLIENDAHL, Frances (R)
MORRIS, Thomas (R)
ROGERS, Randolph (R)

President does not vote except to break a tie.

VF.

- (2) 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 of 3/7/67 from James J. Sotire, 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 and 5/1/67)

MR. RICH explained the above item is being held in Committee for the reason that the Corporation Counsel and the Building Inspector have not yet determined the form of procedure involved.

- (3) Request for WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE in connection with St. Francis' Church to construct a new parish house, under provisions of Ordinance No. 80.7 Supplemental - (Their letter of 5/15/67)

MR. RICH MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Bitetto and others. CARRIED.

- (4) Proposed amendment to RULES OF ORDER, Paragraph 9 under "COMMITTEES" and substituting for the third sentence therein the following: "ALL PUBLICITY RELEASES SHALL BE MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN WITH THE APPROVAL OF A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE" - (Letter dated 5/1/67 from John Rich, 18th District Representative and referred to Legislative & Rules Committee on 5/22/67)

MR. RICH said the above matter is being held in Committee for further study.

- (5) Proposed Resolution supporting Public Law 89-754, entitled "Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966"; also proposed resolution "CONCERNING MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS IN DEMONSTRATION CITIES" - (Letter dated 4/13/67 from Clement L. Halterl, Jr., President of Stamford Democratic Association, Inc.)

MR. RICH said the above proposal is being held in Committee for further study at the request of the parties proposing the resolution.

NOTE: Item #6 concerning a proposed Ordinance re Easement from City of Stamford to Friendship House, Inc. was declared erroneously on the agenda as it has not yet been considered by the Board of Finance.

VP

- (7) Proposed Ordinance concerning PAYMENTS FOR DAMAGES INCURRED BY CITIZENS ASSISTING A PEACE OFFICER OR OFFICERS APPREHENDING A CRIMINAL OR CRIMINALS OR TO PRESERVE THE PUBLIC PEACE OR TO PREVENT PUBLIC DISTURBANCE (Brought in by William Murphy, 6th District Representative at Steering Committee meeting held 5/22/67 - See item #8 under Steering Committee report)

MR. RICH said the above matter is being held in Committee, because it is of such importance that it is being referred to the Corporation Counsel and to the Board of Public Safety as well as the Health & Protection Committee.

- (8) Concerning letter (dated 3/16/67) from Stephen Kelly, 4th District Representative, presenting a PROPOSED ORDINANCE FORBIDDING EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY BETWEEN CITY DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS OR AGENCIES, WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - (Referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee, but not ordered on the agenda at the 3/20/67 Steering Committee meeting - See Minutes of 4/3/67, page 5027, item #21)

MR. RICH said that although the above matter does not appear on the agenda, it has been referred to his Committee and Mr. Rybnick has asked as to the Status of Mr. Kelly's request. He said the Committee is not ready to report, but it has been discussed several times with the Corporation Counsel and there are some serious questions as to how it might operate, particularly with relevance to existing Charter provisions.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. BITETTO presented his Committee report. He said a meeting was held on June 1st in the Board of Representatives' Caucus Room. Present were the following: Joseph Bitetto, Chairman, William Buchanan and Charles Heinzer.

- (1) Concerning PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 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" - Approved for publication at the May 1, 1967 Board meeting; published 5/5/67 - Open hearing held 5/17/67 - Final adoption expected at the 6/5/67 Board meeting)

MR. BITETTO presented the following Ordinance, being an amendment to the Building Code, and MOVED for its adoption. Seconded and CARRIED:

ORDINANCE NO. 80.12 SUPPLEMENTAL

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 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, black-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.

- (2) Concerning proposed REHABILITATION OF OLD CLOONAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL

MR. MITCHELL inquired as to the status of the above matter.

MR. BITETTO said he attended a meeting in the Mayor's office today in regard to this matter at which time Mr. Dick Broun was present. He said these people are checking over the various commitments they have made and in regard to various questions that may be brought up by City Boards as to what community offices that are to be located in this building. He said as soon as the rough draft has been circulated and some of the questions decided, the HUD people will be able to process the application.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

MR. KAPLAN, Chairman, said he would ask Mr. Chirimbes to give the first part of the Committee report.

Safety, Health & Protection Problems at Housing Authority Buildings

MR. CHIRIMBES said a meeting was held with the following present: Gerald Rybnick, and George Russell, President; representing the Housing Authority: Mr. Demms, Mr. Marouk and Rev. Hemsley. He said their discussion centered on all housing projects. He said he specifically requested for the Southfield Village Project, more mercury lights and more lights in certain areas of the project in the lower end of the parking lot and also suggested more police be assigned as only two are on duty and cannot cover the entire area. He said the suggestion was also made that an increase in pay for these special police should be considered as they are only being paid the minimum rate of \$2.00 an hour which is the rate of pay since 1960.

He said Mr. Demms said this would be up to the Chief of Police to submit a new pay rate which they would then abide by. He said the Committee has been advised that this is now under consideration.

He said they also made the suggestion that something be done about the littering and congregating at street corners and perhaps the installation of litter baskets would be a good idea and steps should be taken to educate the people to make them litter conscious. He said they found beer cans all over the area as well as discarded furniture on the lawns.

He said the Housing Authority will report back to the Health & Protection Committee within the next two weeks as to progress made on the Committee's requests.

Regarding Air Pollution and Water Pollution (rivers and streams)

MR. KAPLAN said another meeting of the Committee was held a week later and they decided to obtain a copy of the new law regarding air pollution recently passed by the Legislature. He said they are retaining in Committee the recent request of the Pulaski Democratic Club for study of the Rippovam River. He said they are also studying the use of pesticides by the Park Department as well as their use in general, which matter is being kept in Committee for future study and a possible open hearing.

Concerning a new Director of Health

MR. KAPLAN said the Committee also discussed the above matter and they have requested a progress report from the Health Commission and they would make an effort to speak to prospective candidates prior to their hiring by the City.

821 Concerning Increase in Crime

MR. KAPLAN said he has obtained figures on crime for the past 2½ years from the Police Department, which he would be glad to make available to anyone wishing to see them. He said it relates to the amount of arrests compared to the offenses reported. He said there is no doubt that there has been marked increase in burglaries, thefts and motor vehicle theft, but there has not been a marked increase in robbery or aggravated assault - the type of violence on the street. He said there is no question that crime has increased between 1965 and 1966, and as for 1967 they do have figures available for the first four months, but not for the same corresponding period of 1965 and 1966.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

Resolution approving report of Commissioner of Finance CONCERNING
IMPROVEMENT TO BE CARRIED OUT ON LOUGHRAN AVENUE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 529

APPROVING REPORT OF COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE CONCERNING
IMPROVEMENT TO BE CARRIED OUT ON LOUGHRAN AVENUE

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford:

That the report of the Commissioner of Finance to the Board of Representatives, dated May 17, 1967, regarding the improvement to be carried out on LOUGHRAN AVENUE is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of said report by the Mayor of the City of Stamford, said improvement shall be carried out in accordance with said report, after notice of such finally approved report has been given according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the report when so approved by the Mayor and when funds have been appropriated to pay for the cost of the improvement shall be recorded in the land records of the City of Stamford.

(2) Acceptance of roads as city streets:

MR. MOSCA MOVED for approval of the following street as a City street, already certified for acceptance by the City Engineer and map filed in the office of the Town and City Clerk:

WOODBROOK DRIVE - From the already accepted portion approximately 720 lineal feet, as shown on Map No. 3901.

Mr. Mosca's motion was seconded and CARRIED.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Concerning the manner in which the Park Department handles the
taking of identification photographs of those using Cove Island Beach

Several members asked Mr. Lindstrom if he could contact the Park Department to see if there isn't a better way in which to handle this taking of photographs, as many people have to travel across town to get to Scalzi Park where these photographs are being taken, only to discover that they are out to lunch. It was suggested that it would make it much easier for commuters and others who have to work, to open the facilities as early as 7:30 A.M. and to extend the time to as late as 7 or 8 P.M. at night and to perhaps try using a split shift. It was also suggested that the camera might be moved around town in the manner used by the Bookmobile, to make it easier for the residents.

MR. LINDSTROM said he would take this matter up with the Park Department.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

MR. RYBNICK, Chairman, presented the following report of the Personnel Commission at this time:

The regular monthly meeting of the Personnel Commission was held Monday, May 15, 1967 in the Personnel Director's Office, 429 Atlantic Street, at 8:00 P.M.

Present were: Leo D. Burns, Chairman
Charles E. Hoyt
Warren W. Eginton
John F. McCutcheon
Reginald P. Barker

Also present: Gerald Rybnick, Personnel Committee Chairman.

- Minutes of the last meeting were unanimously accepted as written, through motion by Commissioner Hoyt, seconded by Commissioner Eginton.

Mrs. Louise Pape, Deputy Tax Collector, with Miss Mae Shannon, appeared on behalf of Mr. John Connolly, Tax Collector, to discuss reclassification requests for Mae Shannon, Madeline Miller and Evelyn Sumner. The Commission told Mrs. Pape that they were unable to entertain these requests this evening because, to this date, Mr. Connolly had failed to submit the necessary "Request for Reclassification" forms on which is shown the breakdown of employee's duties and whatever changes might have taken place over and above their original job description. This information is pertinent to the Commission on evaluating positions for reclassification. This matter was therefore tabled in order that Mr. Connolly can prepare and submit the mentioned forms and personally appear at our next meeting for discussion.

Deferred to Executive Session, was reclassification request for Matthew Brady, Planning & Zoning Board Draftsman.

Salary increase requests, submitted by Town Clerk Louis Clapes, for Mildred Shuttleworth, Vera Wanosky and Mary O'Meara, were unanimously tabled for the Commission to further review them and also to have Mr. Clapes at our next meeting June 19th.

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With reference to the Board of Education's requests on salary increases for their Data Processing employees, Commissioner Eginton MOVED, seconded by Commissioner Burns, to first have Mr. Barker personally contact these

employees on the job in order to investigate the duties they perform and thereafter have Mr. Comeau appear before the Commission at their June meeting for discussion of same.

No action could be taken on reclassification request (pending) for Lucille Gianetti, Parking Authority, from Clerk Typist II, S-7 to Account Clerk I, S-9, as the Commission is still awaiting information they requested from the Parking Authority on Philomena DeCarlo, Account Clerk I, S-9, employed in the same office. This matter was again tabled still pending requested information.

In Executive Session, the Commission unanimously agreed to have Mr. Wachter at the June meeting to discuss the Planning Board's request for salary increase re: Matthew Brady, Draftsman.

The Commission unanimously agreed to have Dr. Joseph Porter, Supt. Schools, appear at our next meeting to discuss his request for Claudia Kunsaw's reclassification from Secretary S-9 to Executive Secretary S-10.

Regarding promotions in the Stamford Police Department, Commissioner Hoyt MOVED, seconded by Commissioner Eginton, stating that on promotions, all personnel considered for the promotion be taken from the current eligibility list at the time of the vacancy."

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: (Special Committee)

MR. NATHANSON said he has already spoken to the Chairman of this Committee, Lynn Farnen, asking him to look into what protection the City has in the way of zoning, as far as what will be located within our City. He said there is a lot of talk about department stores and on Bedford Street found themselves confronted with a department store that wanted a motorcycle shop. He said he would sure hate to see our multi-million dollar Urban Redevelopment program wind up with a lot of garages downtown.

MR. FARNEN said he would look into this.

PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE: (Special Committee)

MR. BENNETT, Chairman, presented the following resolution and MOVED for approval, Seconded by Mr. Fusaro and CARRIED:

*RESOLUTION NO. 531

CONCERNING URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION GRANTING OUR
REQUEST OF FINDING UP TO TWO ACRES OF LAND FOR THE
NEW HOPE CORPORATION WITHIN THE RENEWAL AREA

WHEREAS, the Special Housing Committee has worked long and diligently with the U.R.C. and representatives of the New Hope Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Committee presented a resolution to the full Board, urging the U.R.C. to find a site of up to two acres within the present renewal area boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the full Board passed the resolution unanimously; and

WHEREAS, this Committee Chairman learned with dismay through the local news media that the U.R.C. had met with the New Hope Corporation and selected a two acre site, adjacent to the fire house; and

WHEREAS, this Committee received no official or unofficial communication from the U.R.C. prior to this meeting; and

WHEREAS, this Committee was not invited to attend this meeting, even though by our efforts a change in the renewal plan was effected without a law suit being brought; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of this Board shall write a letter to the U.R.C., chastising it for its action and demanding an explanation of its actions and putting the U.R.C. and any other City Board or Agency unnoticed, not to pass by this Board or its Committees, on any matter passed on to it for action.

*NOTE: Resolution numbered out of context - should have been No. 530.

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COVE POND DAM SPECIAL COMMITTEE:

MR. KUCZO, Chairman, said as everyone on the Board knows, the Committee concluded its report last month and it was TABLED. He said during the month he had some correspondence which he would like to turn over to the Flood & Erosion Control Board. He said there is one communication from a Mr. Ardell, Sr. of Darien complaining about obstruction of the Noroton River by Stamford residents and also one from the League of Women Voters regarding the open hearing that is to be held next Wednesday regarding pollution in the Noroton and Rippowam Rivers, as well as Stamford Harbor.

Mr. Kuczo said other than the above to report at this time all the members of his Committee agree on a motion that these recommendations as set forth in this report be immediately complied with as it is in the best interests of the taxpayers' investment in this Project, and HE SO MOVED.

The above motion was seconded by Mr. Heinzer.

MR. NATHANSON said he could not vote in favor of the motion because he does not think there is enough information to go ahead and recommend the repairing of the Dam to any extent. He suggested other uses for Cove Pond, such as a marina, which has been suggested in the past. He proposed that in the event the motion is defeated that the Committee report be forwarded, for information purposes, to the Mayor so that he may distribute it to the Public Works Department, the Flood & Erosion Control Board and any other interested parties.

MR. LINDSTROM asked if this Board has the power to request that the Pond be drained. He also said he is not sure this is the answer.

825 MR. HEINZER said the reason the Committee wants the Pond drained is in order to effect the needed repairs. He said they also feel that the Dam should be checked regularly over the next few years and have the holes that have eroded plugged up.

He said Mr. Ferrara said he was going to do this anyhow and made that statement to the Press. He said we have spent a lot of money on this Dam and should protect our investment.

MR. BITETTO said he agrees with Mr. Nathanson.

MR. ROGERS pointed out that the special committee was supposed to be a fact-finding committee, but he felt it should have had subpoena powers which were not given it.

MR. NATHANSON called attention to the fact that the Cove Pond is shared with Darien, which is one of the reasons he felt the recommendations should not be approved, but merely forwarded so that the information obtained could be of use to the City.

MR. CASALE said he feels the committee did a superb job and are now recommending some action be taken which he thinks should be done; otherwise it will just be killing the whole thing.

MR. KUCZO MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT said the question is now on the motion as offered by Mr. Kuczo - that the recommendations set for in the special committee's report be immediately complied with.

A VOTE was taken on the motion. CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT congratulated Mr. Kuczo and his Committee on an outstanding job of gathering all the facts. He then dismissed the Committee, after a voice vote approving this be done.

MR. ROGERS said he has a resolution to offer at this time regarding a walkway along certain parts of the Rippovam River.

THE PRESIDENT said it would be referred to the Steering Committee and to send it in for their consideration and referral to a Committee.

MR. HEINZER asked to bring an emergency matter before the Board regarding quality standards for clean waterways throughout the State. He presented the following resolution and asked that it be forwarded immediately as a hearing is being held on Wednesday in New Haven:

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that the presence of privately owned and City-owned beaches within the confines of Stamford Harbor requires the maintenance of a clean water standard of S-B as a minimum, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such a standard of S-B in Stamford Harbor would make it possible and practicable a standard of S-A in the waters of Long Island Sound, from Peck Point to Long Neck Point, including Cove Pond, in conformity with adjacent Sound Waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the sense and desire of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that the above mentioned standards replace the lower standards proposed by the Connecticut State Water Resources Commission.

MR. HEINZER said this would mean that the people in Stamford could go back to clamming in Stamford's waters, because S-A would make it possible and S-B will not.

MR. HEINZER MOVED for approval of the resolution he just presented. Seconded by Mr. Kuczo.

After considerable further debate, with Mr. Heinzer's approval, it was decided to send a letter to the State Water Resources Commission, incorporating the tenor of the resolution. CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS:

Concerning Change of meeting date for July meeting

MR. RICH introduced the following resolution and MOVED its approval. Seconded and CARRIED:

*RESOLUTION NO. 530

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE FOR JULY MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives, in accordance with Section 202.1 of the Stamford Charter, that the regular monthly meeting date of the Board of Representatives be changed from Monday, July 3rd to Monday, July 10th.

*NOTE: Number of resolution is out of context.

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THE PRESIDENT called attention to the fact that this will not change the date of the next meeting of the Steering Committee, which will still remain Monday, July 24th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Concerning letter (dated 4/19/67) from Latham Wilder, Chairman, Citizens for improvement of South End - Requesting enforcement of Rent Receivership Ordinance in the South End where undesirable situation exists. (letter was referred to the Building Inspector by Steering Committee - See item #13 under Steering Committee report)

MR. LOCKHART asked about the \$100,000 appropriation for Rent Receivership which was recently enacted.

THE PRESIDENT said he is in receipt of a letter from Mr. James J. Sotire, Building Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer in which he outlines questions and answers, clarifying the way the Rent Receivership Committee operates. He read the following letter to the Steering Committee from Mr. Sotire:

"I am in receipt of a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Russell, April 19, 1967 from Mr. Latham Wilder, Sr., Chairman of the Citizens for Improvement of the South End, and forwarded to me from your Committee.

"At the outset, I must mention that inasmuch as I am a member of the Rent Receivorship Committee, I am not the Chairman, nor do I know if a Chairman was appointed. Therefore, my comments on Mr. Wilder's letter are solely my own sentiments and do not reflect the sentiments of other members of the Committee.

"I do not believe I understand Mr. Wilder's letter regarding undesirable situations, disposition of the agency or the establishment and implementation of a program. In order to help clarify the situation, I submit the following four questions and answers:

"WHAT IS RENT RECEIVORSHIP?"

Rent receivorship is a legal proceeding which takes the operation of a tenement or apartment house out of the landlord's hands and places it in the hands of a person appointed by the Court, known as a "Receiver".

"WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF RENT RECEIVORSHIP?"

To expedite the correction of housing violations which the landlord has failed, or refused to correct. Not only does the Receiver collect the rents and operate the property, but he sees that repairs are made and housing violations are corrected.

"HOW DOES RENT RECEIVORSHIP FIT IN WITH THE EXISTING ORDINANCE, KNOWN AS "ORDINANCE NO. 65"?"

Rent Receivorship is a tool to help enforce Ordinance No. 65. The present Ordinance No. 65 defines minimum housing standards. It also provides for certain criminal penalties if orders to comply with its standards are not obeyed by all landlords. Enforcement of the criminal penalties is a lengthy and indirect procedure, during which time families must continue to live a substandard housing.

Rent Receivorship will expedite compliance with Ordinance No. 65 since it goes directly to the problem, appointment of a person who can make the repairs and corrections, instead of just punishing the landlord, which may not necessarily correct the violation within a reasonable time.

"HOW WILL RENT RECEIVORSHIP WORK?"

As under Ordinance No. 65, the Director of Health will inspect tenements and issue orders to correct housing violations as he finds them. If these orders are not obeyed within the time limits prescribed by the Director of Health, a five man Committee, consisting of the Director of Health, Building Inspector, Chief of the Fire Department, Executive Secretary of the Human Rights Commission and a citizen appointed by the Mayor, will review the cases and decide whether or not to seek Rent Receivorship. When they do, they will go to the Court of Common Pleas to have a Receiver appointed, to operate the property and make the necessary repairs and corrections.

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"As of this writing, to the best of my knowledge, our Committee is not in receipt of any correspondence from the Task Force, informing us of any landlord's failure to obey the minimum standards of Ordinance No. 65.

"I trust this information will be of some help to you.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) James J. Sotire
Building Inspector and
Zoning Enforcement Officer"

THE PRESIDENT said he hopes this answers Mr. Lockhart's question.

Concerning letter (dated 5/4/67) from William Watrous, 72 Charles Street, Stamford, concerning conditions in rear of neighbor's yard being a menace and threat to the health of those living in the area, being violations of City Ordinances(Letter was referred to the Building Inspector by the Steering Committee - See item #19 under Steering Committee report)

THE PRESIDENT read the following reply from the Building Inspector:

"I am in receipt of a copy of a letter sent to you by Mr. Watrous of 72 Charles Street. Mr. Watrous is referring to the G. D'Aquilla property on Avery Street. I am in complete sympathy with Mr. Watrous, but there is little that can be accomplished in order to eliminate the the subject conditions.

"It must be recognized that Mr. D'Aquilla owned the property since 1932 which was prior to the enactment of many of our existing regulations and thereby possibly putting him in a non-conforming category. When Mr. Watrous purchased his property in 1958 the D'Aquilla property was in the same condition as it is today. I realize it is not the most appropriate thing to say, but Mr. Watrous moved next to the problem, as opposed to the problem moving next to him.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) James J. Sotire
Building Inspector and
Zoning Enforcement Officer"

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned. (The time of adjournment was not noted in the original transcription of the Minutes.)

Velma Farrell
Velma Farrell
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 11:00
P.M.

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