

MEETING OF THE 9TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Minutes of November 13, 1967  
Stamford, Connecticut

A regular monthly meeting of the 9th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, November 13, 1967 in the Board's meeting room, Municipal Office Building (2nd floor), 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Conn.

The meeting was called to order by the President, George E. Russell, at 8:35 P.M. after preliminary ceremony held in order to allow for the presentation of honorary membership certificates to various members of the Board as honorary members of the Hubbard Heights Golf Club.

INVOCATION was given by Father Thomas C. Casey, Assistant Pastor of St. Cecilia's R. C. Church.

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM G. HEARING, former member of this Board from the 7th District.

THE PRESIDENT called for a moment of silence in tribute to the memory of the late William G. Hearing, a long time member of the Board of Representatives, recently deceased.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF JOHN H. CUMMINGER, a City employee in the Public Works Department for many years, recently deceased.

MR. KELLY rose to propose a moment of silence in tribute to the memory of the late John H. Cumming, a long time City employee in the Department of Public Works, also recently deceased.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk, Hilda S. Clarke. There were 34 present and 6 absent at the calling of the roll.

The absent members were:

Ralph R. Lockhart (D) 2nd District  
Vincent G. Caporizzo (D) 5th District  
Carmine V. Longo (D) 6th District  
H. Alton LeBeau, Jr. (R) 13th District  
Edwin D. Iacovo, Sr. (R) 16th District  
Randolph Rogers (R) 20th District

MR. FUSARO said he would like to note the fact that Ralph Lockhart has had a perfect attendance record up until this evening, however, he was operated on this morning and tried to come, but his doctor refused to let him. He said he wishes him a speedy recovery.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of October 2, 1967

The minutes were accepted, there being no corrections.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Upon motion by Mr. Fusaro, seconded and CARRIED, the reading of the Minutes of the Steering Committee were waived. However, they were entered in the Minutes, as follows:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting held Monday, October 23, 1967

A meeting of the Steering Committee of the 9th Board of Representatives was held on Monday, October 23, 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 3:15 P.M. All members were present, with the exception of Mr. Farman and Mr. Durso.

- (1) CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS TO THE NEWLY CREATED "CONSERVATION COMMISSION"  
as authorized by the adoption of Ordinance No. 141 Supplemental -  
Five appointments, as outlined in the Mayor's letter (received this evening) were REFERRED TO THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE and ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA
- (2) Additional appropriations approved by the Board of Finance at their meeting held October 16, 1967, were REFERRED TO THE FISCAL COMMITTEE and ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA

Items in excess of \$2,000 were referred to secondary committees, with the exception of reclassification of three employees in the office of the Collector of Taxes in the amount of \$467.22 which item was REFERRED TO THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE also.

- (3) Mayor's letter (dated 9/22/67) concerning "COLLECTIVE BARGAINING" contract covering NURSES of the HEALTH DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SMITH HOUSE and SUNSET HOME

REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

The above matter was given to the Board at their October 2, 1967 meeting and copies of the proposed contract presented to all Board members at that meeting, but no action was taken as it had arrived too late to go on the agenda which would require a two-thirds vote to be brought up under suspension of the rules.

- (4) \$431,000.00 - Additional appropriation - Resolution amending the 1967-1968 Capital Projects Budget in aforesaid amount for the TOQUAM SCHOOL and appropriation therefor - (Mayor's letter of 9/14/67) (DEFERRED at Oct. 2, 1967 Board meeting)

REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE and EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

For the reason that the above project is being re-bid, because of seeming discrepancies in the original bidding, it was decided to leave it on the agenda so that it would not require suspension of the rules to be considered.

- (5) Proposed Ordinance (for final adoption) FORBIDDING EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY BETWEEN CITY DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS OR AGENCIES, WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES (Adopted for publication 10/2/67; published 10/6/67)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (6) LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF STAMFORD AND S.A.S.C.A. FOR ONE YEAR, IN AMOUNT OF \$1.00 COVERING OFFICE IN OLD TOWN HALL, KNOWN AS ROOM 8 - (See Mayor's letter of 9/2/67 and letter from Corporation Counsel dated 9/18/67)

Note: Term of lease amended by Board of Finance on Oct. 16, 1967 to not exceed one year, use to be limited to "charitable and non-profit purposes; liability insurance to be provided, with an option to renew lease; and cannot be sub-let or assigned to another."

Above matter REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (7) Concerning APPEAL FROM DECISION OF ZONING BOARD ON OCT. 5, 1967 - APPLICATION NO. 67-020 - HILLTOP ACRES, INC. - MAP CHANGE ON LAND LOCATED OFF BUCKINGHAM DRIVE, FROM R-20 TO R-10

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

Because the above appeal is not expected to be filed with the Board until the latter part of this month and for the reason that the November 13th meeting will be the last regular meeting of the 9th Board, it was expedited by placing it on the agenda for action at the November meeting. It was felt it would be very difficult for the incoming 10th Board to act on a matter referred to the 9th Board without having time enough to consider it properly.

- (8) Concerning request of PARKING AUTHORITY for installation of 20 all-day PARKING METERS ON WEST HENRY STREET - (See letter from Gerald E. Longo, Supt. Parking Authority, dated 4/20/67)

Inasmuch as the above request was held in Committee on 10/2/67, it was ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA under HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

- (9) PETITION from SALVATION ARMY (in letter of 10/20/67) requesting permission to place CHRISTMAS KETTLES on city streets during the coming Christmas Season

REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (10) Letter from Corporation Counsel (dated 10/23/67) requesting a proposed resolution be placed on the agenda concerning REALIGNMENT AND STRAIGHTENING OF CURVE AT COVE HILL under provisions of Chapter 64 of the Charter



## REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE &amp; RULES COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (11) Concerning approval of URG contract with Sponsors of Southeast Quadrant Project

## REFERRED TO URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (12) \$46,180.00 - SALARY INCREASES FOR "KEY DEPARTMENT HEADS" being those not covered by collective bargaining - (Mayor's letter of 9/8/67) - TABLED at Sept. 5, 1967 Board meeting, with a five-man Special Committee appointed "to study and bring back a report by the Oct. 2, 1967 Board meeting."

The above matter, having been deferred at the 10/2/67 Board meeting, was ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under the Special Committee "To Study Salary Increases for Key Department Heads" previously appointed, with Ed Lindstrom, Chairman.

- (13) CONCERNING PROPOSED TAX RELIEF FOR LOW INCOME SENIOR CITIZENS LOCATED ON WASHINGTON COURT, Stamford, Conn. - (Brought in by Mr. Fusaro, Minority Leader, at the Oct. 2, 1967 Board meeting and ordered held for the Steering Committee meeting)

## REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE &amp; RULES COMMITTEE - Not on Agenda

- (14) Proposed resolution concerning THE STUDY AND PLANNING FOR MORE WATER HYDRANTS, STANDBY PIPES OR OTHER RECOGNIZED METHOD TO SECURE WATER IN CASE OF FIRE IN AREA NORTH OF BULLS HEAD - (Brought in by Mr. Bitetto and Mr. Mosca at the 10/2/67 Board meeting and ordered held for the Steering Committee meeting)

## REFERRED TO PLANNING &amp; ZONING and HEALTH &amp; PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Not on Agenda

- (15) Letter (dated 9/20/67) from Peter Chirimbas, 12th District Representative, CONCERNING HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS IN REAR OF STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL, CAUSED BY CONSTRUCTION AND BY STUDENTS PARKING HAPHAZARDLY

## REFERRED TO HEALTH &amp; PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Not on Agenda

- (16) Letter (dated 9/20/67) from Chairman of Human Rights Commission, requesting the formation of a Human Rights Committee for the purpose of maintaining liason with the Human Rights Commission

## REFERRED TO THE EDUCATION, WELFARE &amp; GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - Not on Agenda

- (17) Three communications from Paul Kuczo, Jr., 5th District Representative, 9th Board - (1) dated 10/11/67 requesting investigation of the URG; (2) dated 10/15/67 concerning final report of Special Committee of the 8th Board, which went out of office on Nov. 30, 1965, regarding "investigation of personnel practices and procedures" and also requesting a follow-up of final report of the Special Committee on the Cove Dam, and (3) dated 10/19/67 regarding various matters previously referred to several Committees

Above letters noted and filed, with answers to be made by the President.

- (18) Concerning an open meeting to be held in the Board's meeting room on Thursday, October 26, 1967 to acquaint the Board members with the proposed disposition contract with the sponsors of the Southeast Quadrant Redevelopment Project, with all members to be notified of said meeting

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

George E. Russell, Chairman

#### APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. BITETTO, Vice Chairman, reported that his Committee has interviewed all the Mayor's appointees on November 9th. Present at this meeting were the following: William Buchanan, Peter Chirimbes, Theodore Boccuzzi and Joseph Bitetto.

The Tellers distributed the ballots on the following appointments. The vote is recorded below:

<u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>	(Created by adoption of Ordinance No. 141 Supplemental)	<u>Term Expiring:</u>
(1) <u>JOHN STASHENKO</u> (D) 60 Roxbury Road	VOTE: 32 yes 1 no 1 disqualified	12/1/68
(2) <u>MRS. JEAN WARE HOYT</u> (D) 123 Weed Avenue	VOTE: 26 yes 7 no 1 disqualified	12/1/69
(3) <u>LAWRENCE W. LOWMAN</u> (I) 41 Riverbank Road	VOTE: 31 yes 3 no	12/1/70
(4) <u>MRS. JANET LANMAN</u> (R) 77 Barnes Road	VOTE: 30 yes 4 no	12/1/71
(5) <u>RICHARD COLHOUN</u> (R) 118 Davenport Ridge Road	VOTE: 33 yes 1 no	12/1/72

#### FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. HEMINGWAY, Chairman, presented his Committee report at this time on the following matters:

- (1) \$300,000.00 - Resolution No. 540 amending 1967-1968 Capital Projects Budget in REDUCED amount of \$300,000.00 - reduced from original request of \$401,000.00 - For the TOQUAM SCHOOL and appropriation of that amount for said Project (See Mayor's letter of 9/14/67) (held in Committee 10/2/67 due to apparent irregularities in bidding)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Murphy who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 540

AMENDING 1967-1968 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET  
IN AMOUNT OF \$300,000.00 FOR THE TOQUAM SCHOOL  
AND APPROPRIATION OF THAT AMOUNT FOR SAID PROJECT

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, to amend the 1967-1968 Capital Projects Budget to include an item to be known as "TOQUAM SCHOOL PROJECT" in accordance with the provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, by adding thereto the additional sum of \$300,000.00 and the appropriation of the aforesaid sum for said Project.

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- (2) \$34,080.00 - Resolution No. 541 amending 1967-1968 Capital Projects Budget by adding aforesaid sum to Project known as "TOQUAM SCHOOL", to be financed by the TRANSFER of said sum from the Project in the 1965-1966 Capital Projects Budget, known as "ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION" - (No letter from Mayor on this) --- (Approved by Board of Finance on 10/16/67)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Murphy, who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 541

AMENDING 1967-1968 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET  
BY ADDING THE SUM OF \$34,080.00 TO PROJECT  
KNOWN AS "TOQUAM SCHOOL", TO BE FINANCED BY  
THE TRANSFER OF SAID SUM FROM THE PROJECT IN  
THE 1965-1966 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET, KNOWN  
AS "ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION"

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford to amend the 1967-1968 Capital Projects Budget to include an item to be known as "TOQUAM SCHOOL PROJECT" in accordance with the provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, by adding thereto the sum of \$34,080.00 which amount is to be transferred from the Project in the 1965-1966 Capital Projects Budget, known as "ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION".

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- (3) \$9,500.00 - FIRE DEPARTMENT, covering the following: (Mayor's letter of 10/5/67)

Code 540.1203 - Maintenance of Radio	\$3,000.00
Code 540.1207 - Maintenance of Fire Alarm	<del>\$6,500.00</del>
	\$9,500.00

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. William Caporizzo and Mr. Kaplan who said the Health & protection Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.

- (4) \$25,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, Code 620.0103, Overtime - Incinerator-Sewage Treatment Plant - (Mayor's letter of 9/22/67)

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

- (5) \$467.22 - COLLECTOR OF TAXES, Code 146.0101, Salaries - (Reclassification of 3 employees, approved by Personnel Commission on 9/19/67) (Mayor's letter of 9/29/67)

Mae Shannon and Evelyn Miller - Reclassification from Clerk-Typist II S-7 to Account Clerk I S-9

Madeline Miller - Reclassification from Collection Assistant S-8 to Account Clerk I S-9

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

- (6) "COLLECTIVE BARGAINING" COVERING NURSES OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SMITH HOUSE AND SUNSET HOME - (Mayor's letter of 9/22/67)

Note: Copies of above contract given to all Board members at Oct. 2, 1967 Board meeting - No action taken as it was not on the agenda and would require a two-thirds vote to be brought up under suspension of the rules.

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Farman

MR. GRANT said this contract is now before the State Labor Relations Board and he feels that it would be best to TABLE this and take no further action until the State Labor Board has taken action. Seconded by Mr. Tresser.

THE PRESIDENT called for a show of hands. The vote was 14 in favor and 14 opposed.

MR. KAPLAN called for a division.

MR. LINDSTROM said he wishes to ask a question - which ruling would take precedence - the vote of this Board, or the ruling of the State Arbitration Board?

THE PRESIDENT said the State Board would overrule any action by this Board.

THE PRESIDENT said Mr. Kaplan has asked for a division and according to the rules of the Board you have 34 present and the vote results in only 23 voting. He said the rules on Voting calls for a standing vote as a method of decision.

MR. DURSO said he would just like to ask one question - do we have official notification that this is now pending before the State Board? Or, is it just hearsay?

THE PRESIDENT said we have correspondence from a group of nurses who say they have taken this before the State Labor Relations Board. He said he has taken this up with the Corporation Counsel who says that if this is done the State Labor Board would certainly overrule any action taken by this Board if they so choose.

MR. RICH rose on a point of order. He said this whole discussion is out of order - that a motion is pending and what disposition is going to be made of this motion, and no discussion is allowed.

MR. MORRIS rose on a point of order. He said we know how many abstained from voting, but we do not know how many have voted.

THE PRESIDENT said 28 have voted - 14 in favor and 14 opposed, and there are 34 present, so everyone did not vote.

MR. LINDSTROM said the President breaks the tie when it is a tie vote.

MR. FUSARO called for the Chairman's vote to break the tie.

THE PRESIDENT asked for the members to stand once more for the vote on TABLING. It resulted in a vote of 15 in favor and 15 opposed.

THE PRESIDENT voted against tabling, thus breaking the tie and resulting in a vote of 15 in favor and 16 opposed to the motion to TABLE. LOST.

MR. HEMINGWAY said he would like to clarify what has happened. He said in the minority group of nurses they seemed to feel that somehow this contract is still unfair. He said in the Public School Nurse group, there are 12 in favor and 7 opposed. In the Public Health group of nurses, there are 3 in favor and 2 opposed; at the Smith House, there are 6 in favor and at Sunset Home, one in favor. He said we have been hearing a great deal about the opposition from the Public School Nurses' group and perhaps they are justified in the position they have taken, but he does not understand why they did not choose to join with the other nurses to try and negotiate a better contract, but it is his understanding in the contract as it now stands, the Public School Nurses have 11 weeks during the summer when they receive pay, but are not working on public school business, but are free



to do whatever they choose with their time, whereas under the contract now being presented for approval, the nurses who are in favor are only getting four weeks of vacation with pay. He said there is also a difference in the number of hours worked between the Public School group and the others, so if you work out the hourly rate you will find it is something like \$4.50 an hour for the public school group as opposed to \$5.60 an hour (approximately) for the other group. He said it seems that the nurses who oppose this have every right to try to set up their own group and get certification from the State and then, naturally, the City will negotiate with them. He said he fails to see that approval tonight is going to harm their case and if their position is justified, the State Labor Board will listen to whatever they have to say. He urged approval of the contract tonight.

MR. RICH said the issue seems to be fairly simple, in spite of all the heat that has been generated by the opponents to this contract. He said apparently a minority of the employees represented here are against this contract, but no matter whether we like it or not, the State Labor Board certified a certain group to vote or rather, negotiate for them and that group came to a conclusion with the City and the Mayor thereupon passed the contract on to this Board for approval. He said this Board cannot enter into debate within the nurses' group - this is the contract now before us which has been negotiated by the duly certified body representing this group of nurses and this Board has no business getting into debate over what has been done. He urged very strongly that the Board approve this contract.

MR. GRANT said since the State Labor Relations Board's action will supersede this Board's action, he therefore urged the members to approve the contract.

VOTE taken on the original motion to approve the contract. CARRIED with one "no" vote (Mr. Kaplan).

#### LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. RICH, Chairman, said his Committee met in the Board Caucus room on Wednesday, November 8, 1967 at 7:30 P.M. with the following members present: Messrs. Bromley, Farman, Murphy and Rich.

- (1) PROPOSED ORDINANCE (for final adoption) 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 Dist. Representative - Reported at 7/10/67 meeting and referred back to Committee for further study - Also referred to Corporation Counsel for opinion - Held in Committee 9/5/67; adopted for publication 10/2/67 and published on 10/6/67 - See 10/2/67 Minutes; pages 5185, 5186)

MR. RICH MOVED for approval of the following Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Bitetto.

MR. RICH said the Committee feels that this Ordinance may not be necessary, and also may not do all the things that its author hopes it will do, but if it will help straighten out situations that have occurred in the past, the Committee will recommend its approval.

MR. BITETTO spoke in reference to the Ordinance, but his remarks could not be heard because he failed to turn on his microphone.

VOTE taken on the following Ordinance and CARRIED:

ORDINANCE NO. 144 SUPPLEMENTAL

CONCERNING EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY BETWEEN CITY  
DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS OR AGENCIES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Transfer of jurisdiction over buildings or land owned by the City, between departments, boards or agencies of the City, shall be accomplished only after approval by the Board of Representatives. Nothing herein is intended to supersede other provisions of the Charter where applicable.

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

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- (2) LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF STAMFORD AND S.A.S.C.A. FOR PERIOD OF ONE YEAR COVERING OFFICE IN OLD TOWN HALL KNOWN AS ROOM #8 - (See Mayor's letter of 9/20/67)

Note: Term of lease amended by Board of Finance on Oct. 16, 1967 to not exceed one year, with annual rental of \$1,00 and use to be limited to "charitable and non-profit purposes; to provide liability insurance; with option to renew lease; cannot be sub-let or assigned to another". See letter of 9/18/67 from Corporation Counsel.)

MR. RICH MOVED for approval of the above lease. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (3) APPEAL FROM DECISION OF ZONING BOARD (at their 10/5/67 meeting) BY NEIGHBORS CONCERNING MAP CHANGE ON LAND LOCATED OFF BUCKINGHAM DRIVE OWNED BY HILLTOP ACRES, INC. - APPLICATION 67-022 TO CHANGE TO R-10 ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT PROPERTY IN R-20 ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT (approved by Zoning Board) (Filed with Board of Representatives on 10/30/67)

MR. RICH said the Committee determined that the group appealing from the decision of the Zoning Board did not have the requisite number of signatures representing the appropriate amount of property surrounding the area in question and therefore the matter could not be properly heard by this Board. He said this kind of thing has come before the Board twice before in his term as Chairman of the Legislative & Rules Committee and reluctantly in all three cases the Committee has had to take this rather unpleasant stand because the issue

could never be heard properly by the Board. He said aside from their feelings of the merits of the case, the law is very specific. He said for the benefit of those Board members who wish to advise their constituents and for the benefit of the general public, he wished to read the particular section of the Charter which applies. He said whether or not you agree with the Charter, it is nevertheless very clear in its language. He quoted as follows:

" . . . If the owners of 20% or more of the privately owned land in the area included in the proposed amendment to the zoning map, or if the owners of 20% or more of the privately-owned land located within five hundred feet of the borders of such area . . . "

MR. RICH said the key words here are "the owners of 20% or more . . . " of the privately owned land and NOT 20% of the land owners, BUT 20% of the owners of the land. He said that means that the land has to be represented in the petition by at least 20% and that could be one owner who happens to own 20% or more land, or you could have 100 owners representing 10% of the land and that still would not bring it properly before the Board. He said in this case there were 11% of the land owners represented on the petition and something like 20 land owners and the vast majority of the rest of the land - something like 89% was in very few hands, but that land was the controlling factor.

He said, therefore, the Charter being quite clear on this, the Legislative and Rules Committee had no choice but to find this appeal not to be in proper form for consideration by the Board.

THE PRESIDENT said it therefore appears that the Legislative and Rules Committee has pointed out that this appeal is not properly before the Board.

(4) RESOLUTION CONCERNING RE-ALIGNMENT AND STRAIGHTENING OF CURVE AT COVE HILL UNDER PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 64 of CHARTER - (Requested in letter of 10/23/67 from Corporation Counsel)

MR. RICH said no action was taken by the Committee on this item, as the Corporation Counsel recommended that no action is needed at this time.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

Concerning Acceptance of Roads as City Streets

MR. MOSCA MOVED for acceptance of the following roads as city streets. Seconded and CARRIED: (All maps on file in the Town & City Clerk's office)

ROLLING WOOD DRIVE - Extending from the already accepted portion to and including a temporary turnaround. Length, approximately 80 ft. as shown.

- ELAINE DRIVE - Extending from the already accepted portion to temporary turnaround, southerly and easterly. Length, approximately 750 ft., as shown on Map No. 8198.
- GLORINDA COURT - Extending from Elaine Drive southerly to a permanent turnaround. Length, approximately 310 ft., as shown on Map No. 8198.
- FLORENCE COURT - Extending from Elaine Drive easterly to a permanent turnaround. Length, approximately 330 ft., as shown on Map No. 8198.
- ECHO HILL DRIVE - Extending from the already accepted portion to a permanent turnaround westerly. Length, approximately 1,404 ft., as shown on Map No. 8533.
- BEND OF RIVER LANE - Extending from West Glen Drive to a permanent turnaround southerly. Length, approximately 340 ft., as shown on Map No. 8449.
- FISHING TRAIL - Extending from the already accepted portion to a permanent turnaround, southerly and easterly. Length, approximately 1,065 ft., as shown on Map No. 8558.
- SOUND VIEW DRIVE - Extending from the already accepted portion to a permanent turnaround southeasterly. Length, approximately 245 ft., as shown on Map No. 8357.
- LANCASTER PLACE - Extending from Shadow Ridge Road to a permanent turnaround westerly. Length, approximately 358 ft., as shown on Maps Nos. 8458 and 8443.
- FALMOUTH ROAD - Extending from East Hunting Ridge Road to a permanent turnaround easterly. Length, approximately 575 ft., as shown on Map No. 8302.
- WEST HAVILAND LANE - Extending from the already accepted portion to a temporary turnaround southeasterly. Length, approximately 1,120 ft., as shown on Map No. 8431.
- BENNINGTON COURT - Extending from West Haviland Lane to a permanent turnaround westerly and southerly. Length, approximately 550 ft., as shown on Map No. 8431.
- DUNN COURT - Extending from Dunn Avenue to a permanent turnaround westerly and northerly. Length, approximately 615 ft., as shown on Map No. 8300.

Note: All of the above named roads were approved for acceptance in letter dated November 13, 1967 from the City Engineer.



MR. FUSARO said he would like the record to show his abstention from voting on Dunn Court.

Concerning Acceptance of an Extension of COLUMBUS PLACE - Being that portion extending from River Place, an already accepted street, to High View Avenue.

MR. MOSCA MOVED for acceptance of the above street under the provisions of the Code of General Ordinances. (Sec. 29-50) (See page 357)

THE PRESIDENT explained that this must be published with notice in the newspaper that this Board, will by resolution, at its next meeting bring this road up for acceptance.

MR. MOSCA changed his motion to MOVE FOR PUBLICATION, with acceptance at the next Board meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bitetto.

MR. MORRIS asked why this road has to be brought up by resolution.

MR. MOSCA said it has been over 17 years since this road was built.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Mosca that it has been over 40 years, not 17.

MR. MOSCA said he thinks it is about time it was accepted - that it is only about 360 ft. in length.

MR. HEINZER asked how this road differs from the other ones.

THE PRESIDENT said this Board over a period of years has accepted at least 150 roads in this manner and are roads - old roads - of record, which have never been accepted previous to consolidation of the City and it is only by land records or when someone building a home finds out that their road has never been accepted. He said an area of Columbus Place, in much worse condition at that time, was accepted by this Board several years ago and this section happened to be the better section of the already accepted Columbus Road and never was officially accepted, although many of its residents believe it was but for the reason that it was so old, it was believed to have been accepted.

He said, however, before a road can be accepted it must meet certain minimum acceptance standards as spelled out in Sec. 29-50 of the Code of General Ordinances.

After considerable further debate, a MOTION was made to TABLE. Seconded and CARRIED to TABLE, with two "no" votes.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

FEES FOR MARINA FACILITIES FOR 1968

MR. LINDSTROM presented the following fees for marina facilities for 1968 which remain unchanged by vote of the Park Commission at their October 24, 1967 meeting. Upon motion by Mr. Lindstrom, seconded and CARRIED, these fees were APPROVED as follows:

OPEN MOORING: Cove and Cummings	\$2.00 per foot
(Length limit) 20 ft. except for	Minimum: \$30.00
renewals	

## DOCKS OR FLOATS:

18 ft. boat length maximum		
Cove -----	\$45.00	-----
Cummings-----	\$45.00	-----
16 ft. boat length maximum		
Cove-----	\$35.00	-----
Cummings-----	\$35.00	-----
Southfield-----	\$25.00	-----

## LAUNCHING RAMP USE:

Season-----	5.00	\$5.00
Per Use-----	.50	.50

PETITION NO. 326 - FROM SALVATION ARMY REQUESTING PERMISSION TO PLACE CHRISTMAS KETTLES ON CITY STREETS DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON - (Letter dated 10/20/67)

MR. LINDSTROM MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Grant and CARRIED.

MR. LINDSTROM MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to bring up a request for "Tag Day" from the Stamford Comets. Seconded and CARRIED.

TAG DAY - Requested from the Stamford "Comets" - Soliciting ads for booklet program for a second annual pass and review All American New England International color guard circuit contest.

MR. LINDSTROM explained this is a group of youngsters who try and raise money in order to go in competition, and this is what they call a "Tag Day". He said we have had this before.

MR. LINDSTROM MOVED for approval for the Stamford Comets to hold another "TAG DAY" on Saturday, November 25th. Seconded by Mr. Tresser, Mr. Kelly and CARRIED.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

MR. RIENICK presented the following report for inclusion in the Minutes with the reading omitted as it is quite lengthy. The submission follows:

The regular monthly meeting of the Personnel Commission was held Monday, October 23, 1967 in the office of the Personnel Director, 429 Atlantic Street, at 8:00 P.M.

Present: Leo D. Burns, Chairman  
Charles E. Hoyt  
John F. McCutcheon  
Reginald Barker  
Warren W. Eginton - Absent due to out of town business trip.

On motion by Commissioner Hoyt, seconded by Commissioner Burns, the Minutes of the last meeting were unanimously accepted as written.

Messrs. Walter Wachter and James Bingham appeared before the Commission to substantiate the Planning Board's request to reclassify Jon Smith from Associate Planner S-22 to Principal Planner S-24. It is their opinion that Mr. Smith is well qualified to fill the position of Principal Planner, not only through his years of experience, but also the knowledge he possesses enables him to perform his duties very satisfactorily. In order to have the present job description correspond with the required qualifications, the Commission requested that the Planning Board revise the existing job description and submit it to the Commission before their November 20th meeting. Mr. Bingham said he would comply with this request. In view of the above, this matter was TABLED, awaiting the revised specifications.

Public Works Commissioner George Ferrara appeared to discuss his request to reclassify Joseph Kitlas from Account Clerk II S-11 to Accounting Supervisor S-17. According to Mr. Ferrara, duties and responsibilities have increased far and above the job description of his present position, including compilation of the budget, payrolls, bookkeeping, etc. In general, Mr. Kitlas is familiar with all phases of the work. Deferred to Executive Session.

With reference to Salvatore Iovino's request (Working Foreman - Street Cleaning) to be upgraded from W-12 to the same as Working Foreman Highways W-13, Mr. Ferrara feels that Mr. Iovino's duties are not the same as Highway Foreman, wherein the latter position includes maintenance of sidewalks, sewers, etc., which are of a more responsible nature. Mr. Ferrara stated he has no objection to this request, but at the same time, he is not requesting this change for Mr. Iovino. Deferred to Executive Session.

Mr. Romeo Bacher submitted a request for reclassification from Pumping Station Mechanic II W-17 to Master Mechanic W-19. According to Mr. Ferrara, this request was not submitted to him for consideration before reaching the Personnel Commission and he felt it was not handled properly, therefore, he had no basis for discussion of the matter.

Mr. Bacher discussed his request with the Commission, stating his reasons as to why he feels that a salary increase is warranted - namely, he claims that he is in charge of all pumping stations, including those now set up in the flood areas, with no time off for holidays and works 365 days a year, and "he is not covered by collective bargaining". Deferred to Executive Session.

Miss Marjorie Stankard (Retirement Services Officer) appeared requesting either an upgrade, or a reclassification, from S-13 to S-15. She outlined



her duties to the Commission and also stated that her responsibilities and volume of work have increased. Subsequent to Miss Standard answering the various questions asked by the Commission, this matter was deferred to Executive Session.

Miss Alicia Panapada appeared to further discuss her previously submitted request for reclassification from Administrative Assistant I S-12 to Administrative Assistant II S-15. She informed the Commission that her duties have increased through new assignments given to her - handling of the budget and supervision over the stenographic division. Deferred to Executive Session.

Messrs. Longo and DeForest appeared to discuss reclassification for Mrs. Gianetti from Clerk Typist II S-7 to Account Clerk I S-9. Mr. Longo stated that the employee has been performing duties of Account Clerk right along through computing the complete payroll, handling accounts receivable and accounts payable, along with other miscellaneous book-keeping duties. With reference to the present Account Clerk I in this same (Parking Authority) office, incumbent Mrs. DeCarlo, Mr. Longo and Mr. DeForest both stated that they are pleased with her performance of duties.

The Commission briefly discussed the request submitted in reference to overtime payment to Mr. Longo. It was explained to them that Mr. Longo is in the executive group which at present is not paid for overtime. However, overtime payment to this particular group is a matter which the Commission intends to review at a later date.

With reference to a request from Officer Robert Hughes (Electrical Technician - Police Dept.) for a salary upgrade from PF-1B to PF-3E, the Director informed the Commission that this request was verbally withdrawn by the Board of Public Safety with Chief Kinsella in agreement. Also pertaining to this matter, the Director was in receipt of a letter (dated 7/6/67) from the Stamford Police Association stating that the "Association opposes any reclassifications without an examination for the position, whatever it may be". The Commission unanimously decided to hold this matter in abeyance until further word is received from Chief Kinsella and the Board of Public Safety.

With reference to Mr. Guy Clement's letter of 9/25/67 the Commission unanimously agreed to advise him that they are planning on undertaking a study of current salaries, including those below the level of department heads.

Requests for reclassification for Dorothy Heffner from Clerk Typist II S-7 to Account Clerk I S-9 and Mary Wovk from Account Clerk I S-9 to Administrative Assistant I S-12 were deferred, pending a study of said positions by Mr. Barker and Mr. Laturney to appear at our November 20th meeting. Motion by Commissioner Burns, seconded by Commissioner Hoyt.

It was unanimously agreed, by motion of Commissioner Hoyt, seconded by Commissioner Burns, to have Messrs. Comeau and Clements at our November



20th meeting to discuss a request for salary increase for Gus Burriesci, Assistant to Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds and the establishing of a new position of Electronics Technician, with Mario Coppola (Electrician) recommended for said position. Mr. Barker to study these positions with a report for next meeting.

Mr. George Russell's request to change classification of vacant position in the office of the Board of Representatives from Clerk Typist II S-7 to Secretary S-9 was approved by motion of Commissioner Hoyt, seconded by Commissioner Burns.

The Commission unanimously approved establishing the position of Medical Insurance Clerk at Grade S-13. Need for this position developed through the Collective Bargaining agreement, wherein the City instituted a Major Medical Program which will be handled by the Personnel Department and this will necessitate an additional full time Clerk.

Salvatore Lovino's request for an upgrade from W-12 to W-13 was unanimously denied, as the Commission could see no justification to warrant the requested change. Motion by Commissioner Burns, seconded by Commissioner Hoyt.

On Mr. Romeo Bacher's request, the Commission informed him to re-submit his "Request for Reclassification" forms, since originally there was a question as to whether or not the forms had reached Mr. Ferrara for proper processing and approval. In order to avoid further misunderstanding, the Commission advised Mr. Bacher to assure himself that the new forms be properly delivered.

Reclassification for Joseph Kitlas from Account Clerk II S-11 to Accounting Supervisor S-17 was unanimously approved. Motion by Commissioner Hoyt, seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Unanimously denied was reclassification for Miss Panapada from Administrative Assistant I S-12 to Administrative Assistant II S-15. Motion was made by Commissioner Burns, seconded by Commissioner Hoyt.

Commissioner Burns MOVED, seconded by Commissioner Hoyt, the denial of Miss Stankard's request for salary increase. The Commission feels that she is properly classified as there is no change in duties.

With reference to the pending requests for reclassification from Jr. High School Secretaries, the Director informed the Commission that he is waiting to hear from Mr. Comeau on this matter. Therefore, the Commission deferred action.

Regarding clarification of two questions in the Fire Captains recent examination previously called to the Commission's attention by Fireman Farfaglia, Mr. Barker discussed this matter (at the Commission's request) with Chief McRedmond to obtain his comments. Result of this discussion was that the Chief agrees with Mr. Farfaglia's thinking on the matter. Since Commissioner Eginton was not in attendance this evening, the Commission deferred action.

It was decided by the Commission that Mr. Barker is to field check positions held by Messrs. Marciano, Cormello and Gerbert - Board of Recreation - regarding their requests for salary increases. Mr. Hunt is to appear at our next meeting, November 20th.

Adjournment 11:00 P.M.

John F. McCutcheon  
Personnel Director

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (A Special Committee):

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

This final report from the URC Committee to the members of the 9th Board of Representatives has historical importance. In a very real sense, the Urban Renewal Project got off the ground during the term of this Board. Each of you has a copy of a report which shows progress during the past two years.

In addition, agreement between the URC and the redevelopers was reached during the term of this Board. The fact that there is a Disposition contract represents a giant step forward in our Urban Renewal Project. Unfortunately, announcement of the contract was dulled by the critical reaction of one member on the URC staff.

As part of this final report, the URC Committee feels some background review is essential to clear the air for open discussion of the contract by the members of the 10th Board of Representatives.

Stamford learned a hard lesson with the East Meadow Project. The land for this project was all cleared, only to have the redeveloper walk away. The land remained empty for three years before another redeveloper could be found. As a result, the climate in Stamford demanded that there should be a pre-selected sponsor for any new Urban Renewal Projects. In addition, Federal policy at that time encouraged, and almost demanded, pre-selection of a sponsor for any new Projects.

When the present Southeast Quadrant Project appeared on the Stamford horizon it was agreed that as a matter of bi-partisan policy, the very first step must be the selection of a sponsor. From May, 1959 to January 1960, interviews were held with ten or more sponsor redevelopers. This led to the selection of the F. D. Rich Co. and S. Pierre Bonan; an agreement between these pre-selected sponsors and the URC was signed January 27, 1960.

One interesting point about this early agreement was that it included the requirement of a \$100,000.00 Performance Bond, even though redeveloper agreements don't require such a bond. When the final drafts of the Disposition Contract were being prepared over the past few months, they included the bond requirement from the 1960 agreement.

Between January 1960 and May 1963, the redevelopers prepared the Land Use Plan, which was used to make the Urban Renewal Plan approved by the Board of Representatives. It is interesting to note that the F. D. Rich Co. spent \$80,000.00 in consulting fees, plus additional amounts for salaries of Rich Co. employees to prepare the Plan. If the Board had not approved the Plan, the Rich Co. would have had to absorb the total cost.

The first draft of the Disposition Contract was prepared by the F. D. Rich Co. in 1964. This draft was studied by various City officials and civic groups, such as the Citizens Action Council. However, contract negotiations didn't get off the ground until May of this year after agreements with two major retail stores provided a firm base for the Plan.

Contract negotiations culminated with an agreement between the URC and the redevelopers on October 23, 1967. The negotiations were thoughtful and thorough and required a tremendous amount of effort. In total, five separate drafts of the agreement were prepared. The Disposition Contract will become active only after it is approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Stamford Board of Representatives. We hope such approval can be granted by February 1968. For the moment, the point to emphasize is that as of October 23, 1967, there was a signed agreement between the URC and the redeveloper sponsors.

Those negotiating the contract for the City of Stamford included members of the Urban Redevelopment Commission and staff, plus the Mayor, the Corporation Counsel and other responsible City officials. Let us note, in passing, that this group includes attorneys, business men and government leaders. The Director of URC, for example, is an attorney who has worked on four different Urban Renewal projects over the past ten years.

Negotiations for the redeveloper sponsors were conducted by the Stamford New Urban Corporation, a new company which is owned 91% by the F. D. Rich Company and 9% by S. Pierre Bonan. These are experienced, qualified people. S. Pierre Bonan is a real estate developer who has participated in several Urban Renewal projects in many cities.

The F. D. Rich Co., which was founded in 1920, has its headquarters in Stamford and has an international reputation. The company is the second largest building contractor in New England and rates in the top 50 over the whole country. Its building contracts have covered the Northern Hemisphere and have ranged from Alaska to the Virgin Islands.

The URC Committee is very much impressed with the record and accomplishments of the F. D. Rich Co. and feels that Stamford is fortunate indeed to have this outstanding company as the major sponsor for our project.

The Committee is also impressed with the dedicated effort and quality of people represented by the URC Commission and staff. All of these people, working together, drew up a good, strong contract for Stamford's Urban Renewal Project.

In the light of this background, we were quite dismayed at the reception granted the critical comments of the former Staff Counsel for the URC.

After all, it was the opinion of one young attorney against the weight of opinion of many people with far greater experience and more varied backgrounds.

One area of this criticism needs to be clarified. The second half of the Contract, starting with Section 9, is 99% pro-forma--it was copied from accepted contracts used by other cities. The first half of the Contract, Sections 1 through 8, applies specifically to Stamford. It was these sections which required give and take between the URC and the redevelopers during negotiations, and it is these sections which will lead to greatest discussion by Board of Representatives' members before taking action on the contract.

Thus, we don't in any way, deny the right of the former Staff Counsel to make his opinions known. We do feel, however, that his remarks should be considered in proper perspective.

During the term of the 9th Board of Representatives we have tried to keep activities of the Urban Redevelopment Committee on a completely bi-partisan basis. We hope and believe this approach will be followed by the next Board because this Project will bring benefits to everyone in Stamford and its development should be above politics. The present members of the URC Committee feel that action on the Redisposition Contract will represent the greatest single accomplishment of the 10th Board of Representatives. We believe the contract must be studied carefully and thoroughly and our only hope is that such a study will be initiated promptly to assure action on the Contract as soon as possible.

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MR. KUCZO said he has one question and that is -- was this a report from some meeting that was held?

MR. FARMEN said his Committee has held something like three meetings over the last couple of months, mostly over the Redisposition Contract and this is an outgrowth of those meetings and does represent the majority opinion of the Committee.

MR. KUCZO said he was concerned because he noticed that there were statements made about the attorney for the URC - Mr. Friedman - and he was quite concerned about this because the URC was the one that handled this and hired him and he thought he was an expert. He said it would seem that there was a little disillusionment somewhere along the line.

MR. FUSARO said since there are no factual matter included in this report that would require the Board to vote on, he sees no reason to accept this report - that it has been read into the record and that should be sufficient.

THE PRESIDENT said it will be handled in that manner.

There was considerable discussion at this time as to the progress of Urban Renewal and some questions were directed at Mr. Farmen.



PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE (A Special Committee)

MR. CHIRIMBES presented the following final report of this committee, as follows:

This Committee was formed on September 6, 1966 by the President of the Board, George Russell, because of the many requests and problems associated with the serious housing shortage in Stamford, particularly in the relocation of families within the URC area which URC did not include in their overall plans, as their primary objectives were to rebuild rundown areas of business and industry. Relocation of small business and small industries were also considered by the Committee.

This Committee was a bi-partisan Committee of four Republicans and three Democrats. Committee make up was as follows: Jonathan Bennett (R), Chairman, Peter Chirimbes (R), Vice-Chairman, William Buchanan (R), Recording Secretary, Thomas Morris (R), Majority Leader, John Fusaro (D), Minority Leader, George Connors (D) and Carmine Longo (D). After the resignation of Mr. Bennett, Peter Chirimbes assumed Chairmanship and William Buchanan became Vice-Chairman, as well as Recording Secretary. Mr. Louis Casale (R) filled the vacancy.

The Committee held many meetings, public hearings, as well as communications with such groups as the Urban Redevelopment Commission, Stamford Housing Authority, the Human Rights Commission, the State Civil Rights Commission, the NAACP, the Stamford Fair Housing Committee, the New Hope Corporation, as well as many individuals, developers and builders, all concerned with the problem of housing.

The Committee was instrumental in the Board's Resolution No. 509 concerning the need for additional housing and the construction of up to 200 units of 221-D-3 Housing sponsored by the New Hope Corporation within the present URC boundaries. By this action Stamford became the first city to plan such housing within an Urban Renewal area and which the President of the United States later so recommended be done in all renewal areas. Also, cooperative low and middle income housing is a new concept and a new approach to the housing shortage and possible method toward improving the undesirable image so often associated with public housing. Stamford, through this Committee, is one of the first to institute Co-Op Federal Housing.

This Committee, during its inception has not only held many meetings and consultations, but has gathered together all possible information concerning housing. Chairman Peter Chirimbes attended a Seminar given by the Department of Housing and Urban Development on low income housing by the Turnkey Method. The Committee also obtained important summaries of another Seminar which presented eight ways for non-profit groups to sponsor lower income housing.

The Committee has had several meetings over the feasibility of a report from the Stamford Housing Authority and the URC as to the use of the River Street site which would be eligible under Federal grants because of its proximity to Stamford Manor, a Senior Citizen Project. A report is forthcoming from URC and the Stamford Housing Authority which is to be forwarded to the new Board for consideration.

The Committee has been in the process of locating a possible site for a one hundred apartment unit which would be in addition to the New Hope Corporation's housing program; also the Committee has been in the process of gathering information on a program which the Federal government supplements rents to guarantee income to landlords and enable tenants to live in normal neighborhoods with decent housing.

Inasmuch as housing is Stamford's number one and largest problem, and since there is much desirable information in process to still come to this Board, as well as the fact that this Special Committee held many meetings, and also the fact that President Johnson has found it necessary to have a Committee on Urban Housing, this Special Committee strongly recommends that the new 10th Board of Representatives reactivate this Committee. In fact, it should be considered as a standard committee of the Board, since housing will be a continuing serious problem for years to come.

In closing, I would like to state that the efforts and accomplishments of this Committee were only possible by the outstanding contributions of its members; namely, former Representative Jonathan Bennett, William Buchanan, Thomas Morris, John Fusaro, George Connors, Carmine Longo, Louis Casale and George Russell, President of the 9th Board.

I wish to add my personal thanks to them for helping me to make this Committee's aim a success.

Respectfully submitted,  
GENERAL HOUSING & RELOCATION SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
Peter Chirimbis, Chairman  
William E. Buchanan  
John C. Fusaro  
Louis J. Casale, Jr.  
George V. Connors  
Thomas A. Morris

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE (A Special Committee)

MR. MORRIS, Chairman presented the final report of this Committee, as follows:

After hearing a number of persons, in 13 meetings of the Committee, who alleged wrongdoing on the part of the Zoning Board of Appeals in certain specific cases, the Committee focussed its attention on the application by Nicholas Nanos to the Zoning Board of Appeals in July 1965, asking for a special exception for a gas station on the corner of Washington Avenue and North Street.

In that case, the Board of Representatives had previously re-zoned the tract in question, so that it became possible, by obtaining a special exception from the Zoning Board of Appeals for a gas station to be constructed. It was, however, the clear understanding of most members

of the Board of Representatives that the owner would not build a gas station.

So indignant were many of the Representatives who had voted for the zone change, that when the owner applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a special exception for the gas station, four key Representatives sent strong letters to the Zoning Board of Appeals against allowing the special exception, explaining that they had been assured that no gas station would be constructed. Yet, despite the protests of the representatives, and despite the Planning Board's recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals for denial of the special exception, the Zoning Board of Appeals nevertheless allowed a gas station to be built.

From the evidence brought out at the hearings, this Committee feels that the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals on the Washington Avenue case, is not in the best interest of Stamford. The members of the Zoning Board of Appeals taking part in the decision who were interviewed, showed a serious lack of knowledge of the Planning Board's recommendation, and the letters from the Board of Representatives' members. This Committee feels that the manner in which the application was presented to and passed upon, by the Zoning Board of Appeals, casts serious doubts on the good faith of the Zoning Board of Appeals in upholding the public interest.

Let it be noted that no one came before the Committee alleging pecuniary involvement on the part of any member of the Zoning Board of Appeals or any applicant before that Board.

One of the most prevalent complaints, from the standpoint of the rules of the Zoning Board of Appeals was the postponement of hearings for insufficient reason. This Committee recommends that to correct this abuse, the Zoning Board of Appeals adopt the rule that whenever an applicant asks for a postponement without valid reason, such applicant must wait six months before another hearing be arranged. Thus, a stronger burden would be put upon the applicant to go forward on the publicized hearing night.

Thomas A. Morris, Chairman  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
Investigating Committee

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MR. FUSARO said he would like it noted that the report just given is not the Committee report - that it is a report of three members of the Committee. He said regarding the report, he is in agreement to a point and that is the point in regard to the good faith of the Zoning Board of Appeals. He said the next to last paragraph in the report states:

"Let it be noted that no one came before the Committee alleging pecuniary involvement on the part of any member of the Zoning Board of Appeals or any applicant before that Board."

He said it should also be noted that the report is void of any reference to a conflict of interest, which was the duty of this Committee, so its absence appears that there was no conflict. He said this Board can argue until the moment the 10th Board convenes as to the merits of this application - as to whether it was good or bad, but nothing has been uncovered and we have had no report from anyone to prove that there was a lack of good faith on the part of any member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, although we may disagree strongly with the judgement of that Board, we cannot in any way attack their integrity. He said, by stating that there was a serious lack of "good faith" we are attacking individuals without any basis or with any proof. He said this is a serious matter and there are professional people who are on that Board, now and in the past, and to attack their integrity is a serious thing. He said he thinks this Board should very clearly and very cautiously consider its actions because we may subject ourselves as individuals and as a Board, to a lawsuit, and this, he does not want to see this Board do.

MR. FUSARO said the three members on his side have suggested that the words:

"This Committee feels that the manner in which the application was presented to and passed upon by the Zoning Board of Appeals casts serious doubts on the good faith of the Zoning Board of Appeals in upholding the public interest."

be changed to read as follows, deleting the words "good faith" and to read as follows:

"This Committee feels that the manner in which the application was presented to and passed upon by the Zoning Board of Appeals casts doubt on the good judgement which was exercised in this matter by the Zoning Board of Appeals in upholding the public interest."

He said he does not feel this Board has the right to attack the integrity of anyone without firm basis and firm proof, which this Committee in its own report stated: "...no pecuniary involvement on the part of any member..." He said judgement is one thing and the good faith of any individual sitting is another thing and he fails to see any right on the part of this Committee to attack their integrity. He said the judgement of the Zoning Board of Appeals was upheld in the Court of Common Pleas and the Supreme Court of the State of Connecticut and we can still, even in the face of these two Courts, affirming their decision--we may still take issue on the merits and question the judgement of the Courts themselves and of the Board, but in no fashion should we be able to attack the integrity of the individuals sitting on that Board. He urged that the Board not accept this report as presented by Mr. Morris.

MR. MORRIS said, going back, this Board will remember that there was quite a hassel on Washington Avenue and wrongly, this Board overturned the decision, out this Board was assured (and this is where the "good faith" comes in) that there would be no gas station on Washington Avenue. He said this is hearsay, but the owner came into a Caucus and said that there would be no gas station.

He said when he discovered that an application was being put in for a gas station, he wrote a letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals and also sent a letter to the Stamford Advocate, giving the reasons why he had voted the way he did at the time it was before this Board and his reasons now for opposing it. He said he thinks that there WAS "bad faith".



MR. BITETTO said he agrees with Mr. Morris and that there certainly was doubtful error on the part of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MR. FUSARO said the "error" was an error in good judgement on the part of the Zoning Board of Appeals and they certainly did not guarantee to this Board what the applicant was going to do and they only acted on the case that was put before them and they made no assurances to this Board and the subject of this report is the Zoning Board of Appeals. He said if others have made statements to this Board that there would be no gas station there, then these others are to be blamed - not the Zoning Board of Appeals.

After considerable further debate, MR. FUSARO MOVED to amend the report as he previously stated above. Seconded by Mr. Murphy.

MR. CASALE MOVED for a five minute recess. Seconded and CARRIED.

The recess was over at 11:00 P.M. and the members resumed their seats.

THE PRESIDENT explained the question before the Board is to accept Mr. Morris' report.

MR. FUSARO objected, saying the question is a vote on his amendment to the report.

THE PRESIDENT said Mr. Morris has moved to have his report accepted as read and Mr. Fusaro has made a motion to amend the report. He said the question has been presented as to whether a report can be amended or whether a minority report can be offered.

MR. MORRIS rose on a point of order. He said we do have people with differences of opinion and rather than to accept an amendment to HIS report which was presented because it expresses his feelings on the matter, it would be fairer to take a vote on his report and then to take a vote on what Mr. Fusaro has presented.

MR. FUSARO said he is merely moving for an amendment and the President is ruling that a report cannot be amended on the floor of this Board.

THE PRESIDENT said if the report was in the form of a motion, then it could be amended.

MR. FUSARO said if this is so then all this debate is out of order and we may as well pass on to the next order of business.

THE PRESIDENT explained, to make it clear to everyone, you are voting on the amendment to this report and that is what the vote shall be - a vote to accept the amendment to the report.

MR. MORRIS rose on a point of order, requesting that both sections be read once more for clarification.

MR. FUSARO read the two versions of the report - first the one as presented by Mr. Morris, and secondly, his amended version.

VOTE taken on the amendment offered by Mr. Fusaro. LOST.

VOTE taken on accepting Mr. Morris' report as read. Mr. Morris called for a roll call vote. One-fifth of those present asked for a roll call vote, which was then taken, with the result that it was APPROVED by a vote of 22 in favor and 9 opposed. The vote follows:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE REPORT

Joseph Bitetto (R)  
Robert Bromley (R)  
William Buchanan (R)  
William Caporizzo (R)  
Louis Casala (R)  
Peter Chirimbes (R)  
Hilda Clarke (R)  
George Connors (D)  
Lynn Farlen (R)  
Alan Grant (R)  
Charles Heinzer (R)  
Booth Hemingway (R)  
Howard Kaplan (D)  
Frederick Karl (R)  
Urwin Kraut (R)  
Paul Kuczo (D)  
Frances Lilliendahl (R)  
Edwin Lindstrom (R)  
Thomas Morris (R)  
Dominick Mosca (R)  
William Murphy (D)  
H. Michael Tresser (R)

THOSE OPPOSED TO THE REPORT

Patsy Arruzza (D)  
John Boccuzzi (D)  
Theodore Boccuzzi (D)  
Robert Durso (D)  
John Fusaro (D)  
Stephen Kelly (D)  
Charles Mitchell (D)  
John Rich (R)  
Gerald Rybnick (D)

MR. KAPLAN said the rules provide that a member may vote and at the same time make a motion to reconsider. He said he votes "yes" and at the same time makes a motion to reconsider at the next Board meeting when we will have a different alignment.

THE PRESIDENT said this appears to be a violation of the rules of proper parliamentary procedure.

MR. MOSCA rose on a point of order. He asked the President if it is not true that a Special Committee of the 9th Board will dissolve at the last meeting of the 9th Board.

THE PRESIDENT said this question of reconsideration of matters handled by a previous Board has been discussed many, many times during his tenure as a member of the Board of Representatives and he cannot remember that this was ever done, because if this type of procedure is ever accepted, then every single item that this 9th Board has ever acted upon could be reconsidered at a following meeting and we would never end the business of the meetings held - they would always be held in abeyance and no vote

would ever mean anything.

MR. MURPHY said he voted a qualified "yes" because he likes judgement whether you like it or not.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE "TO STUDY SALARY INCREASES FOR KEY DEPARTMENT HEADS"  
(Being those not covered by Collective Bargaining) - (Mayor's letter of 9/8/67) (TABLED at Sept. 5, 1967 Board meeting and a five-man Committee appointed to "Study and bring back a report by the Oct. 2, 1967 Board meeting." - Deferred at the 10/2/67 meeting)

MR. LINDSTROM reported that numerous meetings were held during the last month, the last meeting being held November 10th at the Belltown Fire House because the Municipal Office Building was closed. Those in attendance were: Russell, Morris, Casale, Connors and Lindstrom.

He said a motion was made and carried to pass the increases for the following:

Position	Present Range	Proposed Range	Present Rate	Recommended New Rate	Amount of Increase
Police Chief	None	None	13,750	15,000	\$1,250
Fire Chief	"	"	13,750	15,000	\$1,250
Police Captain	8515-9910	9400-11000	9,910	11,000	\$1,090
Police Captain	" "	" "	9,910	11,000	\$1,090
Police Captain	" "	" "	9,910	11,000	\$1,090
Police Captain	" "	" "	9,910	11,000	\$1,090
Police Captain	" "	" "	9,696.18	10,786.18	\$1,090
Police Captain	" "	" "	9,696.18	10,786.18	\$1,090
Police Captain	" "	" "	9,510	10,600	\$1,090
Fire Dept. Dep. Chief	" "	" "	9,910	11,000	\$1,090
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MR. LINDSTROM said they found that in the Fire and Police Departments that the proposed salary increases encompassed the Assistants and/or Deputies to the Departmental heads. He said they had an open hearing and found that in the other City departments the Deputies and/or Assistants were not included in the schedule. He said they also discovered that there were a few other positions mentioned in the salary increases which are elected or appointed. He said it was brought to the attention of his Committee that there are other positions of Supervisory capacity that were not included in the schedule.

MR. LINDSTROM said that after much deliberation, it is recommended by the Committee that the present Board pass the above proposed salary increases and further recommend that the remaining positions recommended for increases



be returned to the Mayor, or rather, the new Mayor, for his further study and action and BE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Tresser and others.

MR. BUCHANAN asked what the total appropriation is that this Board is passing on.

MR. LINDSTROM said the total amount of \$15,530.00.

MR. MOSCA said he would like to know who were the ones that were rejected for salary increases.

MR. LINDSTROM said he does not have a complete list with him, but there were quite a few. He also pointed out to Mr. Mosca that these people were not rejected, but merely recommended that they be turned over to the new Mayor.

MR. LINDSTROM explained that with the new Administration coming in, there were several jobs listed which would be going out of office with the outgoing Administration and if you considered these along with the ones that the Committee approved, you would find that these increases would be similar to a bonus, because it is supposed to be retroactive to July 1st, the beginning of the 1967-1968 fiscal year. He said this doesn't make much sense, to be granting a bonus to those going out of office.

MR. MORRIS explained why the Police and Fire Departments were acted upon. He said these Departments are graduated to a salary scale, and between a Lieutenant and a Captain in the Police Department, it is very close and isn't graduated, so this was the only inequity in the Police Department - the Captains and the Chief. He said when this was straightened out, the whole Department straightened out.

MR. MORRIS said the same thing happened in the Fire Department - between the Captains and the Deputy Chiefs were a very close range, which was wrong and this was straightened out - the Chief was straightened out, so these two Departments have been taken care of.

He said the Committee listened to people who felt that some of the Assistants were not - that maybe the top man would get a \$2,000 raise and their direct Assistants would get \$300 or \$325 to \$375. He said by sending this back, the Committee felt it could be straightened out. He said they did not reject these raises, but merely sent it back for further study and reconsideration.

THE PRESIDENT said a vote will now be taken on the motion to approve the salary increases as listed above, and as recommended by the Special Study Committee. CARRIED unanimously.

MR. RUSSELL, the outgoing President, said he would like to express his feelings. He said he has tried to be fair at all times, even though at some times it might not have appeared that way to some people. He said his intentions have always been toward directing this Board to perform its complex Legislative business in a constructive manner that a proud and progressive City is entitled to. He said he felt that in spite of occasional differences



that we have accomplished this. He said he wished to extend his personal thanks to the Chairman of the various Committees who have carried the burden of this Board, but also to the Clerk, Hilda Clarke, the Majority Leader, Thomas Morris, the Minority Leader, John Fusaro and to all of the Board members. He said he wants to thank the members for their patience with him. He said sitting up here in front trying to conduct a meeting with 40 members and the very complex business of a Board such as this, it sometimes gets very involved, with the President having to make a decision on the spot and without a lot of time to look up a parliamentary rule and think it over - that once he has made his decision - he is something like an Umpire and he cannot go back and change his mind but hold to his decision. He said he has tried to do his best and believes that this outgoing Board has done an outstanding job. He thanked the members and said he appreciated the experience of being President of this Board for the last two years. (applause)


Several outgoing members spoke briefly.

MR. FUSARO, Minority Leader, said he wished to add his remarks and thanks for a very difficult job done by the outgoing officers. He said it has been a fine term of office. He thanked Hilda Clarke and Velma Farrell for their hard work and cooperation and the members on both sides. He said we have many going off the Board who have done a good job and will be missed, such as Mr. Bitetto, Mr. Mosca, the Chairman of Public Works and Planning & Zoning Committees. He said he believes these are the only Chairmen who are leaving the Board. He said Jonathan Bennett, Chairman of the Housing Committee, also did an outstanding job as a member of this Board and said it has been a pleasure to work with these Board members. He said it is always amazing how people who are on these City Boards such as this, will give unceasingly of themselves for absolutely no monetary gain or benefit to themselves. He said this Board has had many disputes but, in the final analysis, everyone on this Board, to a man, who believed that something was for the good of the City, voted in favor of its passage, or against it, if such was their conviction. He said it also is amazing how we can be on different sides of an issue and yet still remain friends.

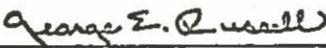
MRS. CLARKE, the Clerk, said she did not choose to run this time, but she will miss all the friends she has on this Board and wishes the next Board all the luck in the world. (applause)

#### ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned sine die at 11:30 P.M.

  
Velma Farrell  
Administrative Assistant  
(Recording Secretary)

#### APPROVED:

  
George E. Russell, President  
9th Board of Representatives  
VF:sp

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