

MEETING OF THE 10TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Minutes of February 5, 1968  
Stamford, Connecticut

5280

A regular monthly meeting of the 10th Board of Representatives was held on Monday, February 5, 1968, in the Board's meeting room, Municipal Office Building, 2nd Floor, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, John C. Fusaro, at 8:15 P.M.

PAGES:

THE PRESIDENT announced the presence of two Pages - Charles Heinzer IV and Ted Hirt, from Rippowam High School.

In the absence of the Clerk, GEORGE GEORGOULIS, 14th District Representative, was appointed Temporary Clerk.

INVOCATION was given by the Reverend George Poulos, Greek Archangels 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: NATE MARTIN and FREDERICK LIONE.

THE PRESIDENT requested the members to rise in silent tribute to the memory of the above named men, who contributed so much to the City during their lifetimes.

ROLL CALL was taken by George Georgoulis, Temporary Clerk. There were 37 present and 3 absent. However, Mr. Murphy arrived later in the meeting, changing the roll call to 38 present and 2 absent. The absent members were:

Frank A. Coperine (D) 1st District  
Robert M. Wechsler (D) 11th District

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of January 8, 1968

The minutes were accepted with a correction on page 5272, item #4, 6th line, now reading: "He said he does not believe it is technically possible to bring it up to "B". To be changed to read: "He said he believes it is technically possible to bring it up to "B"."

Another correction was offered, but was not picked up by the recorder.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The reading of the Minutes of the Steering Committee report was waived. They were entered in the Minutes as follows:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT  
Meeting held Monday, January 22, 1968

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, January 22, 1968 in the Board of Representatives' meeting rooms, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the Majority Leader, Howard Kaplan, at 8:20 P. M., as the Chairman was a little late in arriving, and arrived shortly thereafter. The absent members were: Frank Coperine, Robert Bromley, Edward Dombroski, Charles Heinzer, Robert Wechsler, Herman Alswanger, and Booth Hemingway.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

(1) Mayor's appointments

Because of the great number of appointments to be acted upon, it was decided to leave this up to the Chairman of the Appointments Committee, who agreed to let the Administrative Assistant know in time to send out an addenda to the Agenda, as he could not tell at this time how many he would be able to interview.

(2) Additional appropriations approved by Board of Finance January 11, 1968

REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA, with items in excess of \$2,000 referred to a secondary committee; with matters concerning personnel, referred to the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

(3) Letter (dated 1/10/68) from Joseph B. Porter, Supt. of Schools, requesting approval by Board of Representatives, under terms of Resolution No. 546, adopted 1/8/68 to enable Board of Education to receive STATE AID for the following Projects:

- (a) PROJECT #135-1 - "Remedial Instruction and Intensive Guidance Services in the High Schools" for period July 1, 1967/June 30, 1968, approved under an Act concerning State Aid for Disadvantaged Children----- \$145,265.00
- (b) PROJECT #P135-1 - "A Program of Remedial Reading and Language Arts Skills" for non-public school children, for the period January 1, 1968/June 30, 1968, approved under an Act concerning State Aid for Disadvantaged Children----- \$ 11,718.00
- (c) PROJECT #135-2 - "Aspiration - Education" for period September 1, 1967/June 30, 1968, approved under Title I of Public Law 89-10, Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965----- \$264,819.00
- (d) PROJECT #135-5 - "Remedial Reading in the Junior High Schools" for the period July 1, 1967/June 30, 1968, approved under An Act Concerning State Aid for Disadvantaged Children----- \$ 50,450.00
- Total----- \$472,252.00

(Above REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

(4) REGISTRARS OF VOTERS request for additional appropriation of \$12,446.00 (letter to Mayor dated 1/16/68 and to President of Board) in order to replace 7 voting machines destroyed by fire at the Glenbrook School which are needed in time for the 2/13/68 Primary for Probate Judge - (Note: Board of Finance to act at Special meeting called for Tuesday, 1/23/68)

Above ORDERED ON AGENDA and REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE and EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, in anticipation of letter from the Mayor initiating this emergency appropriation, because of the urgency of the request.

(5) Request (letter dated 1/22/68) from Joseph B. Porter, Supt. of Schools, for adoption of amendment to the BUILDING CODE to allow for the construction of "RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS" in order to solve the present shortage of classroom space.

Although the above letter was not received in the office of the Board, copies had been hand delivered to the President, Majority and Minority Leaders. It was REFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and the PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE and ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA.

- (6) Request (letter dated 12/27/67) from Harold N. Godlin, attorney, concerning unenforcement of State Statute relating to DOGS ROAMING AT LARGE, for Board of Representatives to ascertain what can be done to remedy the problems

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (7) Concerning letter (dated 12/15/67) received 1/19/68 - Signed by residents of McIntosh Road, requesting a guard railing be removed on this road, as it is not in keeping with the area

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (8) Letter (dated 12/12/67) from Norma-Hoffman Bearings Company, complaining of POLLUTION OF A SMALL BROOK adjacent to the plant, asking this brook be enclosed by the City -(Submitted by Mr. Joss, 7th District Representative)

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Not on Agenda

- (9) Letter (dated 12/28/67) from James Joss, 7th District Representative, regarding EXCESSIVE TRAFFIC FLOW ON COURTLAND AVENUE, MIDLAND AVENUE, and HAMILTON AVENUE

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Not on Agenda

- (10) Letter (dated 1/9/68) from Paul Kuczo, Sr. and Frank Coperine, 1st District Representatives, opposing the construction of an ICE SKATING RINK in their neighborhood

REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (11) Letter (dated 1/15/68) from Edward K. Scofield, 10th District Representative, requesting the appointment of a "Fact-Finding Committee" to look into the qualifications of an engineering firm doing work for the City

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (12) Letter (dated 1/18/68) from John J. Boccuzzi, 2nd District Representative, concerning complaints from residents in vicinity of POLYCAST CORPORATION, (previously in the Courts)--(See Minutes of 3/7/66, page 4613) requesting a Committee look into this problem

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (13) Letter (dated 12/29/67) from Louis Cassale, Jr., objecting to incorporation of DARIEN AND STAMFORD'S SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (14) Letter (dated 1/13/68) from Louis Casale, Jr., requesting the Board of Representatives go on record as disapproving a rating lower than "B" for Stamford Harbor (For reason that the Department of the Interior has under consideration setting a "C" standard for Stamford Harbor)

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (15) Proposed amendment to SEWER CODE, pursuant to Chapter 4, Sec. 40 (33) of the Charter, providing that any zoning changes, variances or special exceptions may not be approved without the prior approval of the Sewer Commission and the Commissioner of Public Works in cases where available sewage facilities may be overtaxed or when adequate sewerage is not present--(Introduced by Thomas Morris, 15th District Representative)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

OLD BUSINESS:

- (16) Concerning letter (dated 12/15/67) from Municipal Administrators Association" requesting this body be recognized as a duly formed body of City employees who have been EXCLUDED from bargaining under the "Collective Bargaining Act"
- (17) Resolution introduced by Mr. Thomas Morris, 15th District Representative, at the 1/8/68 Board meeting (See Minutes - pages 5275, 5276, 5277 - Recommitted to Steering Committee) CONCERNING EMPLOYEES WHO ARE EXCLUDED FROM BENEFITS UNDER THE "COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ACT" who are not already changed to the "A" grade salary grouping, be included in that salary grouping established 7/1/66 and receive the same percentage salary increases as the group previously transferred to the "A" classification, retroactive to 7/1/67

There was considerable discussion as to the difference between the two above requests. Mr. Rich said it was his understanding that a study is being made of these classifications. The President said he also believes a study has been instituted.

MR. MORRIS agreed to hold this matter in abeyance until he finds whether such a study is being made. However, he said he sees no reason why these people have to wait for a survey to be made, inasmuch as the department heads have been given percentage increases without such a study. He said he feels something could be done for them in the meantime, pending such a study.

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

JOHN C. FUSARO, Chairman  
Steering Committee, 10th Board

vf

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI, Chairman, presented the following appointments for



action by the Board. (His Committee report was not recorded, and inasmuch as one was not presented to the Recording Secretary, it cannot be entered here - Recorder failed to pick up what was said at this time)

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

HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COMMISSION (5 yr. term)

Term Expires

CLEMENT P. MINER (D)

28 Ralph Street

(Replacing Harry A. Rinaldi (R)  
whose term expired)

VOTE: 35 yes  
2 no

Dec. 1, 1972

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (3 yr. term)

JOHN R. ZELINSKY, JR. (D)

173 Lawn Avenue

(Replacing Joseph Viertel (D)  
whose term expired)

VOTE: 32 yes  
5 no

Dec. 1, 1970

PARK COMMISSION (5 yr. term)

RONALD ST. ONGE (D)

Overbrook Drive

(Replacing Dominick DePreta (R)  
whose term expired)

VOTE: 31 yes  
6 no

Dec. 1, 1972

PARKING AUTHORITY (3 yr. term)

MAX FRIEDMAN (D)

11 Redmont Road

(Replacing Harold Nathanson (R)  
whose term expired)

VOTE: 31 yes  
6 no

Jan. 1, 1971

PLANNING BOARD (5 yr. term)

TIMOTHY J. CURTIN, JR. (D)

3153 High Ridge Road

(Replacing James Bingham (R)  
whose term expired)

VOTE: 30 yes  
6 no  
1 disqualified

Dec. 1, 1972

STAMFORD GOLF AUTHORITY (3 yr term after  
initial appointment)

ANTHONY V. BOCCUZZI (D)

96 Seaton Road

(Replacing John Ballo (D)  
whose term expired 1/1/68)

VOTE: 31 yes  
6 no

Jan. 1, 1971

FRANK DALEY (D)

27 Webb Avenue

(Replacing Junius McKeithen (R)  
whose term expired 1/1/68)

VOTE: 27 yes  
9 no  
1 disqualified

Jan. 1, 1971

ZONING BOARD: (5 yr. term)

WALTER J. WELSH (D) LOST by the following vote:  
 194 Courtland Avenue VOTE: 20 no  
 (Replacing Stearns Woodman (R) 17 yes  
 whose term expired)

Dec. 1, 1972

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. DURSO, Chairman, said his Committee met Thursday, February 1, 1968, with all members present. He reported on the following:

- (1) \$2,705.74 - DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE - (To hire an Insurance Clerk and Purchase New Equipment) (Mayor's letter of Oct. 31, 1967)

|                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Code 174.0101 - Salaries -----      | \$2,140.74        |
| Code 174.2201 - New Equipment ----- | 565.00            |
|                                     | <u>\$2,705.74</u> |

MR. DURSO said this item was approved by the Fiscal Committee in the REDUCED amount of \$2,705.74 rather than the figure which appears on the agenda of \$4,765.00. He said this figure was reduced because of the fact that this employee will be hired as of March 1st this year, and is based on a salary of 18 weeks to the end of the fiscal year. He said rather than the salary of \$4,200.00, which appears on the agenda, this should read instead \$2,140.74 for salary and for the new equipment \$565.00, making a total of \$2,705.74. HE MOVED for approval of the reduced amount. Seconded by Mr. Hemingway, who said his Committee - the Personnel Committee - to whom this was also referred, concurs in approval. CARRIED.

- (2) \$19,292.90 - Salary Increases, Fringe Benefits, etc., retroactive to 7/1/67 on behalf of NURSES employed by City of Stamford, under terms of "Collective Bargaining" (contract approved 11/13/67) which is to be allocated as follows:

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Code 302.0000 - Board of Education-----          | \$ 2,946.00        |
| Code 440.0101 - Smith House, Salaries-----       | 12,275.00          |
| Code 510.0101 - Health Department, Salaries----- | 3,375.00           |
| Code 510.2501 - Health Department, Uniforms----- | 696.90             |
|  | <u>\$19,292.90</u> |

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above requests. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and Mr. Lockhart. Mr. Hemingway said the Personnel Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.

- (3) \$69,446.81 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - for salary increases, fringe benefits, etc., on behalf of CAFETERIA WORKERS, retroactive to 7/1/67 - (Under terms of "Collective Bargaining Contract" approved by Board of Representatives on 1/8/68 - See item #12 under Fiscal Committee in Minutes of 1/8/68, page 5267 - Also see Mayor's letter of 12/8/67)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above requests. Seconded by Booth Hemingway who said the Personnel Committee concurs in approval. Also seconded by Mr. Kelly and Mr. Lockhart. CARRIED.

- (4) \$1,300.00 - TAX COLLECTOR - For overtime and part-time help - Mayor's of 1/4/68)

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Code 146.0101 - Salaries - Overtime-----      | \$1,000.00        |
| Code 146.0102 - Salaries, part-time help----- | 300.00            |
|   | <u>\$1,300.00</u> |

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

- (5) \$4,000.00 - BOARD OF RECREATION, Code 720.2201, New Equipment (Truck)  
(Mayor's letter of 1/4/68)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Kelly who said that the truck broke down about four times in six weeks and finally "died" and they are in urgent need of transportation because they cover every school in the City.

MR. ALSWANGER, Chairman of Parks and Recreation Committee, to whom this was also referred, said his Committee also approves this request.

Mr. Kuczo seconded the motion.

MR. HEINZER said this truck must have been in pretty bad condition last year and why wasn't a new truck included in the Budget at that time, or was it cut out of the Budget?

MR. HEMINGWAY said it was "cut".

VOTE taken on above request. CARRIED.

- (6) \$201.60 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, Code 628.0101, Salaries, Building Bureau. Increment due to reclassification by Personnel Commission by promotional examination of Michael Macri, from Deputy Building Inspector to Chief Deputy Building Inspector, from \$8050 annually to \$8400., for period from 11/30/67 to 6/30/68 - (Mayor's letter of 1/4/68)

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

- (7) \$1,200.00 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, Code 510.0602, Laboratory Supplies -  
(Mayor's letter of 1/4/68)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Connors.

MR. MILLER said he noticed this item should have been referred to the Health and Protection Committee. He asked for a report from that Committee.

THE PRESIDENT explained only items in excess of \$2,000 are supposed to be referred to a secondary Committee.

VOTE taken on item #7 above. CARRIED.

- (8) \$2,187.20 - POLICE DEPARTMENT, Code 530.1206, Maintenance of Traffic Lights  
(Mayor's letter of 1/8/68)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above request Seconded by Mr. Rybnick.

90

THE PRESIDENT inquired if anyone has been requested by Mr. Wechsler (Chairman of the Health & Protection Committee, to whom this was also referred) to give his report for him.

MR. JOSS (also a member of the Health & Protection Committee) said there was no meeting on this.

MR. HEINZER said he questions this one also, for the same reason. - that there seems to be an awful lot of appropriations here under the title of "Emergency" which he thinks is stretching that word pretty far. He said the damage estimate on this traffic light was \$865. He asked if we are insured and was told the City will be reimbursed - that this is just to get the light repaired without having to wait.

MR. DURSO said this matter is in the hands of the Corporation Counsel and 7/8ths of the work is already completed, so the City should be receiving this reimbursement very soon from the insurance company.

THE PRESIDENT explained that the City cannot always wait until a settlement has been made in matters of emergency nature.

MR. RYBNICK said there should be a report from the Health & Protection Committee for the reason that it is over \$2,000.

THE PRESIDENT said the requirement is that it be referred to a secondary committee, but as a matter of fact, whatever action that might be taken by a Committee can always be overruled by this Board. He asked for a VOTE as it is on the floor for consideration by the Board.

MR. HEINZER said he has a question and that is when insurance claims are paid on matters of this nature, does it go into the General Fund, or is it paid directly into the Account. He was informed this goes into the General Fund.

MR. KAPLAN spoke in reference to the point Mr. Heinzer raised. He said that under Section 619 of the Charter, when appropriations are made other than the annual Budget, it is referred to as an "emergency" appropriation even though it is not an actual emergency. He said certain members of the Board have questioned the effect upon the Grand List mill rate and that it is also required by Section 619 of the Charter that whenever so-called "additional" or "emergency" appropriations are made, it is required that the Administration tell us its probable effect on the tax rate and this is why this appears on all requests for appropriations we are getting.

MR. CONNORS said that when matters are referred to a secondary Committee and the Chairman of that Committee does not see fit to call a meeting, it leaves the members of that Committee sitting "high and dry" like they are tonight, and have no way of knowing what happened.

THE PRESIDENT said obviously if there was no committee meeting, nothing happened.

MR. CONNORS said it seems the committee should hold a meeting when something has been referred to it.

THE PRESIDENT said he would check into it.

There being no further discussion on item #8, the President called for a vote CARRIED.



- (9) \$8,000.00 - PENSION ACTUARIAL AND CONSULTANT SERVICES, for evaluation of City pension plans now in effect for POLICE PENSION FUND, FIRE-MEN'S PENSION FUND and CUSTODIANS & MECHANICS PENSION FUND, as of June 30, 1967 - (Mayor's letter of 1/11/68)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above request. He said the Fiscal Committee was at first reluctant to approve this item without further information. However, after a thorough explanation by the Commissioner of Finance, Norman Gluss, who pointed out that of the four pension plans now in effect, there is only one - the Classified Employees' Pension Fund - which is maintained on a reasonable actuarial basis. He said as of 1962 the evaluation showed an unfunded past liability of the combined Pension Funds, of \$14,600,000.00, which substantial and unfunded liability is constantly growing, where today it has possibly reached \$19,000,000.00 to \$20,000,000.00. He said these staggering figures, if left unattended can very well bankrupt the City if something is not done immediately. As an example, in order to fund these plans, the employees would have to have 50% of their wages taken out for the next 50 years! He said, speaking for the Fiscal Committee, they recommend approval of this much needed survey, only with the thought in mind that at the completion of this survey, that this Board must do everything in its power to see that all recommendations for the solution of this ever increasing problem be resolved. Seconded by Mr. Hemingway, who spoke in favor of following this up and stressed the fact that the City must face up to this problem before it goes any further.

MR. RUSSBACH spoke against the requested appropriation. He said the pension plan has been in the "red" for many years because the task to rectify the problem is politically unpalatable. He asked what happened to the 1963 study and where are its findings and recommendations? He said allegedly we are now \$20,000,000 in a hole and the solution is to meet the problem now and not have further delay by studying it. He said to demonstrate the magnitude of this - it would take a tax increase of 30 mills just to meet the present deficit, which grows larger daily. He said since the pension fund is not self-sustaining, we really have no pension fund at all - just a repository for red ink. He said we are passing the buck - that funds must be found to cover this deficit and it is high time we started doing this. HE MOVED to TABLE the appropriation request.

THE PRESIDENT said the motion dies for lack of a seconder.

MR. HEMINGWAY said perhaps \$8,000 seems like a large sum to do this survey, but after it is done, we must be prepared to follow it up with a recommendation coming out of this study. He said the recommendations coming out of this study may not be much different than they were before, but at least they will be up-to-date and we MUST face up to this or we will be wasting the \$8,000 and there is no use in kidding ourselves, because there will be some difficult times coming out of this study. He said his Committee - the Personnel Committee - is strongly in favor of this study being made.

MR. TRUGLIA asked, through the Chair, a question of Mr. Durso. He asked if this Board is setting a time limit on this study, or can we be sure that it will be forthcoming in a short while and this Board can then put its recommendations to work.

*add: Mr Durso said a three month period would be needed.*

MR. DURSO said the Fiscal Committee feels that there is great urgency in this matter and hopes that this survey will be completed as soon as possible.

MR. RUSSELL spoke in favor of the appropriation because the actuarial study will bring up-to-date the serious situation which faces the City. He said the last

*correction  
3/4/68*

*91*

actuarial was at least five or more years ago and at that time it was roughly in the neighborhood of \$14,000,000 in the "red" and as of today the estimate is well over \$20,000,000 in the "red" and will become a problem and the City will suddenly find itself bankrupt despite the rosy picture that is often painted, or a large group of young Firemen and Policemen will find one day that there is nothing to pay them a pension with when the time comes. He stressed the fact that when the survey is finished something must be done immediately and not in the future.

MR. CONNORS said he must agree with Mr. Russell. He said if something isn't done soon, we will get to the point where we are not going to have ANY pension plan in the City of Stamford. He said if someone doesn't make a move this time, it will be too late later on.

MR. HEMINGWAY said he understands from what Mr. Gluss says, that this survey will be done by the Martin Segal Company, who have been involved in previous surveys, and are also taking care of the Classified Employees Plan and are one of the top firms in this country - they work for themselves and not for any insurance company, so we will get an independent calculation and evaluation. He said he, personally, received the impression that this survey will be done in about three months.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said she also wishes to speak in favor of the appropriation and feels it must be done, but hopes this Board will follow through and see that the recommendations are carried out.

MR. RUSSBACH said he did research in the Library on this and finds that the pension plan has been in the "red" since 1933 and the presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt, and he feels that since this plan has been in the red for over 35 years, that another \$8,000 to study the plan again is not going to meet with any great success.

MR. HEINZER MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

VOTE taken on the \$8,000 appropriation requested under item #9 on the agenda. CARRIED with one "no" vote (Mr. Russbach).

(10) \$472,252.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - To enable Board of Education to receive STATE AID under terms of Resolution No. 546 approved by the Board of Representatives on 1/8/68 for the following Projects: (Requested in letter of 1/10/68 from Joseph B. Porter, Supt. of Schools)

- (a) PROJECT #135-1 - "Remedial Instruction and Intensive Guidance Services in the High Schools" for the period July 1, 1967/June 30, 1968, approved under an Act concerning State Aid for Disadvantaged Children-----\$145,265.00
- (b) PROJECT #P135-1 - "A Program of Remedial Reading and Language Arts Skills" for non-public school children, for the period January 1, 1968/June 30, 1968, approved under an Act concerning State Aid for Disadvantaged Children-----\$ 11,718.00
- (c) PROJECT #135-2 - "Aspiration - Education" for period September 1, 1967/June 30, 1968, approved under Title I of Public Law 89-10, Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965-----\$264,819.00

- (d) PROJECT #135-5 - "Remedial Reading in the Junior High Schools" for the period July 1, 1967/June 30, 1968, approved under an Act concerning State Aid for Disadvantaged Children----- \$ 50,450.00

Total----- \$472,252.00

MR. DURSO said the above is a request to receive State Aid under the terms of Resolution No. 546 approved by this Board last month for the Projects as they appear above. He said the Fiscal Committee approved the total sum of \$472,252.00 and he MOVED for approval of this sum. Seconded by Mr. Calder who said he knows of no area in education where more good is being accomplished with Federal funds than in these programs. He urged approval. CARRIED.

MR. RUSSBACH asked to have explained what it means for "non-public school children" as appears in item (b) outlined above.

THE PRESIDENT said inasmuch as the Board has just approved this item, he would suggest he refer his question to some of the school teachers on this Board for an explanation.

MR. HEINZER said he can answer this very quickly - that there are a lot of private schools and parochial school children who are entitled to certain benefits that the schools they attend do not provide, but are entitled as citizens living in the City which receives these grants.

MR. CALDER said there are nine parochial schools in the City of Stamford.

- (11) \$12,446.00 - REGISTRARS OF VOTERS - For 7 Printomatic Voting Machines at \$1,778.00 each (FOB Jamestown, N.Y.) to replace 7 machines destroyed by fire at the Glenbrook School (Needed in time for the February 13, 1968 Primary - (Mayor's letter of 1/22/68 - See letter to President from Registrar of Voters, Nancy Tatano, dated 1/16/68) (Note: Board of Finance acted favorably on this at special meeting called for Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1968)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

MR. RICH said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs in this approval.

MR. HEINZER said he wants to ask the same question he asked before - are these voting machines insured?

THE PRESIDENT said he discussed this with Mrs. Tatano and these machines were insured, but the value at this point is minimal, because they are older machines.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said she also wishes to second the motion. However, when she spoke about this to Mrs. Tatano, there was one point she would like to make known. She said there are some 50 machines stored in the Stevens School and if we were to have a fire there, it would cost approximately \$100,000. She said it would seem as if something should be done about this.

*Correction March 4, 1968*

THE PRESIDENT said he also discussed this with Mrs. Tatano and said we would give her all the help she needed to move those machines (moral support).

*12*



MR. RUSSELL said while we are still on the subject, it would be a good idea for this to be recommended that it be "promptly done" as it is a serious matter, because it is one of our oldest schools.

THE PRESIDENT suggested he bring this up under "New Business".

MR. DURSO said he has invited the two Registrars to the Fiscal Committee meeting to be held next month as they will have another item at that time which will be going on our agenda and we can then thoroughly cover all of these points being brought up by the various Board members.

There being no further discussion, a VOTE was taken on item #11. CARRIED.

- (12) Concerning initiation of appropriation to cover cost of work done to bring Charter and Code of General Ordinances up-to-date - (Underestimated cost to do original work in amount of \$715.00 - Cost to do work: \$1,727.00 - Additional appropriation needed: \$1,012.00 - Covering 500 sets of 157 pages of Charter amendments and changes from 1962, up to and including Ordinance No. 132)

MR. DURSO said there is no action to be taken tonight on the above matter. However, the Fiscal Committee unanimously recommended that the President initiate the proper action be taken through the proper channels to obtain this additional appropriation so that this unpaid bill can be paid.

#### LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

- (1) Proposed Ordinance CONCERNING TAX RELIEF FOR LOW INCOME SENIOR CITIZENS LOCATED ON WASHINGTON COURT, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT - (Held in Committee 1/8/68 - Originally proposed by Mr. Fusaro 10/2/67)

MR. BROMLEY said the above matter is being held in Committee, pending receipt from the Corporation Counsel's office of a contract upon which we can act.

- (2) CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF A 9TH CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION - (Under provisions of "Home Rule Act" as amended) -- (Adoption of empowering resolution calling for appointment of such a Commission, whose duty it shall be to recommend revisions or amendments to Charter)

MR. BROMLEY said in reference to the resolutions discussed at last month's meeting these have been held in Committee.

- (3) Resolution concerning retirement of Dr. James Costanzo, former Director of Health - (Also see Mayor's letter of 12/18/67)

MR. BROMLEY submitted the following resolution and MOVED for approval.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 547

IN COMMENDATION FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE TO CITY OF STAMFORD OF DR. JAMES J. COSTANZO AS DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS, Dr. James J. Costanzo has for many years served as Director of Health for the City of Stamford; and



WHEREAS, he has faithfully discharged his duties as such Director of Health; and

WHEREAS, he has recently retired as Director of Health,

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that in consideration of the foregoing and because of the grateful appreciation of the City of Stamford for his many services, the Board of Representatives go on record favoring the passage of legislation by the State Legislature enabling the City of Stamford to provide Dr. Costanzo with an appropriate pension and to this end, each of the State Representatives for the City of Stamford be urged to introduce a Special Act to that effect at the next session of the State Legislature.

\*\*\*\*\*

MR. HEMINGWAY said he wants to go on record as opposing this type of pension. He said he has nothing against any person involved, but believes this practice leads the City down a trail which we should think over long and carefully before we start. He said we already have one or two of this type and thinks it should be most carefully considered before it is introduced into the State Legislature.

MR. MILLER said he wants to go on record as being in favor of this as he believes there is ample precedent for this. He said here we have a City employee who has been with us for many years and has had no opportunity to participate in any kind of a pension plan. He has served the City far beyond the usual retirement age and thinks it only fair that we try to give Dr. Costanzo as much consideration as we can. He said he does not think it is at all unusual as far as the General Assembly is concerned in cases of this nature.

MR. CONNORS said if anybody in this City is entitled to have a pension, he thinks it is Dr. Costanzo. He reminded the members of the problem we had trying to get a Health Director in this City and Dr. Costanzo "picked up the cudgels" when we were unable to acquire anybody. He said over a period of years we have been trying to get a replacement for him and were unable to get one. He said the Doctor hung on a long time, when he wanted "out" and wanted no part of the job, but in deference to the City's need, agreed to stay on long past the time when he wanted to retire. He said he feels the City of Stamford should give him a pension and believes that an enabling Act should be introduced into the State Legislature so this can be accomplished.

MR. RUSSBACH said he thinks there is one thing we should clear up and that is the fact that Dr. Costanzo was already retired and eligible for Social Security benefits when he accepted the job as Director of Health for the City.

MR. JOSS said it is not because he is against Dr. Costanzo, but we just finished talking about the Pension Plans of the City and how expensive it is, and then turn around and want to pass on another one. He asked if there is no other way to honor this man - perhaps a dinner in his honor, or something appropriate. He said this is setting a precedent where other heads of Departments could be brought in under this same type of pension and will cost the City a lot of money.

THE PRESIDENT said this is certainly not setting a precedent, because a precedent has been set a long time ago.

MR. KELLY urged that some kind of a reward be given to Dr. Costanzo for the wonderful service he has given to the City and he has endured many years beyond retirement because no replacement could be found.

THE PRESIDENT called for a VOTE on the resolution. CARRIED with several "no" votes.

- (4) Request contained in letter (dated 1/22/68) from Joseph B. Porter, Supt. of Schools, for adoption of amendment to the BUILDING CODE to allow for the construction of "RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS" in order to solve the present shortage of classroom space

MR. BROMLEY read the following proposed amendment to the Building Code and said his committee approved it as to form:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BUILDING CODE TO ENABLE  
CONSTRUCTION OF "RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS" TO BE  
USED ONLY IN CONNECTION WITH GOVERNMENTAL  
FUNCTIONS OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

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

- (1) Paragraph 4, page 17, add section "a" to read:

Under "Use Group F-4" (assembly - church and schools,) metal or wood frame construction shall be allowed for relocatable, single story classroom units to be used only in connection with governmental functions of the City of Stamford. Such units shall not exceed 1,000 sq. ft. per unit and no grouping of units shall exceed 5,000 sq. ft. Interior walls shall be of 5/8" fire code sheetrock and there shall be two means of egress from each classroom.

Reference to this amendment shall also appear on page 20, section 102, table 1, "Use Group F-4", of the Stamford Building Code.

This amendment shall take effect on the date of its enactment

\*\*\*\*\*

MR. BROMLEY said this has also been referred to the Public Works Committee, who will go into the substance of the proposed amendment.

MR. HEINZER said the Public Works Committee wish to hold this in Committee for another month. He said there were quite a few objections to this on the part of members of the Committee, and although the School Board is in a hurry with this and they do not want to hold them up, they feel a little more time should be allowed to study this and hear whatever objections there may be to it. He said the Committee has already heard those speaking in favor of this, but are interested in knowing what objections there may be. He said they are planning on holding a meeting the Friday after next (February 16th) with members of the School Board to to over alternate plans.

MR. RYBNICK said he would like to know where these would be built.

MR. HEINZER said that is one of the things they want to talk over with the School Board.

MR. RYBNICK said one of the questions he was asked was would this appear like "Shanty Town"?

MR. CONNORS said they have these buildings in Norwalk and they are not the best looking places in the world, but at least they serve the purpose and can be used for classrooms. He said if anybody is interested, all they have to do is go to Norwalk and they can see this type of building.

MR. JOSS asked a question of Mr. Heinzer. He asked how much these classrooms would run.

MR. HEINZER said something like \$4,000 a year for each classroom in rentals. HE MOVED for publication.

MR. RYBNICK objected, saying that if the Public Works Committee has not concurred with this item and are looking for more information, he feels it should be deferred for a month.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Bromley, as Chairman of the primary committee - it was his understanding that they had reported this matter out for approval.

MR. BROMLEY said they would have to report it out for publication and that was the consensus of the committee. He said in this kind of situation, where the Public Works Committee has deferred reporting on it, that during the month after publication there would be enough time to go into it as far as questions from the Board members are concerned. He said he would MOVE FOR PUBLICATION of the Ordinance as read.

MR. HEINZER said he concurs and seconds the motion. He said the committee is wholly against things of this nature, but are not against it in principle. However, he said there is an element of time involved here and if it is put off for another month it would be something like April before the final enactment and might be too late to rent these units to make them available for next year.

MR. RICH said he agrees on publication as it will bring it before the public and the more people that know about it the more it will enable them to ask questions and make their views known. He said publication does not mean that it must be acted upon at the next meeting, but it certainly should be published.

VOTE taken on the motion for publication. CARRIED.

MR. MURPHY arrived at this time, changing the roll call to 38 present.

MR. BROMLEY said he would just like to remark that the Legislative and Rules Committee met on January 30th in the Board meeting rooms and present at that meeting were: Mr. Bromley, Chairman, Mr. Rich and Mr. Horner.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. HEINZER, Co-Chairman, reported that a meeting was held on February 2nd in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works, Nicholas Loglisci, and present were: Commissioner Loglisci, Thomas Morris, Minority Leader, and all members of the Committee. He said the Committee has had perfect attendance so far.

9



- (1) Concerning letter (dated 12/15/67) received 1/19/68 - Signed by residents of McINTOSH ROAD, REQUESTING A GUARD RAILING BE REMOVED ON THIS ROAD, as it is not in keeping with the area

MR. HEINZER said the above matter was referred to the Commissioner of Public Works for investigation.

- (2) Letter (dated 12/4/67 - received 1/22/68) from NICHOLAS BOLANIS, 970 Stillwater Road, complaining of BAD FLOODING CONDITION in front of his property (Brought in by Mr. Georgoulis, 14th District Representative)

MR. HEINZER said the above matter was also referred to the Commissioner of Public Works.

- (3) Letter (dated 12/17/67) from HAROLD GRIFFIN, former City employee, requesting bills for car allowance from July 1951 through July 1952 in amount of \$365.00 be paid to him - (See Minutes of 1/8/68, page 5251, item #14

MR. HEINZER said upon investigation by the Committee, they found that no provision was made by the Mayor in that year's budget. He said a letter will be sent to Mr. Griffin and a copy of that letter will be filed so that if this comes up again in subsequent years, we will have something on it in the files.

- (4) Request (letter dated 1/22/68) from Joseph B. Porter, Supt. of Schools, for adoption of amendment to the BUILDING CODE to allow for the construction of "RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS" in order to solve the present shortage of classroom space (See item #4 under Legislative & Rules Committee)

MR. HEINZER said the above matter has already been discussed (see above).

- (5) Proposed amendment to SEWER CODE, pursuant to Chapter 4, Sec. 40 (33) of the Charter, providing that any zoning changes, variances or special exceptions may not be approved without the prior approval of the Sewer Commission and the Commissioner of Public Works in cases where available sewage facilities may be overtaxed, or when adequate sewerage is not present - (Introduced by Thomas Morris, 15th District Representative - See item #15 under report of Steering Committee)

MR. HEINZER said the above matter is reported out favorably, which he read as follows:

I am herewith presenting for adoption, the following amendment to the Sewer Code pursuant to Chapter 4, Sec. 40 (33) of the Charter:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SEWER CODE

The Planning Board may make no changes in the Master Plan; the Zoning Board may make no changes in zone; and the Zoning Board of Appeals may grant no variance or special exception without the approval of the Sewer Commission and the Commissioner of Public Works in any cases where they shall consider that available sewage facilities may be overtaxed or that adequate sewerage is not present.

(Signed) Thomas Morris, Republican  
Minority Leader

\*\*\*\*\*



MR. HEINZER said he would suggest that the above be referred to the Legislative and Rules Committee.

THE PRESIDENT said they will do this at the Steering Committee.

- (6) Concerning request for an opinion from the Corporation Counsel on the legality of using part of SCALZI PARK FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES (See item #13 on page 5251 of Minutes of 1/8/68 - Letter from Edward Scofield, dated 12/15/67, concerning extension of WASHINGTON AVENUE THROUGH SCALZI PARK)

MR. HEINZER said a request for an opinion from the Corporation Counsel on the legality of using part of Scalzi Park for a highway was initiated in response to a letter from Mr. Scofield, 10th District Representative. He said a request concerning the jurisdiction over Scalzi Park (also from Mr. Scofield) - (Paragraph #2 in Mr. Scofield's letter of 12/15/67) asking for the Public Works Department to have control over the dumping of refuse there. Mr. Heinzer said this was referred to Commissioner Loglisci to report back to the Committee.

#### PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL, Chairman, said his committee held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 1968 at 7 P.M., in the Municipal Office Building, and present were: Robert Durso, Armen Guroian, Edward Scofield, Daniel Russbach, George Russell; also Stearns Woodman and John Lyle of the Zoning Board.

He said the members of the Committee and those from the Zoning Board had a general discussion of the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the Zoning Board and those of the Board of Representatives when acting upon appeals to the Board of Representatives.

He said Mr. Woodman spoke in general about the functions of the Zoning Board, explaining the reason for public hearings and the factors that go into their decisions. He said there was an informal discussion as to possible overlapping of jurisdiction between the related Boards and some felt decisions too often appeared to be contrary to Zoning regulations, thus weakening the purposes such regulations were intended to control.

He said his Committee plans a series of such meetings and will try to meet with the Zoning Board of Appeals at its next regular meeting.

#### URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE:

MR. CALDER, Chairman, reported that the last meeting of his Committee was held on January 15th at which meeting most of the members here tonight were also present. He said it would therefore be redundant to report again what happened at that meeting. He said through the note taking ability of Mr. Heinzer they were able to put together a resume of the meeting, which he presented to all the Board members, and a copy for the Board files.

He said this meeting served as a refresher course for the members to ask questions and get answers to many things they wished to know. He said the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel were pleased to attend the meeting as it enabled them to gain insight into what the people on this Board are thinking. He said the Corporation Counsel has advised him that perhaps within two or three weeks he will have some definite suggestions for modifications of the Contract, at which time he will meet with the Committee in as many sessions as will be necessary. He said everyone may

15

be sure that they will have the chance to answer any further questions that were not answered at the previous meeting. He said he will be inviting the members to further meetings in the near future.

MR. FARMEN said he wished to make a statement, not as a member of the Urban Renewal Committee, but as a member of this Board. He said it is his belief that the negotiations on the URC contract are drifting and that this is causing unnecessary delay. He said he further believes that this Board is the only official body which can take action to speed contract negotiations and we will be open to public criticism if we don't take such action. He said last year during contract negotiations, it was the responsibility of the Mayor's office to work with the URC and the Redeveloper to prepare a good disposition contract at the earliest possible date. He said this phase of the negotiations was completed by Oct. 23rd when the URC and the Redeveloper reached agreement on the proposed contract and, at that point, the responsibility for the completion of the contract negotiations should have shifted to the Board of Representatives.

He said it is a known fact that approval of the contract is required only from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the U. S. government and the Board of Representatives for the City of Stamford. He said this Board is the only official body in Stamford which must approve the contract, or has the authority to grant such approval. He said he does not believe this Board has exercised proper leadership to carry out its responsibility and, in fact, the Board has participated in contract negotiations only to the extent of holding two open meetings - last October 26th and another on January 15th.

He said the Mayor's office, mainly through the office of the Corporation Counsel, continues to direct contract negotiations. He said it is his understanding, from press reports, that the Mayor has appointed a special committee to study the contract - and a special committee of the Citizens Action Council is also making such a study. He said the Redeveloper has requested that the contract be reviewed by the Board of Finance and the Parking Authority. He said it seems that this contract has been spread out in several directions and somehow, in the process, the Board of Representatives has "dropped the ball". He said if this Board does not provide leadership they will not have fulfilled their responsibility to the citizens of Stamford by assuring prompt approval of the disposition contract. He said in the proposed contract the date of February 15, 1968 is listed as the date for the transfer of property to the Bridgeport Diocese for construction of public housing and we cannot meet this date - that there are indications that HUD will approve the contract sometime this month, which could mean that we could take final action at our March Board meeting. He said he does not believe we are ready for such action. He said he recommends that this Board, acting through its Urban Renewal Committee, assume active direction of all negotiations on the redevelopment contract, and should establish a deadline date, when all interested parties MUST submit reports if they want them to be considered for the final contract and all contract work should be completed during February so that this Board can be prepared to take action on the contract at their March 4th meeting.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Farmen that this Board has acted - on October 26th, which was well aired out in the newspaper. He said perhaps if the contract had been spread out in several directions a year ago, or even four or five months ago, it would have helped. He said what is being done now is in the interest of getting the best ultimate contract possible, both for the City of Stamford and the Redevelopment Commission.

MR. KAPLAN said he considers the remarks of Mr. Farmen to be politically motivated rather than true facts before this Board. First of all, he said, there were

remarks about the Board of Representatives "dropping the ball". He said in all the time he has been on this Board he has never seen a Committee report as exceptional as the one we have just received from Mr. Calder and for a Committee Chairman to take the trouble to give the members a summary of a Committee hearing is something to be commended and not to be treated as a Committee Chairman "dropping the ball". Secondly, he said, so far as any delay is concerned, he would make the comment that precipitous haste insofar as an important contract is concerned is far more reprehensible than careful consideration.

He said we did indeed have a contract last October - a contract that was carefully studied by a Committee headed by Isadore Mackler, a former Corporation Counsel of the City, and the report of that Committee was adopted by one of the candidates for Mayor and subsequently ratified by the people of Stamford in an open election. He said there have been many years of delay in this Urban Redevelopment contract and this is what is reprehensible and what we now have is the most detailed and careful consideration being given to the contract and a bit of patience on the part of all of us at this time would be well called for.

MR. HEINZER asked a question concerning the third page of the transcript of the meeting of the Whole, held 1/15/68, where it says: MR. MILLER Art. 15, pg.75, "The Redeveloper will give preference to-----"

MR. MILLER said he remembers and believes he asked a question about the Redeveloper pledging to give preference in rentals to apartment dwellers and small businessmen who were already located within the Urban Redevelopment section.

THE PRESIDENT said Federal policy dictates that displaced persons from the Redevelopment area must be given first preference.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

THE PRESIDENT read the following letter:

Jan. 26, 1968

To the Board of Representatives

Please be advised of my appointment of WILLIAM C. KAMINSKI as LEGISLATIVE AIDE to the Mayor on matters concerning local government.

This office is interested in maintaining as close a communication with all Boards and Commissions as time and conditions will permit. The appointment of Mr. Kaminski will hopefully contribute to this goal.

On occasions, Mr. Kaminski will be assigned to communicate or otherwise act as liaison between this office and your Board on matters of importance to the community.

May I request you extend to Mr. Kaminski the same courtesy normally extended to other persons representing this office.

Sincerely,

Bruno E. Giordano, Mayor

\*\*\*\*\*



THE PRESIDENT said we are very fortunate in having people such as Mr. Kaminski living in the City, who are willing to devote their time in order to make this a better place in which to live and in order to help alleviate some of the burdens placed on a Mayor of a city of this size.

MR. RICH asked under what circumstances a member of this Board will be able to talk directly with the Mayor.

THE PRESIDENT said they will be able to see the Mayor at any time.

MR. RICH said then what is the role of Mr. Kaminski - it sounds as though the Mayor would have him stand between the Mayor's office and the Board of Representatives.

THE PRESIDENT said he recalls that this Board constantly complained during the last Administration that they were not informed of the activities in the Mayor's office and that they were not informed of the activities of other Boards and agencies of the City and with the appointment of Mr. Kaminski, it is an attempt to alleviate this problem and to prevent a lack of communication. He said Mr. Kaminski will attend all Board meetings and be at our "beck and call" so to speak, at all times.

MR. RUSSBACH said he thinks the Mayor has made an excellent choice because Mr. Kaminski is a former member of the Board of Representatives and a former Majority Leader of the Board. He said he has worked directly with Mr. Kaminski in the past and has found him to be very amenable. He said he feels that the Mayor has made a wonderful choice.

MR. CONNORS said Mr. Kaminski is acting as liaison for this Board and Mr. <sup>Wise</sup> is doing the same thing on the State level and working very closely with the State Representatives in Hartford and is doing a very good job of meeting once a month with all the Representatives. *Wise correct 3/4/68 4-7*

Concerning CONNECTICUT DEVELOPMENT ACT, adopted by the 1967 General Assembly, to aid the various cities and towns by allowing them to apply for STATE AID IN FUNDS FOR PLANNING - (Mayor's letter of 2/5/68)

THE PRESIDENT read the following letter from the Mayor on the above subject:

"As you know, the Connecticut Development Act, passed by the recent General Assembly, will make available large sums of money to our municipalities in order to help us solve our growing Urban problems. This program is, both action minded and community wide in scope.

If Stamford, however, is to qualify for any of these State funds, under the provisions of the Act, it must first prepare an application. Under approval of this application by the State Department of Community Affairs, the City will then receive planning money for 22 months and, at the same time, become immediately eligible for such new program funds, including tax abatements, day care centers, slum clearance, and harbor development, among many others.

The first requirement is to obtain the approval of the Board of Representatives of the application for funds, which we are now just initiating. In conjunction with this requirement, I would formally like to request the Board of Representatives to refer this matter to the appropriate committee for further discussion and action.



In the meantime, I have appointed Mr. Joseph Zita, Executive Director of the Stamford Community Council, and Mr. Walter Wachter, Director of the Planning Board, to assist us in carrying out the staff work on this application. They will be available to meet with your committee at a time that is convenient to you.

I am hopeful that you will give this matter your immediate attention because of the very tangible benefits which will accrue to the City once the application has been submitted.

It is my hope that the Board sub-committee will assist Mr. Zita and Mr. Wachter in the final programming for Stamford's application.

Quite conceivably this application can be ready by your Board at one of the next meetings.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Bruno E. Giordano, Mayor"

\*\*\*\*\*

THE PRESIDENT said in conjunction with the Mayor's request, he felt that a program of this magnitude should be dealt with through a Special Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF G-DAP SPECIAL COMMITTEE (Community Development  
Action Plan Committee)

THE PRESIDENT appointed the following members of the above special committee:

- (D) William D. Murphy, Chairman
- (D) Herman P. Alswanger
- (D) Gerald J. Rybnick
- (R) Jack Palmer
- (R) John T. D. Rich

THE PRESIDENT said he has met with Mr. Zita and has assured him of this Board's sincere cooperation and has also arranged for this committee to meet with him this week.

Loyal Order of Moose - Appreciation for use of Courtland Park for  
Retarded Children

MR. CONNORS conveyed the thanks of the above Association for the original appropriation in order to get the building these children are now using repaired.

OLD BUSINESS:

MR. LOCKHART asked what happened to the Special Housing Committee.

THE PRESIDENT said this comes up under "New Business".

Concerning re-opening of VETERANS CENTER

MR. JOSS asked whether the Mayor is doing anything about trying to re-open the Veterans Center in Stamford.

MR. RYBNICK said he has been informed that this appropriation will go in the 1968-1969 Budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION SPECIAL COMMITTEE

THE PRESIDENT announced the appointment of a 7 member Committee, five members appointed now, with two more members to be announced at a later date;

- (D) John J. Boccuzzi Chairman
- (D) Richard G. Grisar
- (D) Ralph L. Lockhart
- (R) Thomas A. Morris
- (R) Jack Palmer

Audio and Microphone Facilities for Board meeting room

*Correction Plotnick*  
*3/4/68*  
*U.F.*  
MR. GRISAR asked how much longer will those members not provided with microphones have to suffer this inconvenience. HE MOVED that we look into the matter of getting an appropriation to get this in proper shape so that the audio system will provide enough microphones for all the members of the Board.

THE PRESIDENT said they have been ordered..

ADJOURNMENT:

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

*Velma Farrell*  
Velma Farrell  
Administrative Assistant  
(Recording Secretary)

vf

APPROVED:

*John C. Fusaro*  
John C. Fusaro, President  
10th Board of Representatives

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

VF