

MEETINGREPRESENTATIVESMinutes of April 1, 1968 - Stamford, Conn.

A regular Monthly Meeting of the 10th Board of Representatives was held on Monday, April 1, 1968 in the Board's meeting room, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8.40 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Reverend James A. Miller, Calvary Baptist Church.

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

RECESS:

A recess was called at 8.50 P.M. as the members had not finished with their respective Caucuses.

The recess was declared over at 9.10 P.M.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 39 Members present and one absent. The absent member was Lynn H. Farman (R), 18th District.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of March 4, 1968.

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

Page 5312 - Third paragraph from top, changed to read:

"THE PRESIDENT RULES that re-publication will not be necessary"

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

On motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the reading of the Steering Committee report was waived. The report follows:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT
Meeting held Monday, March 18, 1968

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, March 18, 1968 in the Board of Representatives' Meeting Rooms, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, John C. Fusaro, at 8.15 P.M. All members were present with the exception of the following: Frank Coperine, Robert Durso, Theodore Boccuzzi, Robert Wechsler, Herman Alswanger and Booth Hemingway.

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The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

(1) Mayor's appointments:

The following appointments were REFERRED TO THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON THE AGENDA:

ZONING BOARD - Walter J. Welsh (D) to term expiring 12/1/72

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD - Eugene J. Connolly (D) to term expiring 12/1/72 (replacing Anthony Kulis as an Appointee, whose name had been withdrawn by the Mayor.)

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD - Joseph Bitetto (R) to term expiring 12/1/68, replacing Warren Davidson (R) who resigned.

SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY - (See Ordinance No. 126 - which specifies one appointment for a 2 yr. term and one for a 1 yr. term)

Mrs. John F. Daly (D) to term expiring 3/15/70

Stearns E. Woodman (R) to term expiring 3/15/69

(2) Additional Appropriations on Board of Finance agenda, but not yet acted upon.

REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE, and after approval by Board of Finance, to be PLACED ON AGENDA - Some items also referred to secondary committees.

(3) \$28,998.00 - Requested by Joseph B. Porter, Supt. of Schools (letter dated 3/1/68) for repairs to roof of second addition of ROXBURY SCHOOL - (Litigation being considered on this matter)

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

(4) Concerning proposed Ordinance for TAX RELIEF FOR LOW INCOME SENIOR CITIZENS LOCATED ON WASHINGTON COURT, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT - (Originally proposed by Mr. Fusaro 10/2/67) - Held in L & R Committee 3/4/68 pending receipt of contract from Corporation Counsel's Office)

The above matter was again placed on the Agenda, under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE.

(5) CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF A 9th CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION - (Held in Legislative & Rules Committee 3/4/68)

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Again ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (6) Two Proposed Ordinances pertaining to EXTENSION OF EXISTING CONTRACTS AND AWARDED OF EMERGENCY WORK WITHOUT FIRST SUBMITTING TO A COMPETITIVE BID

The above matter, having been deferred by the Legislative & Rules Committee at the 3/4/68 Board Meeting was ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA.

- (7) Concerning PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SEWER CODE - (Proposed by Thomas Morris, Minority Leader - Adopted for publication at 3/4/68 Board Meeting and published on Friday, March 8, 1968)

Ordered PLACED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee has been called for Wednesday, March 27th, and at that time they will allow all interested persons and departments to present their views on this matter.

- (8) Concerning Complaints from Residents in Fairlawn Apts. and Sylvan Knoll Apts. REGARDING EXHORBITANT RENT INCREASES - (Letters from Board Members Steve Kelly dated 3/13/68 and Gerald Rybnick, dated 3/14/68; also one from former Board Member Paul Kuczo Jr. and Richard Fitzmaurice of the East Side Democratic Club, dated 3/7/68.

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Not on Agenda.

- (9) Concerning Creation of a DESIGN REVIEW BOARD - (Mayor's letter of 3/11/68 referring back to a letter dated 5/1/67 to the 9th Board from Stearns Woodman, requesting the adoption of an Ordinance creating such a new Board, to consist of 9 Electors, to review Architectural Drawings and Site Plans on all proposed non-residential structures and multi-family buildings consisting of 4 or more living units, prior to the issuance of a Building Permit)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (10) APPEAL from decision of PLANNING BOARD'S DENIAL - Application of Victor Surwillo, et al. to change Land Use Category from "Residential, Single Family Plots Less Than One Acre" to "Commercial Neighborhood or Local Business" of parcel of land located on High Ridge and Merriman Road - (Received 3/11/68 in Office of Board of Representatives, with all data mailed same day to all Board Members)

Above REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA, but action not mandatory until the May Board Meeting under provisions of Sec. 522.5 of Charter.

- (11) Letter (dated 3/12/68) from LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, favoring action be taken to eliminate the present dual voting districts requiring the constant "shuttling" of voters from one polling place to another,

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resulting in confusion and unnecessary expenditure in setting up two polling places, one for voting on State issues and the other for local ones

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - Not on Agenda

- (12) Mayor's two letters (dated 3/8/68) requesting creation of a "TASK FORCE" Committee under TITLE 1 of the DEMONSTRATION CITIES AND METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1966, which provides cities with financial and technical assistance in carrying out local programs to develop "Model Neighborhoods" and improve living standards in slum and blighted neighborhoods.

REFERRED TO "C-DAP" Special Committee and ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (13) Letter (dated 2/27/68) from Chairman of Sewer Commission regarding proposed amendment to Sewer Code (presently in the Legislative & Rules Committee) to prevent overtaxing of existing sanitary sewer facilities, asking that the Board DEFER ACTION until a meeting of all interested parties can be arranged.

Copies of above letter sent to all Board Officers and Chairman of Legislative & Rules Committee and the Public Works Committee.

- (14) Notice of PUC hearing on HELCO application to CONSTRUCT TEMPORARY PRIVATE RAILROAD CROSSING IN GLENBROOK - To be held in Hartford on 3/14/68.

Copies of above letter sent to all Board Officers and the Mayor for information.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 9.15 P.M.

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

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. THEODORE BUCCUZZI, Chairman, said two meetings of his Committee were held this month, both being held in the Board's Caucus Room. He said the following were present at the meeting held March 27th: John Buccuzzi, George Georgoulis, John Rich, and Lynn Farnen. He reported the second meeting was held this evening in the Democratic Caucus Room and present at this meeting were the following: John Buccuzzi, George Georgoulis and John Rich. Also present was the Chairman at both these meetings.

MR. BOCCUZZI presented the following appointments for action by the Board.

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

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD (5 yr. term)Term Expires:

EUGENE J. CONNOLLY (D)

30 Judy Lane
(Replacing Paul Sternbach (R)
whose term expired)VOTE: 35 yes
4 no

Dec. 1, 1972

JOSEPH BITETTO (R)

30 Windsor Road
(Replacing Warren Davidson (R)
who resigned)VOTE: 33 yes
6 no

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SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY: (See Ordinance No. 126 - One appointment for a 2-yr. term and one for a 1-yr. term)

MRS. JOHN F. DALY (D)

46 Kenilworth Drive, West
(Replacing Howard Weinreich (D)VOTE: 31 yes
8 no

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STEARNS E. WOODMAN (R)

26 Courtland Avenue
(Replacing Edward Glen (D)VOTE: 26 yes
12 no
1 disqualified

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FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. DURSO, Chairman, said his Committee met on Thursday, March 28th with all members present on the following matters:

- (1) \$15,000.00 - PARK DEPARTMENT, Code 710.2201, New Equipment -
(Mayor's letter of 1/31/68 - REDUCED by Board of
Finance from requested \$18,800.00 -- Held in
Committee at 3/4/68 Board Meeting)

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

MR. ALSWANGER said the Parks & Recreation Committee also concur in approval.
CARRIED.

- (2) \$ 9,000.00 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - Code 540.0103, Overtime - (Per contract
between City and Local 786 under "Collective Bargaining"
See Mayor's letter of 2/27/68)

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

MR. HEMINGWAY said the Personnel Committee also approves. CARRIED.

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- (3) \$ 1,000.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - Code 530.0910, Prisoners' Meals -
(See Mayor's letter of 2/27/68)

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

- (4) \$16,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Code 653.0000 Repairs -
(See Mayor's letter of 2/21/68 - REDUCED by Board
of Finance from \$25,000 requested)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. John Boccuzzi, who said the Public Works Committee also concurs. CARRIED.

- (5) \$50,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Code 624.0617, Bureau of Sanitation, Division of Collection - Fill for Land Reclamation - (See Mayor's letter of 2/27/68)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. John Boccuzzi, who said the Public Works Committee concurs.

MR. CHIRIMBES said he wants to know how long are we going to keep appropriating this type of money and how much further do we have to go before this project is finished. He said it is up around \$120,000 already which is a lot of dirt.

MR. DURSO said his Committee was told that we will have to continue using land fill until the new Incinerator is completed and at that time, the new Incinerator will eliminate completely having a dump like this one at the Scofieldtown Dump, or any future dump.

MR. MORRIS said he agrees with Mr. Chirimbes and this seems like a tremendous amount of money and at one time it was over \$100,000 and keeps going on and on. He said he would like to have an estimate of how many yards are going to be used to cover this dump. He said he wondered if there isn't a more economic way of doing this.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said he has talked to Mr. Loglisci about this and it is necessary that whatever is dumped at the Scofieldtown Dump is covered with 6 inches of dirt and if anyone has any doubts that the money is not being used for this particular item, they can get in touch with Mr. Loglisci who will show them just where the dirt is going and how many trucks are going in.

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MR. HEMINGWAY said until we stop using the Scofieldtown Dump we are going to have to continue using the fill until we can possibly work out some arrangement whereby we can burn one day a week. He said this has been discussed and it appears that if the nearby residents are informed that burning may take place on a certain day, the Health Director is empowered to authorize burning when the atmospheric conditions are satisfactory, which would reduce a great deal of the burnable tree stumps, etc., which would reduce considerably the amount of rubbish that has to be covered. He said there will still have to be fill hauled up there which is purchased on bid by the Purchasing Department.

THE PRESIDENT said he recalls that last October the State banned any outdoor burning. He asked if this has been rescinded.

MR. HEMINGWAY said this is now back to local option if atmospheric conditions are acceptable to the Health Director.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said she would like to concur with Mr. Morris, because there now exists a mountain up there and obviously the fill is being used, because it resembles a mountain. She said a solution will have to be found, because they are running out of room. She said the residents feel that if burning is begun again we will be back where we were before when they fought hard to have burning discontinued at the Dump.

MR. BROMLEY said he knows that the State did come out with a ban on burning and is afraid that if burning is begun again, it will be as bad as before, with a lot of fumes, cinders and ashes dropping all over the place, starting fires here and there. He said he is opposed to allowing any burning.

MR. MORRIS said he is particularly concerned with the commercial companies who get paid for getting rid of material and then dump it at the Scofieldtown Dump and then the City has to purchase land fill to cover it. He said he feels that these commercial people should absorb some of the cost, at least for some of the fill.

MR. HEINZER said he disagrees with Mr. Bromley - that the land is getting too high and will be unusable property because of the height of the pile. He said if the State now permits burning, and since we will soon be having our new Incinerator, rather than spending so much on fill and making the land worse than it now is, it might be wiser to burn. He said we know it will be a discomfort, but we have to weigh this against an expenditure of \$200,000 over the next couple of years.

MR. CONNORS said that Norwalk has lifted the ban on burning and perhaps it might be a good idea for us to try it for a while, especially because of the many leaves the average property owner has to get rid of some way.

After considerable further debate, a VOTE was taken on Item #5 under Fiscal Committee and CARRIED, with one "no" vote (Mr. Morris).

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- (6) \$ 225.00 - ZONING BOARD - Code 138.0104, Overtime - Minimum pay under "Collective Bargaining" Agreement with City) - (Mayor's letter of 2/21/68)

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

- (7) \$ 2,000.00 - PROBATE COURT - Code 188.0403, Printing - Mayor's letter of 2/27/68)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Rich who said his Committee, the Education, Welfare & Government Committee, concurred in approval. CARRIED.

- (8) \$28,998.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - For repairing roof of second addition to ROXBURY SCHOOL (Litigation being considered on this matter) - (See letter from Joseph B. Porter, Supt. of Schools), dated 3/1/68)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Rich who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurred in approval.

MR. MORRIS said he thinks this is a lot of money to be spending on repairing a roof of a school that is only two or three years old. HE MOVED TO TABLE this until we can get more information on exactly what happened. Seconded by Mr. Bromley.

THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on the motion. The vote being in doubt, he asked for a division of the house.

MR. MORRIS MOVED for a roll call vote, which failed by a vote of 26 opposed and 12 in favor, as outlined below:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF TABLING

BROMLEY, J. Robert (R)
 CAPORIZZO, William (R)
 CHIRIMBES, Peter (R)
 GUROIAN, Armen (D)
 HEINZER, Charles III (R)
 HORNER, Watson (R)
 JOSS, James, Jr. (D)
 MORRIS, Thomas (R)
 PONT-BRIANT, Lois (R)
 RUSSBACH, Daniel (R)
 RUSSELL, George (R)
 SCOFIELD, Edward (R)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION

ALSWANGER, Herman (D)
 BOCCUZZI, John (D)
 BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)
 CALDER, Otto (D)
 CONNORS, George (D)
 COPERINE, Frank (D)
 DEUTSCH, Chester (D)
 DOMBROSKI, Edward (D)
 DURSO, Robert (D)
 GEORGOULIS, George (D)
 GRISAR, Richard (D)
 HEMINGWAY, Booth (R)
 KAPLAN, Howard (D)
 KELLY, Stephen (D)
 KUCZO, Paul Sr. (D)
 LOCKHART, Ralph (D)
 LOGLISCI, Joseph (D)
 LONGO, Carmine (D)
 MILLER, Frederick (D)
 MURPHY, William (D)

NOTE: The President not voting
except in case of a tie).

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION

PALMER, Jack (R)
PLOTNICK, Paul (D)
RICH, John (R)
RYBNICK, Gerald (D)
TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)
WECHSLER, Robert (D)

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MR. RUSSBACH said he is opposed to this appropriation because the Board of Education has colossal gall in making this request. He said he wants to know what type of roof replaces the faulty section and what is the breakdown as far as repairs are concerned? He said we have been told that the decision to proceed with repairs was made after consultation with the proper authorities, yet serious questions must be raised as to why the Board of Education and its architect permitted the original roof to be completed when it was known before completion that the roof was defective. He said Ellis Baker when speaking before the Board of Finance on this appropriation stated that since the school opening was one month away, they left the defective roof stand because it would have delayed the opening of classrooms in the affected areas. However, he said, he later stated that during the period of repair work classrooms were not used in order to protect the children, and yet the school was allowed to open with a faulty roof, which was a distinctive hazard to both the teachers and the children.

He said one thing that this Board has not been told is that the material that was used to repair the roof was not the same material which was used on the original roof, but a substitute of different quality. He said the climax of this episode is the City may never collect on the claim if pressed -- and the prime contractor says the defect is not his, but the sub-contractor's and the sub-contractor says it is not his fault and he blames faulty material - the manufacturer of the material says his product is not faulty, and the sub-contractor who installed it is to blame.

MR. RUSSBACH said he feels we owe it to the taxpayers to thoroughly investigate this matter before we act on it, because there is too much that is nebulous and ambiguous and there are too many pieces missing to this puzzle.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Russbach that we have a competent Corporation Counsel who will certainly look into this matter and help adjudicate it to the favor of the City.

MR. RUSSELL said because he was a member of a Committee of the Mayor at the time he gathered certain information last year, that he should give the Board the knowledge he has of what was involved here. He said it appears, to his mind, that the possibility of litigation returns are very slim and the findings of defectiveness came after the guarantee date by the builder had passed. He said there is also no question that there was a defective installation and it is also true that one group tries to blame the other. He said it was an unfortunate fact that this material was installed during one of our coldest periods in winter months and there is doubt as to whether it was properly installed at this time - however, he

said, at that time there was no question that the work had to be done and done soon for this year's school opening. He said at the time it was suggested that the Board of Education take this money out of their funds and if they found at the end of the fiscal year that they were short, then it could be considered that they get it back, but at the time it was felt that in view of the size of the Budget that the Board of Education works on, it could at least have the money available at the time to get the work completed.

MR. KAPLAN said it strikes him that much of what was said by the two previous speakers from the 17th District is not relevant to what is now before the Board and what is now before this Board is not a question as to how this defect arose, but what we must do to rectify it. He said there is no question in his mind that the Administration will certainly look into the matter of how the City managed to get a roof which evidently failed to meet proper specifications. However, he said the fact remains that we now do have such a roof on a public school and the fact remains that it must be fixed and just because it has to be fixed does not mean that we have to take this "out of the mouths", so to speak, of the school children and have to reduce an education budget which already does not meet everything it has to meet. He said the school system in this City must be kept at as high a possible standard and we have here an unanticipated expenditure and there is no reason why it should come out of already appropriated Board of Education funds and it is highly necessary that this money be appropriated and the why of this particular defect has nothing to do with the debate, because we must appropriate it.

MR. HEINZER said the reason the request was made to table this matter, was because there wasn't enough information, which is now abundantly apparent - that Mr. Russell has said it was not known until it was too late - until the guarantee had gone off and it was discovered before the roof was accepted and it was accepted in spite of this. He said Mr. Kaplan is saying that the roof must be fixed, but the fact is that the roof has already been fixed.

MR. MORRIS said the point he is trying to bring out is that if we are going to throw \$28,998.00 away because of somebody's laxity, it seems to be a shame. He asked if we have this type of money to throw away and can the taxpayer afford it? He said there are some people who are hard pressed to pay their taxes and this is exactly why he had called for TABLING - in order to come back with more information, but apparently most of this Board felt this was not necessary. He said we can just sit here and keep on appropriating money until there is none left and we can see the bind that the Federal Government is in and we would not like to find ourselves in this bind. He suggested that it would be a good idea to try and get out money's worth. He said the same thing happened with the gates at Cove Dam - that the City was supposed to be pursuing this further and meanwhile the City continues to pay and no money comes back.

MR. RUSSELL objected to Mr. Kaplan's remark that the two previous speakers from the 17th District did not speak to the subject. He said he felt he most definitely did speak to the subject and gave the Board information which he possessed concerning this request. He said if one does not speak

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when the subject is on the floor for debate, then when can a person speak? He said he was one who felt at the time it first came up that the work must be done for the safety of the children and we would worry about where the money was coming from later.

MR. MURPHY MOVED that this be sent back to Committee for more information.

THE PRESIDENT ruled the motion out of order, as it has already been denied by the roll call vote just taken.

MR. MURPHY appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

MR. BROMLEY asked if a vote to return to Committee is the same thing as being tabled.

MR. MURPHY said he wants this referred back to Committee.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Murphy if he is moving to TABLE.

MR. MURPHY replied: "Yes".

THE PRESIDENT said Mr. Murphy's motion to table is out of order.

MR. MURPHY said he appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

MR. RUSSELL asked the President why he ruled this out of order.

THE PRESIDENT said a motion to table coming up on the same item in the same evening during the same discussion is out of order.

MR. HEINZER said this motion to reconsider is coming from the prevailing side, so he fails to see why it is out of order.

THE PRESIDENT said a motion to reconsider a motion to table is out of order. He called for a vote on the appeal from the ruling of the Chair. LOST.

MR. CALDER MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED with several "no" votes.

THE PRESIDENT said the vote will now be taken on Item #8 under Fiscal Committee.

MR. RUSSBACH MOVED for a ROLL CALL VOTE. There being enough members in favor, the following ROLL CALL VOTE was taken on Item #8. CARRIED by a vote of 27 in favor, 10 opposed and one abstention, the President not voting except in case of a tie. The vote was as follows:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR

ALSWANGER, Herman (D)
 BOCCUZZI, John (D)
 BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)
 CALDER, Otto (D)
 CONNORS, George (D)
 COPERINE, Frank (D)
 DEUTSCH, Chester (D)
 DOMBROSKI, Edward (D)
 DURSO, Robert (D)
 GEORGOULIS, George (D)
 GRISAR, Richard (D)
 GUROIAN, Armen (D)
 HEMINGWAY, Booth (R)
 JOSS, James, Jr. (D)
 KAPLAN, Howard (D)
 KELLY, Stephen (D)
 KUCZO, Paul, Sr. (D)
 LOCKHART, Ralph (D)
 LOGLISCI, Joseph (D)
 LONGO, Carmine (D)
 MILLER, Frederick (D)
 PALMER, Jack (R)
 PLOTNICK, Paul (D)
 RICH, John (R)
 RYBNICK, Gerald (D)
 TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)
 WECHSLER, Robert (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION

BROMLEY, J. Robert (R)
 CAPORIZZO, William (R)
 CHIRIMBES, Peter (R)
 HEINZER, Charles III (R)
 HORNER, Watson (R)
 MORRIS, Thomas (R)
 PONT-BRIANT, Lois (R)
 RUSSBACH, Daniel (R)
 RUSSELL, George (R)
 SCOFIELD, Edward (R)

ABSTAINED:

MURPHY, William (D)

- (9) \$3,260.00 - BOARD OF FINANCE, covering the following: (Mayor's letter of 3/6/68 and letter of correction of 3/18/68)

Code 150.0902 Professional Services - Audit --	\$1,500.00
Code 150.0301 Stationery & Postage-----	1,760.00
	<u>\$3,260.00</u>

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Rich who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee also approved this item. CARRIED.

- (10) \$1,477.68 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - PENSION for Fire Captain John J. O'Connor, effective 3/8/68, based on annual pension of \$4,666.52, or 52% of his Annual Salary of \$8,974.07 (See Mayor's letter of 3/1/68)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above pension. Seconded by Mr. Hemingway who said the Personnel Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.

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- (11) \$983.13 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - PENSION for Eleanor L. Daily, widow of Patrolman Harold T. Daily, effective 3/23/68, based on annual pension of \$3,575.00, or 50% of his annual salary of \$7,150.00 - (Mayor's letter of 3/1/68)

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

- (12) \$829.40 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - PENSION for Patrolman James J. Lynch, effective 4/19/68, based on annual pension of \$4,147.00 or 58% of his annual salary of \$7,150.00 - (Mayor's letter of 3/1/68)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Hemingway, who said the Personnel Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.

- (13) \$1,012.00 - BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES, covering the following: (Mayor's letter of 3/8/68 - REDUCED by Board of Finance from \$1,437.00 by denying request for \$425.00 for Code 106.2201, New Equipment for Audio System for Board's Meeting Room)

Code 106.1106 - For updating Charter and Code of General Ordinances (500 sets delivered 7/10/67 at a price of \$1,727.00 - Not enough money in account, requiring an additional appropriation of - - - - - \$1,012.00)

MR. DURSO said he wishes everyone to note that the original appropriation of \$1,437.00 was reduced by the sum of \$425.00 which was requested by the Board's President. He said this item was approved by the Fiscal Committee with the recommendation that the President will again try to initiate proper action to obtain the appropriation that the Board needs to obtain proper microphone coverage for the members in the rear of the room. He said HE MOVED for approval of the above with the recommendation he just cited. Seconded and CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT said he will again present the request for this appropriation so that it may be considered at the next meeting of the Board of Finance.

- (14) \$2,700.00 - CIVIL DEFENSE, covering the following: (Mayor's letter of 3/8/68)

Code 560.0301 Stationery & Postage - - - - -	\$ 100.00
Code 560.0401 Advertising & Printing - - - - -	100.00
Code 560.0601 General Materials & Supplies - - - -	200.00
Code 560.1701 Gasoline & Auto Maintenance - - - -	1,200.00
Code 560.0801 Transportation - - - - -	100.00
Code 560.2201 New Equipment - - - - -	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$2,700.00

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

MR. WECHSLER, Chairman of the Health & Protection Committee, to whom this had also been referred, said his Committee would like to hold this in Committee for a month to give it further investigation.

MR. GRISAR said they were told by the Civil Defense Department that 50% of this appropriation would be coming back from the Federal Government on this.

THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on Mr. Durso's motion to approve the above request.

MR. CHIRIMBES said they never had a meeting of the Health and Protection Committee on this and he would like to have Mr. Wechsler report this out.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Chirimbes that Mr. Wechsler has made his report on this and announced that it was voted to hold this in Committee.

MR. CHIRIMBES objected, saying he feels it should not be acted upon.

THE PRESIDENT said there is a motion on the floor to approve the request and is up for a vote.

VOTE taken on Item #14 above. CARRIED, with several "no" votes.

(15) \$8,411.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT, covering the following: (Mayor's letter of 3/8/68 - *REDUCED by Board of Finance from \$6,210.65)

Code 530.1702 Gas & Oil - - - - -	\$ 5,000.00 *
Code 530.1705 Maintenance of Patrol Cars- - -	<u>3,411.00</u>
	\$ 8,411.00

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

MR. WECHSLER said the members of the Health & Protection Committee would like to hold this in committee for another month.

VOTE taken on Item #15. CARRIED with several "no" votes.

(16) \$2,119.00 - SUNSET HOME - Code 430.0101 Salaries - (Covered by Nurses' Contract under "Collective Bargaining" - Mayor's letter of 3/8/68)

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

MR. HEMINGWAY said the Personnel Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.

- (17) \$ 60,000.00 - Resolution No. 553 amending 1967/1968 Capital Projects Budget to add aforesaid sum to item known as "CLOONAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REPLACEMENT" and appropriation therefor. (As described in letter from Supt. of Schools, dated 3/1/68 - Also see Mayor's letter of 3/8/68)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Scofield.

RESOLUTION NO. 553

AMENDING 1967/1968 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET OF BOARD OF EDUCATION BY INCLUDING ITEM TO BE KNOWN AS "CLOONAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REPLACEMENT" AND \$60,000.00 APPROPRIATION THEREFOR

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 "CLOONAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REPLACEMENT" in accordance with the provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, by adding thereto the sum of \$60,000.00 and the appropriation of the aforesaid sum for said Project.

MR. SCOFIELD said the homes and properties of two of Stamford's senior citizens were taken by court action almost three years ago to allow for the construction of the new Cloonan Junior High School and these displaced citizens have not been compensated for their hardship although Stamford has been enjoying the benefit of this fine school. He urged the members of the Board to approve this appropriation in order that the final settlement may be completed.

VOTE taken on Resolution No. 553 above and CARRIED unanimously.

- (18) \$ 27,000.00 - Resolution No. 554 amending 1967/1968 Capital Projects Budget to appropriate aforesaid sum to Project to be known as "ACQUISITION OF FIELDING PROPERTY" - (As described in letter from Sept. of Schools, dated 3/1/68 - Also see Mayor's letter of 3/8/68)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Rich who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee also concurs in approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 554

AMENDING 1967/1968 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET OF BOARD OF EDUCATION BY INCLUDING AN ITEM TO BE KNOWN AS "ACQUISITION OF FIELDING PROPERTY" AND \$27,000.00 APPROPRIATION THEREFOR

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the

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City of Stamford, to amend the 1967/1968 Capital Projects Budget to include an item to be known as "ACQUISITION OF FIELDING PROPERTY" in accordance with the provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter by adding thereto the sum of \$27,000.00 and the appropriation of aforesaid sum for said Project.

MR. SCOFIELD said for many years the children attending Hart School have been forced to use a small, sloping blacktopped area for a playfield and with the addition of this two acres of grass playfield, these children will at last be able to enjoy a complete school facility, although the site is still only one-third of the area recommended by the State Board of Education. He urged passage of the resolution.

MR. HEINZER said he recalls putting some six or seven hundred thousand dollars into a "Land Acquisition" fund for just this purpose. He asked why hasn't this appropriation been taken out of that fund?

MR. DURSO said as we know, that money was appropriated for future sites to be purchased by the City for future elementary schools and the Committee felt that the amount of money that was tied up here through Court action and with interest rates growing constantly, it was felt that this money should be appropriated now and the \$100,000.00 should be utilized, as it was designated, for future elementary schools.

MR. HEINZER said that money was not designated for anything but for "Land Acquisition".

THE PRESIDENT said he would question the legality of "dipping" into this land bank fund, since this is a Capital Projects Budget revision of a sum that was set aside for the acquisition of the Fielding property, we did litigate the matter and an increased sum of \$27,000.00 became necessary. He said it was his feeling that we would not be permitted to use the land bank fund, since these moneys were appropriated for a specific purpose.. future land purchases.

VOTE taken on above resolution. CARRIED unanimously.

- (19) \$ 10,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Code 629.0103, Overtime for Division of Land and Building Maintenance -
(Mayor's letter of 2/7/68 - To take care of employees covered under "Collective Bargaining" Contract, as stipulated in said Contract)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. John Boccuzzi, who said the Public Works Committee also approved this item.

- (20) \$ 2,500.00 - MAYOR'S AIDE - Code 108.0101, Salaries - (Mayor's letter of 2/19/68 - Previously deferred by Board of Finance, and approved with stipulation that the starting date be April 1st with a salary of \$10,000 rather than \$11,000)

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MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above request.

MR. HEMINGWAY said a majority of the Personnel Committee approved this appropriation, with a strong recommendation that this job not be established until specifications are set up for it, so there will be something to relate the activities of the individual involved with what is required of him. He seconded Mr. Durso's motion with these recommendations.

MR. MORRIS said two years ago a large majority of this Board turned down the Mayor's request for an Aide. He pointed out that the City is facing a 7.5 mill tax increase. He said he thinks we will have to "tighten our belts" and consider every dollar we are passing and for this reason, he is voting against the Mayor's Aide at this time.

THE PRESIDENT reminded the speaker that at the time this Board voted against an Aide there were "extremely extenuating circumstances".

MR. RUSSBACH asked "what were they?"

MR. HEINZER said he would like to hear about the circumstances.

THE PRESIDENT said most of the members know what they were and reminded the speaker that he served on the previous Board.

MR. RUSSBACH spoke against the appropriation. He said he thinks it is poor taste to use taxpayers' money to pay off political I.O.U's.

MR. GEORGIOULIS said if his memory serves him correctly, it was a previous Republican Mayor who requested a Mayor's Aide, and if it was considered worthwhile then, it must be worth while now. He said the City is expanding to well over 110,000 population and the duties of the Mayor are likewise expanding, and in his opinion this Aide is very badly needed. He said he is in favor of the request.

MR. HEINZER said Mr. Georgoulis should take note that it was a Republican Board of Representatives that turned down that Republican Mayor's request for an Aide.

MR. MORRIS said he has a question and that is - exactly what would this job entail? What would be his duties? He said he thinks this should be explained and we should not just pass \$10,000 because it happens to be on the agenda.

THE PRESIDENT said, to date, the Aide who has been serving gratuitously until he resigned from that position, after the Board of Finance had approved of these funds, had been dealing with correspondence to the Mayor's office, holding "Public Day" with those individuals who felt it necessary to come to the Mayor's office, had taken over completely certain projects to keep the Mayor informed of the progress of these projects -- and in

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fact, it is a never-ending type of job.

MR. MORRIS said he would like to comment that it appears when a man runs for office for Mayor and there is no mention made at the time of a "Mayor's Aide" the people vote for him, figuring that he is the one who is going to run the job and if it turns out that someone who is just picked by the Administration then turns around and just assumes the power of the Mayor and it also seems that a good Administrator could quite easily call in the various heads of departments and have all these questions settled. He said of course it is very necessary to meet the people, but a Secretary could very easily do this and refer them to the proper department. He said he cannot see any necessity for an Aide at \$10,000 and then the next thing the Aide will want a Secretary at another \$5,000 or so. He said it might turn out that the next Mayor would decide that he needs three or four Aides, and soon we will find out that the Government is not being run by who the people elect, it will be run by the Aides he picks and that is what bothers him.

MR. RUSSBACH said he would like to know by what logic the Administration can justify this position in view of the fact that judging by the Operating and Capital Projects Budgets will require a 7.5 mill tax increase. He said he can't understand why the people are expected to stand for this.

MR. HEMINGWAY pointed out that if the members of this Board are not satisfied with the performance of this Aide, it can be voted out of the Budget in the month of May when the Board acts on the annual budget for next year.

MR. PLOTNICK MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED with several "no" votes.

THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on the main motion - Item #20 on the agenda under Fiscal Committee

MR. MORRIS rose on a POINT OF ORDER. He asked if this does not require a two-thirds vote to carry. He called for a standing vote. CARRIED by a vote of 26 in favor and 12 opposed. (38 voting - the President not voting except in a tie)

(21) \$ 16,300.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - Code 530.2201 - Radio Supplies
(Mayor's letter of 1/31/68 - Previously deferred by Board of Finance, approved 3/19/68 in REDUCED amount from \$19,660 originally requested, by deletion of two motorcycle units at \$1,560 and two transistor mobile units at \$1,800)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Grisar, who corrected the Code number. He said it came from the Board of Finance as Code 530.1203, which is incorrect and when Capt. McDonald and Mr. Oefinger, who attended the Fiscal Committee meeting, informed them of

the correct Code number, the Committee approved the corrected Code number of 530.2201

THE PRESIDENT said if this has not come from the Board of Finance under the proper Code number we will be unable to act on this matter.
(Note: This was later passed under "Old Business".)

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. BROMLEY MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to bring the following matter on the floor. Seconded.

- (1) Resolution (No. 555) authorizing the Mayor to join with the NEWMAN MILLS RESTORATION, INC., in an application for a Grant-in-Aid from the Connecticut Historical Commission (Copies of proposed resolution previously sent to all Board Members)

MR. BROMLEY explained the intent of the resolution and MOVED for its approval. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED. The resolution follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 555

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO JOIN WITH THE NEWMAN MILLS RESTORATION, INC., IN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT-IN-AID FROM THE CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford, Connecticut (hereinafter referred to as "the City") in an instrument dated August 9th, 1967, has leased City-owned premises at Riverbank and June Roads in Stamford to the NEWMAN MILLS RESTORATION, INCORPORATED (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation"), a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut, for a (5) five-year period with an option to renew, and

WHEREAS, the object of said lease is to allow and encourage the Corporation to restore to operable condition the valuable historic grist mill on the aforementioned City-owned premises as an historic, educational and cultural asset and exhibit, and

WHEREAS, the Corporation will effect the physical restoration of the mill with funds from gifts, bequests, donations and grants and has already expended substantial sums for materials, equipment, labor and technical plans, and

WHEREAS, the Corporation has filed an Application, dated January 29, 1968, with the Connecticut Historical Commission for a Grant-in-Aid in the amount of \$49,268.50 representing one-half of the estimated total cost of the restoration, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City, in a letter to the State of

Connecticut Historical Commission, dated January 30, 1968, endorsed said application and will, with the approval of the Board of Representatives, formally join with the Corporation in the said Application for said Grant-in-Aid, and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the City to insure the completion of the restoration project and post-restoration operation of the mill in cooperation with the Corporation, then

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives, the governing body of the City that the Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to join with the Corporation in the Application for said Grant-in-Aid and with the advice and consent of the Corporation Counsel of the City to execute such instruments and documents as are required to confirm the action of joining in the Application with the Corporation.

(2) Proposed Ordinance CONCERNING TAX RELIEF FOR LOW INCOME SENIOR CITIZENS LOCATED ON WASHINGTON COURT, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

MR. BROMLEY said the above wording appears on our Agenda. However, this morning he was supplied with a letter from the Corporation Counsel's office, which contained copies of the enabling legislation and a proposed Ordinance also a proposed contract, which would actually cover the senior citizens at Washington Court. He said, however, what he understands is being proposed here, and he has taken an informal polling of the members of his Committee on the question, the Corporation Counsel suggests that this Board pass an Ordinance, which, in effect, is a blanket Ordinance, authorizing tax abatement, which said tax abatement can therefore be granted in the City of Stamford and then every time a group comes forward, it would qualify for tax abatement and would send a contract in, following the model contract, which, it is his understanding, would first be approved by the Administration and passed on to the Board of Finance and then the Board of Representatives for the amount of tax abatement to be authorized.

MR. BROMLEY said he must say that he did receive this today; however, he is familiar with the type of language in this type of Ordinance, and does not see any objection to passing the Ordinance for publication tonight. He said it must be borne in mind that September 1 - the Assessment date - is coming up and any tax abatement that is going to be granted, would have to be granted before that time.

MR. BROMLEY MOVED for publication of the following proposed Ordinance, with final adoption next month, but, if there are any criticisms or comments they can be considered during the interim.

THE PRESIDENT suggested that a motion first be made for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES for the reason that this particular proposed Ordinance does not appear on our agenda. Mr. Bromley agreed to this.

MR. BROMLEY thereupon MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES to bring the following proposed Ordinance before the Board at this time. Seconded and CARRIED.

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MR. BROMLEY then MOVED for publication of the following proposed Ordinance, with final adoption next month and said if there are any comments or criticisms, they can be considered before final adoption. Seconded by Mr. Russbach. Mr. Bromley read the Ordinance at this time in its entirety:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT ON LOW OR MODERATE INCOME HOUSING IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

In conformity with Section 18 of Public Act No. 522 of the Public Acts of the State of Connecticut, January Session 1967, wherein the legislature of the State of Connecticut has provided a means for a municipality to grant tax abatement of real property taxes on any housing solely for low or moderate income persons or families, provided such tax abatement is used for purposes therein specified, be it enacted:

Upon the written request of an owner of housing rented or to be rented solely to low or moderate income persons or families, the City of Stamford may provide for the abatement in part or in whole of real property taxes on any such housing, all in accordance with the provisions of Public Act No. 522 of the Public Acts of the State of Connecticut, January Session 1967, provided that such abatement shall be used for one or more of the following purposes: To reduce rents below the level which would be achieved in the absence of such abatement or to improve the quality and design of such housing, or to effect occupancy of such housing by persons and families of varying income levels with limits determined by the City of Stamford, or to provide necessary related facilities or services in such housing.

Such abatement shall be pursuant to a contract between the municipality and owners of any such housing, which contract shall provide the terms of said abatement, that moneys equal to the amount of such abatement shall be used for any one or more of the purposes herein stated, and that such abatement shall terminate at any time when such housing is not used and occupied solely as a residence for low or moderate income persons or families, whereupon the tax collector of the City of Stamford is authorized and empowered to apply such agreed upon tax abatement to the tax based upon the assessment. Said contract shall set forth the legal boundary description of the real property being used for the aforesaid purposes.

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

MR. KAPLAN said he would like, at this time, to call to the attention of the Committee that Public Act 522 that authorizes this, provides that a municipality may do what Mr. Bromley's proposed Ordinance does to abate these taxes, but also further provides that the State may enter into a contract with the City to subsidize this abatement of taxes and the State would therefore reimburse the City for the taxes that the City would lose. He said he notices that no provision is made in this proposed Ordinance for application to be made to the State, in the event of this abatement, so that it would come solely out of the pockets of the City. He said he also noticed that the proposed Contract which we received for the Senior Citizens in Washington Court, that there is no provision for application to the State. He said he wants to make it clear that as it is presently written, we would be obligated to abate taxes whether or not we received reimbursement from the State. He said he hopes the Committee will take this into consideration in reviewing this particular Ordinance, in that we might be committed to it without having applied to the State for reimbursement.

THE PRESIDENT explained any owner may apply to the City for tax abatement and this Board, as the governing body, have the power to grant the abatement. He said it is not "fiat accompli" - meaning we must approve this. He said he is sure that any approval by this Board would be heavily weighed against reimbursement by the State.

MR. KAPLAN said he does not believe he made himself clear - that when this Ordinance was received from the office of the Corporation Counsel in the mail today, it had affixed to it a specific contract which is proposed to be executed and while we have not as yet approved the contract, it did not provide for necessary application to the State first and that is why he raised this point.

MR. BROMLEY said he thinks Mr. Kaplan's remarks are well taken and he believes the Committee will certainly consult with the Corporation Counsel on this point. He said it may be that with the Senior Citizens at Washington Court, that they are not eligible to get the refund; however, he said of this he is not sure. He said the first thing is to get the Ordinance passed and then consider each project regarding tax abatement as it comes to us. He said it seems that there are two questions here - the question as to whether it should be mentioned in the Ordinance whereby the City should get back funds from the State, that he will look into.

MR. CHIRIMBES said at the time Mr. Fusaro mentioned something about getting reimbursement from the State. He asked him if he will pursue this further and find out whether or not we are going to be eligible for tax abatement from the State.

THE PRESIDENT said we are eligible for tax abatement, or rather, reimburse-

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ment from the State and on the given instance, that would have to be decided. He said this Ordinance as read by Mr. Bromley, does not specifically abate taxes in any instance - it just gives the vehicle through which the City may abate taxes for an individual who applies and we then would go to the State for reimbursement. He said the Ordinance itself does not specifically refer to any particular applicant for tax abatement.

MR. KAPLAN rose on a POINT OF INFORMATION through the Chair to Mr. Bromley. He said in the event that the City does decide to enter into a contract with any specific property owner or organization, would this require the approval of the Board of Representatives?

MR. BROMLEY said he believes so.

MR. WECHSLER said, regarding Mr. Kaplan's inquiry, he believes that when this matter was discussed in Committee, the same point was brought up and Section 19 provides that tax relief given back from the State will only apply where the construction or rehabilitation of the housing has commenced after the effective date of the action and this particular situation does not fall within those terms, so we would not be able to receive funds in this situation from the State.

THE PRESIDENT explained that there are arguments to the contrary regarding this point.

MR. BROMLEY explained what the Board is now voting on is a "blanket" Ordinance and are not voting on the specific application.

MR. CHIRIMBES asked for clarification that any type of tax abatement will have to come before this Board. He asked a question - that what we are now doing is putting a program through, but later on we will be more specific as to how it applies.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Chirimbes to clarify his question.

MR. CHIRIMBES said according to his understanding, there is no formality that says it is automatic that we will receive this tax abatement.

THE PRESIDENT asked him if he meant reimbursement from the State.

MR. CHIRIMBES said that is correct - reimbursement, and he feels that perhaps the Boards that follow this one will not know about this in later years unless this Board spells it out.

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THE PRESIDENT said each application for tax abatement will at one point or another have to come through this Board.

MR. CHIRIMBES said he thinks that unless it is "spelled out", that we are eligible for this reimbursement, it could slip through.

THE PRESIDENT said he is quite sure that the Commissioner of Finance would not permit this to happen, nor the Tax Assessor.

MR. CHIRIMBES said he thinks it should be in the Ordinance itself.

MR. HEINZER MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

VOTE taken on Item #2 - the proposed Ordinance for publication as read by Mr. Bromley. CARRIED.

(3) CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF A 9th CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION -
(Two resolutions)

(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 consider revisions or amendments to the Charter as directed by Appointing Authority - Held in Committee 3/4/68)

MR. BROMLEY said as the Board may recall from previous discussions, the procedure for creating this Charter Revision Commission is by two resolutions - the first one is to state that this Board take the necessary action to appoint the Commission, and the second resolution is the actual one appointing the Commission, giving the names of those appointed. He pointed out that it requires a two-thirds vote for approval.

MR. BROMLEY presented the following resolution and MOVED for its adoption. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 556

INITIATION OF ACTION BY BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES
FOR APPOINTMENT OF A 9th CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of Stamford,

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Connecticut, pursuant to Section 7-188 of the Connecticut General Statutes to hereby institute action for the appointment of a 9th Charter Revision Commission for the City of Stamford, which Commission shall study, draft and propose amendments to the present Charter, if it is deemed necessary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives shall take the necessary action to appoint such Charter Revision Commission within thirty (30) days from the date hereof.

MR. BROMLEY MOVED for adoption of the following resolution. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 557

CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF A 9th CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD UNDER PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 99 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of Stamford, Connecticut, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 99 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, that there shall be appointed a 9th Charter Revision Commission in the City of Stamford whose duty it shall be to make any appropriate or necessary revisions or amendments to the Charter of the City of Stamford, that the Commission shall consist of fifteen (15) members and shall report to the Board of Representatives at its regular meeting in March, 1969, but in no event later than one (1) year from the date hereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following are appointed members of said 9th CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION:

DEMOCRATS

Michael J. Nagurney
76 Hope Street

Edward Rivlin
Woodley Road

Peter J. Somma, Jr.
91 Nutmeg Lane

Edward Jerome Bankowski
203 Hubbard Avenue

Jerry F. Walden
54 West North Street

REPUBLICANS

Ralph W. Moore
25 Elmbrook Drive

James F. Bingham
70 Erskine Road

Alan H. Ketcham
163 Cascade Road

Julius M. Wilensky
51 Barrett Avenue

Mrs. Barbara M. Forman
552 Den Road

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DEMOCRATS

Gerald J. Sullivan
1601 Hope Street (Spgdl.)

Alfred E. Munrow, III
100 Culloden Road

Paul J. Kuczo, Jr.
200 Seaside Avenue

REPUBLICANS

Mrs. Jacqueline H. Frisbie
3 Old Colony Road

Frederick E. Hane
50 MacArthur Lane

- (4) Two Proposed Ordinances pertaining to EXTENSION OF EXISTING CONTRACTS AND AWARDING OF EMERGENCY WORK WITHOUT FIRST SUBMITTING TO A COMPETITIVE BID -

(Proposed by George Connors, 8th District Representative and Gerald Rybnick, 4th District Representative, in letter of 1/22/68 - Deferred 3/4/68)

The above matter was held in Committee.

- (5) Concerning PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SEWER CODE - (Proposed by Thomas Morris, Minority Leader - Referred to Public Works Committee 1/22/68 by Steering Committee - Referred back to Steering Committee 2/5/68 Board Meeting, with recommendation that it be referred to Legislative & Rules Committee - Adopted for publication 3/4/68 and published Friday, March 8, 1968)

The above matter was also held in Committee.

- (6) Concerning creation of a DESIGN REVIEW BOARD - (Mayor's letter of 3/11/68 referring back to a letter dated May 1, 1967 to the 9th Board, from Stearns Woodman, requesting adoption of an Ordinance creating this Board, to review architectural drawings and site plans on proposed non-residential structures, etc., prior to issuance of a Building Permit)

The above matter was also held in Committee.

- (7) APPEAL from decision of PLANNING BOARD'S DENIAL - Application of Victor Surwillo, et al, to change from Land Use category "Residential, Single Family Plots less Than one acre" to "Commercial, Neighborhood or Local Business" of parcel of land located on High Ridge and Merriman Road - (Received March 11, 1968 in Office of Board, with all data mailed same day to all Board Members)

MR. BROMLEY said the Legislative & Rules Committee have approved this as far as form is concerned and now it has to go to the Planning & Zoning Committee, which he understands will have a hearing on it.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Concerning Restoration of Playfield at Stevens School because of

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Easement granted Friendship House, Inc. for the purpose of providing storm drains and sanitary sewer - (See Ordinance No. 140 - enacted Sept. 23, 1967)

MR. DURSO said he would like to bring up a matter on which this Board voted upon several months back (9th Board, on Sept. 5, 1967) being approval for an easement for Friendship House in order to allow them to go through with sewer facilities and storm drains through Hatch Field, the Stevens School playground. He said he was under the impression that the builders were supposed to be responsible for the restoration of that ball field. He said we have about 1,000 children at Stevens School and he would like for the Public Works Committee to look into this and find out who is responsible for doing this restoration. He said he has seen men from the Public Works Department working there. He said it is now spring and the ball field is a long way from being restored to its normal use.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

PETITION NO. 329 - MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - Thursday, May 30, 1968 -
Requested in letter dated 3/25/68 from Joseph LiVolsi, Patriotic and Special Events Committee.

MR. ALSWANGER MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to take up the above request for a parade and Memorial Day Services honoring local deceased Veterans to be held on Thursday, May 30, 1968. Seconded and CARRIED to suspend the rules.

MR. ALSWANGER MOVED for approval of the above request, subject to the usual restrictions, insurance coverage, approval of the Police and Fire Departments, etc. Seconded and CARRIED.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

MR. RICH, Chairman, said his Committee met on March 25th, with the following present: Jack Palmer, Peter Chirimbes, Frederick Miller and John Rich, Chairman. He said he has already reported on matters referred to both the Fiscal Committee and his Committee under the report of the first Committee.

Concerning Dual Voting Districts in Stamford

MR. RICH said the above matter is not on our agenda, but it may be something that the Board might wish to take action on during the next month or two. He said the League of Women Voters has sent a letter (dated 3/12/68) to the Board on the need to redistrict the Voting Districts so as to conform with the State Assembly lines. He said perhaps more important is the need to establish one voting or polling place for all elections, instead of having two, three or four as some of them do now.

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He said the proposal which his Committee heard is quite a simple one and does not require Charter revision and can be accomplished by the adoption of an Ordinance. He said it will require a careful look at the lines within the State Assembly Districts, but will conform with these Districts and the Committee which the Board may appoint will have to take that approach. He said, of course, this will first be presented to the Steering Committee for its action and he stressed that if action is taken, it will have to be soon in order to effect this change in time for the November election.

MR. WECHSLER said in connection with the discussion on the need for voting district changes, we should be aware of the fact that the U. S. Supreme Court today handed down a decision which might affect Stamford because it extends the "one-man, one vote" rule to local government and consideration should be given to this in any plans undertaken.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE:

MR. CALDER, Chairman, said he has a very short report to give this evening. He reported a meeting of his Committee was held last Wednesday night, March 26th with Messrs. Bromley, Calder, Farman and Plotnick present, along with attorneys from the URC staff and Corporation Counsel Paul Shapero.

He said they reviewed the contract in great detail and there are some questions which the Counsel were going to investigate for them. He said they also set up a meeting for Wednesday night, March 27th, with the Democratic Members of this Board and the URC counsel and the Corporation Counsel and on last Friday, March 29th, for the Republican Members of this Board, with the same people.

He said questions were raised at both of these meetings that required some further investigation by the attorneys and while originally they had hoped that things might be ready for us to bring the contract before this Board tonight for action, it was decided that time just did not permit adequate investigation by all of the parties concerned. Therefore, he said, his Committee is not prepared to make any recommendation at this time, but to announce that they are calling a special meeting for one week from this Thursday - April 11th, at which time it is hoped that action can be taken on the contract and in the meantime they expect to have all their questions answered, with the hope they will be prepared to completely discuss so that we can take action on the contract.

(Note: Meeting postponed to Monday, April 22, 1968)

Provision for ingress and egress from public buildings for physically disabled persons

MR. KAPLAN brought up the above subject and said this had been discussed

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with the URC and refers mostly to entrance ramps in contrast to stairs. He said he received a letter today from the counsel for the URC indicating that he intends to add an addendum to the printed contract in order to provide for this.

C-DAP Committee (Community Development Action Plan Special Committee):

MR. MURPHY, Chairman, reported that his Committee met in the Municipal Office Building on March 20th and again on March 28th. Those present were: William Murphy, Gerald Rybnick, John Rich, Jack Palmer, Herman Alswanger, William Kaminski and Walter Wachter. Also present were Assistant Corporation Counsel Ronald Schwartz and Mr. Bick, who helped prepare the summary draft of the Model Cities Program Application for Planning Funds which is now before this Board.

MR. MURPHY presented the following resolution and MOVED for its adoption. Seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 558

APPROVING REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PLAN
AND DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE CITY DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford desires to undertake a comprehensive city demonstration program to rebuild or revitalize large slum and blighted areas and generally improve living conditions for the people who live in such areas; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (hereafter referred to as the "Secretary") is authorized pursuant to Title I of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 to make grants to, and contract with, City Demonstration Agencies to pay up to 80 percent of the costs of planning and developing such comprehensive city demonstration programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford as follows:

Section 1. Approval is hereby granted (1) for the submission by the City of Stamford of a request for financial assistance for the planning and development of a comprehensive city demonstration program; (2) for the provision of any information or documentation concerning the preparation and content of such program as may be required by the Secretary; and (3) for the representation by Mayor Bruno E. Giordano, or his lawful successor, as the authorized representative empowered to act on behalf of the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut in connection with all matters pertaining to the request for financial assistance.

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Section 2. The City of Stamford hereby agrees to comply with the regulations of the Secretary effectuating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which provide that no person shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in the undertaking of any of the projects or activities assisted under Title I of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966.

MR. RUSSBACH objected and said he feels this will be another Urban Renewal program and that at the last Board Meeting it was "C-DAP" and tonight it is "Model Cities". He said he dislikes voting for programs such as this without proper study, particularly when a document is delivered at 20 minutes to 1 A.M. Saturday morning with only 48 hours to study it.

MR. GUROIAN said they fail to give us one iota of information as to the eventual expense to the taxpayers in the years to come and they always fall back on the now familiar cliches that this Board can revoke, but he maintains that once we embark on the "Model Cities" program, we will be swept into the stream of uncontrollable project-planning and execution of same. He said there are increased pressures being put on the Federal Government to put its financial house in order and once this program is embarked upon, any cut-back will leave the City carrying the full load, with the net result of additional expenses to the City in thousands of dollars and with a resultant increase in taxes. He said he must in good conscience oppose this proposal.

MR. MURPHY said if we do not go ahead with this program, it will be worse and if people are afraid to vote against a thing when they don't like it, that's too bad, but it all comes back to this Board for final approval and they have the final say.

MR. RICH said he would like to point out a couple of things - one, this is clearly not another Urban Redevelopment project, and as a matter of fact, if this program is properly carried out, there won't be need for another Urban Redevelopment project in the areas affected. He said this is really what "Model Cities" means - it is to take action in parts of the City which need attention so that those parts of the city don't get into the condition where it requires drastic action be taken. He said there is another point he wants to make and that is that everyone who wants to see the South End and parts of the West Side that are affected to continue in their present direction - vote "no" on this and if you want to change that direction, maybe even stabilize it - vote "yes" on it.

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He said there are a lot of things involved in this and not all of them are going to be approved by the Federal Government and not all of them are going to get approval by this Board, as the specific proposals come forward, but at least coordinate it and an intelligent effort is being made to look at these two areas of the City in a sensible and long-range fashion, in order to prevent them from going in the direction it looks like they are heading. He said if you want to prevent this continuing decline and decay of this area, physically, morally, economically, socially, however you measure it, then vote "yes" on this.

MR. MORRIS said he want to comment on what Mr. Murphy said - that people will always have the opportunity to vote yes or no later on, but he is wondering how many will have the courage to vote the way they really feel.

MR. LOCKHART said he was getting ready to make a lengthy speech, but now that Mr. Rich has summed it up so beautifully, he will congratulate and agree with him. He said he thinks we have passed the time of worrying about outside agitation coming into the community and it is high time we started worrying about the agitation that is within, especially on this Board.

MR. KAPLAN said it occurs to him that we see many brochures of our City, calling it "Research City" but there are certain areas in our City which do not appear on these brochures and which are in very poor condition and the people who live there are unhappy about having to live in these neighborhoods. He said it is unfortunately beyond our resources to do all the things that need to be done in our community to help make living conditions better for disadvantaged citizens and by this he refers to certain areas in the south and along West Main Street and Greenwich Avenue, which have been on the road down hill for some period of time. Fortunately, he said, there may be funds - Federal funds available outside of our community, and subject to our control in this "Model Cities" program. He urged the members to adopt this resolution and pay better attention in the future so that we can avail ourselves of projects that will benefit our City.

MR. COPERINE said he has not had time to read this (meaning the booklet called "Program for the Preparation of a Community Development Action Plan") dated March 1968. He said with all the reading we have to do concerning urban renewal, he has not been able to get to it and for that reason he does not intend to vote for it, because at this point he is not familiar enough with what it entails to know whether he is for or against it. He said he sees no reason why this cannot be delayed until everyone has had time to read it and hold it for the same night we are going to go over the Urban Renewal Contract and go over both at the same time.

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THE PRESIDENT said this is just a summary of the application and is not the application itself and many man-hours will have to be put in to complete the application. He informed the members that April 15th is our deadline for filing of this application and it would be humanly impossible to complete that application between the time we meet on April 11th and April 15th, because right now we are running very close to not being able to meet this deadline by passing it this evening.

MR. MURPHY said he would like to make an observation - that Mrs. Farrell knows when the various committees are holding their meetings and his committee would appreciate it if any member of the Board who has any questions they would like to have answered, to join with his committee at their next meeting and they will be glad to furnish them with any information they wish to know.

MR. GUROIAN said that when he votes "no" he wants Mr. Rich to know that it is not because of the reasons that he would like to lay at his feet.

MR. RUSSBACH said he would like to ask one question, through the Chair, of Mr. Murphy. He asked if this program is implemented in its present state, what will be the difference between this program and that of Urban Renewal, except in size. He said Urban Renewal is a very large project and Model Cities is a model neighborhood, actually a small area, but basically, isn't it the same thing where you have government taking over and doing what private enterprise does not do - isn't it the same type of administrative procedure - that of eminent domain? He said what is the difference between this project and urban renewal, except in scope?

MR. MURPHY said he doesn't even know at this stage if we are going to do it - the Board might vote against it.

MR. RICH said the urban redevelopment idea in this City, or any other city is totally a physical proposition and makes no pretense of doing much else and we have had to inject the idea of people into our project and they have had to be injected into other projects, because we did get some housing out of the urban redevelopment project, but both in this City and other cities it is strictly a physical problem - tearing down the old and building something new in its place. However, he said, this Model Cities approach goes much further and perhaps even aside from building a building or a new building, it gets into such things as education, employment, as well as housing, and a program to "help people to help themselves" in the situation they are in. He said for instance the old Cloonan School on the south side - making it

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into a recreation community center is an example along the lines of what could come out of a model cities program.

MR. TRUGLIA said there are some things which he finds very disturbing here - number one, he happens to be the representative from the West Side and he does not believe that there was any attempt to bring in either the representatives from the south end or from the west side to get their opinions, their ideas - these people who are in daily contact with this immediate area. Then, he said, suddenly on Saturday he reads in the paper that he is all of a sudden living in a "blighted area". He said he would like everyone to know that not only does he happen to live in the West Side, but is very pleased with the West Side - not that it can't be better, because it is not a fashionable neighborhood, but has some good and substantial homes in it. He said some of the homes may be run down, but almost any neighborhood will have a few run down homes in it.

He said he feels that the people who live in the area should have been consulted first instead of just having it blow up in their faces and have hundreds of 'phone calls and being asked to explain things about which they have not been informed and know nothing about, then perhaps it would have been more receptive.

He said he does not know who the master minds are behind this, but no one is going to tell him that they know more about the West Side than he does, because he lives in it every day and has lived there all his life. He said these people should not try to pass judgment on what's there.

The second point he emphasized is that he is not too sure that the home owners in his area want this or not - he hasn't had time to check - but has had a lot of telephone calls asking questions which he can't answer.

Another point, he said, was that we have city agencies who are supposed to go around checking to see that landlords do their duties and that certain tenants do their duties. He said if we had a little more concern within city departments, maybe we wouldn't be going around so quickly labeling certain sections of town "blighted areas" that are so run down that nothing can be done except by getting a helping hand from the Federal Government.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Truglia that sometime around March 9th a letter was sent to him from the Mayor requesting that he contact the Mayor's office and asking if he would be willing to serve on the "Task Force" Committee on Model Cities which was to be created in regard to this matter and at that point he did receive notice of this and later on, another letter was sent out dated March 15th by the Board's office, reminding the Members of the first letter and requesting an answer.

MR. TRUGLIA said if the speaker is indicating that he has no interest in

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this matter, he is wrong, but what he is referring to is that up until Saturday the West Side was never mentioned as being a "blighted area".

THE PRESIDENT said a map that was supplied prior to the Steering Committee meeting did take in a small portion of the West Side, up to West Main Street - to the south of West Main Street and a letter went out requesting a response from the members of this Board in regard to "Model Cities".

MR. MILLER said he is interested in "Model Cities" and the problem that this program is trying to solve, but he could go along with Mr. Truglia on this one point - that he believes the Representatives in the area involved should be brought into the program as much as possible, and also believes the members should have been given more time in which to study this - however, he is in favor of the program. He said he does believe a distinction should be made in the neighborhoods in this area where you have many one family and two family homes and where people own their own homes there will not be too much of a problem. He said the problem arises in areas where you have multi-family dwellings owned by absentee, irresponsible landlords. He said we may lack enough staff to enforce what codes we have. He said he wouldn't want to see a program that would come in like a steam roller and take homes away from people who have lived for years in these neighborhoods and these people do not want to lose their homes to this program.

THE PRESIDENT informed the members that it is not the intent of the program to take anything from anyone and he repeated that all Board Members have the right to serve on this "Task Force" and help formulate the program.

MR. MURPHY explained that the Mayor did not realize that there was such an early deadline - thus the reason for haste.

MR. HEINZER said there is a great deal of quibbling about the details of the program, which will eventually come before the Board. Therefore, HE MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED with one "no" vote.

Vote taken on the main motion - approval of Resolution No. 558. CARRIED with several "no" votes.

PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE: (Special Committee)

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said, due to the lateness of the hour, he will not take too much of the members' time. However, he said this coming month they are going to meet with a Mr. Irving Silver and also with the Mayor on housing and should have a report on this meeting by the May Board meeting.

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OLD BUSINESS: (See Item #21 under Fiscal Committee)

\$16,300.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - Code 530.2201 - Radio Supplies -
(Mayor's letter of 1/31/68 - Approved 3/19/68 by Board of Finance, in REDUCED amount from the \$19,660 originally requested, by deletion of two motorcycle units at \$1,560 and two transistor mobile units at \$1,800 - But approved by Board of Finance under Code No. 530.1203)

MR. GRISAR said about an hour ago, Paul Callahan of the Board of Finance called and said, regarding the above matter, which the Board failed to approve because of an improper code number, that this is merely an error of transmittal that was typed wrong and was questioned at the March 19th meeting of the Board of Finance and held up for one month and at that time they brought up the point that it was under the wrong appropriation Code number and they questioned it, stopped it, and re-appropriated it under the right Code number, which is 530.2201. He said Mr. Callahan urged this Board to suspend whatever rules are necessary to bring this matter up, because the appropriation is a very worthwhile one.

THE PRESIDENT said then, in other words, the Board of Finance has acted on the correct Code number and in transmitting it to us the improper Code number was used.

MR. GRISAR said that is correct.

MR. DURSO MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to consider this matter. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above request for \$16,300 for the Police Department, Code 530.2201, New Equipment.

MR. HEINZER objected and asked if this was quite proper to bring a matter up after it has been tabled. He said it is against our own rules.

THE PRESIDENT said this has not been tabled - it was just not reported out of Committee for the reason that we thought we had the improper Code number from the Board of Finance and that they had acted on the improper Code number, but apparently they acted on the proper Code number and in the letter of transmittal to us, the improper Code number was placed on it and we are now placing the proper Code number on it and appropriating this money under the Code number that the Board of Finance used.

MR. CHIRIMBES asked if this was in writing.

MR. RUSSELL asked if it is proper to discuss the subject.

THE PRESIDENT said it is because the Board has just voted to approve bringing this up under suspension of the rules.

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MR. RUSSELL asked a question, through the Chair, of the Fiscal Committee Chairman. He said he would like an explanation of what the appropriation of \$16,300 encompassed.

MR. RICH asked if this is being opened up now to discuss the issue or to change the Code number.

THE PRESIDENT said the Fiscal Committee is now reporting this out of Committee and it can properly be discussed.

MR. RUSSELL said he would like to bring up a technicality, just to be sure we are right. He said when we receive this type of information, transmitted by telephone, this is an unusual process and to his memory has never been done before on this Board. He asked if we are correct in using this method - are we sure it is being done properly.

THE PRESIDENT said he believes we can act on the information we have received from a member of the Board of Finance and that they acted on the proper Code number.

MR. RUSSELL asked which member of the Board of Finance gave this information.

THE PRESIDENT told Mr. Russell that it was submitted by Mr. Callahan.

MR. RUSSELL said he thought that information should come properly from the Chairman of the Board of Finance and asked if it was the duty of Mr. Callahan to give this type of information and should it not properly come through the Chairman. He questioned the method as not being completely proper.

MR. DURSO said the Fiscal Committee had Captain McDonald and Hawley Oefinger of the Police Department invited to the Committee meeting and they both acknowledged the fact that the wrong Code number was placed on our Agenda and that the corrected Code number should have been 530.2201, New Equipment account. He said this should answer Mr. Russell's question and it came directly from the Police Department and they acknowledged the fact that it should have been 530.2201. He explained that the items that were deleted were the following:

Two motorcycle units, 12 volts for three wheeler Harley Davidson at \$780.00 each -----	\$1,560.00
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Two 60-watt Transistorized Mobile Units, Code 1b at \$900.00 each ---	1,800.00
REDUCTION -----	\$3,360.00

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MR. DURSO said with the deletion of the above items, it results in a total requested appropriation of \$16,300.00 for Code 530.2201 and MOVED for approval. Seconded and CARRIED with several "no" votes.

Concerning Proposed Resolution and request from Municipal Administrators Association to be recognized as a duly formed body of City employees so they may have the right to bargain (but not under Public Act No. 159) (See 1/8/68 Minutes - page 5275-76-77)

MR. TRUGLIA said back in January of this year a resolution was introduced by Mr. Morris, having to do with the Municipal Administrators Association's request that it be recognized as a duly formed body of City employees so that they can have some sort of bargaining rights. He asked if the members could have some information on this at the next meeting?

THE PRESIDENT said he would try to get some information on this.

Concerning submission of proposed names of members of Board of Ethics
(Under provisions of Ordinance No. 145 Supplemental)

MR. SCOFIELD said he would like to know if the Mayor intends to submit names of persons to serve on the Board of Ethics which this Board established, effective January 25, 1968. He said he feels that this Board might serve a useful function during deliberations on City budgets where there may be conflict of interest.

THE PRESIDENT said he would assume that the Mayor will fill all appointments on any Boards existing with vacancies in due time.

MR. KAPLAN said, as the author of the Code of Ethics, he is very much interested in this and to his knowledge, the Mayor is presently working on this and he has confidence that they will soon be submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

MR. CHIRIMBES reminded the members of the May 18th dance, and for the members to please send in their checks because the closing out date is April 15th and no tickets will be sold at the door and our reservation, because of space, is limited. He said the dance is to honor some of the older Members of the Board for service to the City while on the Board of Representatives.

Concerning Administration Building for Board of Education

MR. KELLY said in his opinion the Board of Education requests for the Roxbury School roof repairs, or replacement of fire damaged school, are

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proper and supportable. However, he said, their reported requests for an additional appropriation of \$220,000 for the Administration Building is completely indefensible. He said the original cost of \$500,000 has arisen to over \$1,100,000 and in this time of concern over the utilization of funds, he agrees with the Planning Board that this request should be denied when it comes before this Board.

He said the proposed site for the building as mentioned by the Planning Board is unsuitable since it will close off a road artery and later on will cost us twice as much to widen Strawberry Hill Avenue and Hope Street. He asked why does not the Board of Education consider the Mayor's proposal, backed unanimously by the Planning Board, to join with the City in building a new City Hall complex. He said the \$900,000 which has already been appropriated for the Administration Building, plus the million dollars that the City would receive from the sale of the present Municipal Building and an additional \$1,000,000 from URC land and school acquisitions would provide the City with close to three million dollars for this new City Hall complex. He urged the Board of Education to join with the Board of Representatives and the Mayor in his request which would be a great step forward for Stamford.

MR. GEORGOULIS said he would also like to call attention to the March 27, 1968 letter we received from our Mayor stating that the Planning Board had reviewed this and on Page 2, they state that the Planning Board never did agree with the projected location for the Administration Building where presently proposed and they also opposed the plan for closing off a part of Hillandale Avenue as a part of the Administration Building project.

He said at that time the Board noted that there are large projects going up in the area of the High School, such as on the corner of Hoyt Street and Strawberry Hill Avenue. He said the former Merrill School property and on Strawberry Hill Court and Strawberry Hill Avenue, which together would provide for more than 500 dwelling units and with the office space that would certainly be added to such buildings, together with further residential multi-family developments along the west side of Hope Street would create a bad traffic problem. Also, he said, where they propose to building the building, they should investigate that right under the actual location there are located a multitude of sewer pipes and it would cost the City approximately \$200,000 to relocate these sewer pipes for re-routing purposes.

He said he agrees with Mr. Kelly that the \$900,000 already appropriated for the building, plus the million dollars that the City would get from the sale of the present Municipal Office Building and an additional \$1,000,000 from URC land and school acquisitions - for example, we would be receiving (and this is for their information) \$300,000 for the Wall Street School which presently houses the Welfare Department, \$400,000 for the Board of Education building, \$500,000 for the Rice School and about \$300,000 for its parking lot -- and, an additional \$600,000 from

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the URC if the new City Hall is located in, or within one-quarter of a mile of the URC area. He said he agrees with Mr. Kelly that with a little bit of team work we could consolidate our administrative agencies so that we could provide the best possible and efficient government for all our people with the least amount of expense. He urged that they take this under consideration.

THE PRESIDENT suggested that Mr. Georgoulis submit this to the Steering Committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 A.M.

Velma Farrell
Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

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APPROVED:

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

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

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