

MEETING OF THE 10th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Stamford, Connecticut  
Minutes of August 4, 1969

A regular monthly meeting of the 10th Board of Representatives was held on Monday, August 4, 1969 in the Board's Meeting Rooms, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

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

INVOCATION was given by Rev. James Miller, Calvary Baptist Church.

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

**APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CLERK:**

In the absence of Frank Coperine, Clerk, the President appointed Anthony D. Truglia as Temporary Clerk.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Temporary Clerk. There were 32 present and 8 absent at the calling of the roll. However, Mr. Horner arrived shortly thereafter, changing the roll call to 33 present and 7 absent. The absent members were:

Frank A. Coperine (D) 1st District  
Edward P. Dombroski (D) 3rd District  
Robert M. Durso (D) 5th District  
Robert Costello (D) 6th District  
Howard C. Kaplan (D) 14th District  
Chester J. Deutsch (D) 16th District  
John T. D. Rich (R) 18th District

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The President announced the presence of Thomas Lombardo as Page.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - July 7, 1969**

The above minutes were accepted, there being no corrections.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The reading of the Steering Committee Report was waived and entered in the Minutes and appears below:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT  
Meeting held Tuesday, July 22, 1969

A regular monthly meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Tuesday, July 22, 1969, having been postponed from the regular Monday date, in the Board of Representatives' meeting rooms, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the Minority Leader, Thomas Morris, in

the absence of the President and the Majority Leader, at 8.10 P.M. The following were present: Thomas Morris, Fred Miller, Charles Heinzer, Robert Bromley, William Murphy, Steve Kelly, John Boccuzzi and George Russell.

(1) Appointments to various Boards and Commissions:

The only appointment before the Committee at this time was the appointment of Thomas Pia (R), 18 Windell Place, to the Board of Recreation, term ending 12/1/73. This was ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE. It was agreed that if any further appointments come through in time for the Committee to interview them, they will be considered at that time.

(2) Additional Appropriations:

All additional appropriations approved at the regular meeting of the Board of Finance on Thursday, July 10, 1969, as well as those items on their agenda for their adjourned regular meeting to be held Tuesday, July 29, 1969, were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under FISCAL COMMITTEE. Items in excess of \$2,000 were referred to the secondary committees concerned.

Note: All matters before the July 29th meeting of the Board of Finance were deferred to their next regular meeting, to be held Thursday, August 14th. VF.

- (3) All matters not yet acted upon by the Legislative & Rules Committee, were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under that Committee.

- (4) Proposed Ordinance concerning CIVIL DEFENSE SHELTER MANAGERS - (Requested in Mayor's letter of 6/18/69) (Held in L & R Committee 7/7/69)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE  
Not on Agenda.

- (5) Proposed Ordinance CONCERNING USE OF LAND WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF SCALZI PARK FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXTENSION OF THE HIGHWAY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON AVENUE

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE -  
Not on Agenda.

- (6) Letter from Howard Kaplan, 14th District Representative (dated 7/15/69) proposing adoption of an Ordinance BANNING THE USE OF DDT BY THE CITY, MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO SELL, MANUFACTURE OR USE DDT AND DIELDRIN IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AS AN INSECTICIDE OR EXTERMINATION CHEMICAL, UNLESS FOR PURPOSES OF CONTROLLED LABORATORY RESEARCH OR WITH EXPRESS WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE HEALTH DIRECTOR

Referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE  
On Agenda.

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- (7) Letter from Louis A. Clapes, City & Town Clerk (dated 7/18/69) requesting permission to hold ADDITIONAL VOTER MAKING SESSIONS as listed in attached schedule

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (8) Letter from John Toth, Assistant Director of URC REQUESTING TRANSFER OF KIWANIS PARK TO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & TREES - (Letter dated 7/18/69) (Under provisions of Ordinance No. 144 Supplemental)

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

- (9) Request to investigate adoption of RENT CONTROLS IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD (Brought up by Robert Fedak and Herman Alswanger, 11th District Representatives under "New Business" at the 7/7/69 Board Meeting)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (10) Concerning REVISION OF MODEL HOUSING CODE - (See Sec. 18-1 to 18-36 of Code of General Ordinances concerning "Minimum Housing Standards" formerly known as "Ordinance No. 65" enacted Aug. 20, 1957) - (Held in Health & Protection Committee 2/3/69, 3/3/69, 4/7/69, 5/5/69, 6/2/69 and 7/7/69)

MR. KELLY, Chairman of the Health & Protection Committee, asked that this matter be given to the LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE, which was done. It was also referred to the Public Works Committee as well as the Health & Protection Committee, but not ordered on the Agenda.

- (11) Petition from Paul D. Plotnick, 16th District Representative, in letter dated 7/11/69, requesting that DANIELL DRIVE and HAZELWOOD LANE be accepted as city streets and that they be paved, graded, and brought up to specification so that they be acceptable.

Above letter REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (12) Concerning USE OF BENENSON PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING -- (Brought up under "Old Business" at the 7/7/69 Board Meeting by Anthony Truglia, 5th District Representative)

REFERRED TO HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE - Not on Agenda

- (13) Regarding priority of a Golf Course in the City - (Letter dated 7/9/69 from W. H. Puette, 72 Nottingham Drive)

Above noted and filed - no action necessary

- (14) Concerning exorbitant rent increases - (Letter dated 7/12/69, from Mrs. Thomas Marren, 108 Cove Road)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE for information.

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- (15) Concerning answer to Resolution No. 621 adopted at the 7/7/69 Board Meeting in regard to FARE INCREASES ON N. Y. CENTRAL (From Interstate Commerce Commission and the Penn Central Railroad)

Noted and filed.

- (16) Copy of Notice from Health Director to the POLYCAST CORPORATION regarding VIOLATION OF AIR POLLUTION ORDINANCE

Noted and filed with copy sent to Health & Protection Committee.

- (17) Letter received on 7/23/69 - (After after Steering Committee Meeting) - From George Connors, 8th District Representative - Concerning Proposed Ordinance TO CREATE A FAIR RENT COMMISSION in order to enforce RENT CONTROLS under provisions of Public Act No. 274, being entitled "AN ACT ENABLING MUNICIPALITIES TO CREATE A FAIR RENT COMMISSION" adopted 1969 Session of General Assembly.

Although the above letter came in after the Steering Committee Meeting, it was REFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE, as this matter is already in that Committee (See Item #9 in this report) VF

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.

Submitted by THOMAS A. MORRIS  
Chairman Pro Tempore,  
Steering Committee

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#### APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI, Chairman, presented the following appointments for confirmation. Ballots were distributed by the Tellers. The vote appears below:

#### BOARD OF RECREATION:

Term Ending:

THOMAS PIA (R) VOTE: 27 yes  
18 Windell Place 5 no  
(Replacing Dorothy Lorenzen)

Dec. 1, 1973

#### HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:

WOODROW C. GLOVER VOTE: 31 yes  
30 Ferris Ave. 1 no  
(Executive Secretary)

No term of office

#### FISCAL COMMITTEE:

- (1) \$160,680.00 - Resolution No. 622 amending 1969-1970 Capital Projects Budget by adding item to be known as "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. NEW CONSTRUCTION, RESTORATION OF GLENBROOK SCHOOL" and appropriation therefor - (Mayor's letter of 6/9/69) - Referred back to Committee at the July 7th Board Meeting)



MR. BOCCUZZI said the Committee was in favor of reducing the above appropriation to \$145,680.00. However, after considerable debate in which a motion was presented by Mr. Heinzer and seconded by Mr. Joss to restore the original request of \$160,680.00 which motion was CARRIED with three no votes, a final vote was taken on the following resolution which was CARRIED with three "no" votes:

RESOLUTION NO. 622

AMENDING 1969-1970 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY  
ADDING ITEM TO BE KNOWN AS "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
WORKS, NEW CONSTRUCTION, RESTORATION OF GLENBROOK  
SCHOOL" AND APPROPRIATION OF \$160,680.00 THEREFOR

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, to amend the 1969-1970 Capital Projects Budget by adding item to be known as "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, NEW CONSTRUCTION, RESTORATION OF GLENBROOK SCHOOL" in accordance with the provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, and appropriation of \$160,680.00 therefor.

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- (2) \$2,000.00 - HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - Code 192.0101. Salaries - (To increase salary of Executive Secretary from \$12,000 to \$14,000 per yr.) (Mayor's letter of 7/7/69)

MR. BOCCUZZI MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by several members who spoke in favor of the appropriation. CARRIED unanimously.

- (3) \$20,721.85 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE, SMITH HOUSE, for the following: (See Mayor's letter of 7/7/69) (Per Collective Bargaining Contract)

Code 440.0101	Salaries	-----	\$10,204.50
Code 440.0103	Overtime	-----	8,012.68
Code 440.0111	Salary Differential	-----	1,064.67
Code 440.2501	Uniforms	-----	1,350.00
Code 440.0905	Physical Examinations	-----	90.00
			<u>\$20,721.85</u>

MR. BOCCUZZI said Item #3 was held in Committee. He said Mr. DeVos is on vacation and this is being held up for one month until he can appear before the Committee.

- (4) \$10,000.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Salaries and Incidentals in connection with Grant for the Young Parents' Project - (Mayor's letter of 7/7/69)

MR. BOCCUZZI MOVED for approval of the above request. Mr. Kelly said the Health & Protection Committee concurs in approval and seconded the motion. CARRIED.

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- (5) \$39,695.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - (Grant to be received from Federal Government for 1969-1970 AIR POLLUTION PROGRAM)  
(Mayor's letter of 7/7/69)

MR. BOCCUZZI said the approved application is in the hands of the City and therefore this money will soon be received. HE MOVED for approval. Seconded by Mr. Kelly who said that the Health & Protection Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.

- (6) \$3,500.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Narcotic Addiction Project -  
(Mayor's letter of 7/7/69)

MR. BOCCUZZI MOVED for approval of the above request. He said this check is also in the hands of the City, being a Grant. Seconded by Mr. Kelly who said the Health & Protection Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.

- (7) \$366,502.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - (For School Health and Welfare Program in connection with Public Act #481, to be administered by the Health Department) - (Mayor's letter of 7/8/69)

MR. BOCCUZZI said the amount of money that we use is being reimbursed by the State and any money that is not used will go back into the General Fund. He said the Mayor's letter gives the breakdown as to how this money is being allocated. HE MOVED for approval of the request. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (8) \$50.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Code 510.0905 Physical Examinations (1969-1970) for Public Nurses under Collective Bargaining Contract - (Mayor's letter of 7/8/69)

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

- (9) \$750.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Code 510.2501, Uniforms for Public Health Nurses - (5 Nurses at \$150 each for uniforms as stipulated under Article X, Section D of Collective Bargaining Contract) (Mayor's letter of 7/8/69)

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

MR. BOCCUZZI said Items Nos. 10 through 14 which appear on the Agenda were not acted upon by the Board of Finance, so therefore the Fiscal Committee could not take any action either.

#### LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. BROMLEY, Chairman, said his Committee met on July 29th in the Board of Representatives' rooms and present were, Messrs. Bromley, Plotnick, Grisar and Murphy. He said the next meeting of the Committee will be August 26th (Tuesday), at 8 P.M. in the Board Room.

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MR. BROMLEY said there has been a lot of interest in Item #9 (Rent Controls) which concerns the request to investigate the adoption of rent controls in the City of Stamford. He said he assumes that when the Mayor sends through his proposal, it will be concerned with the creation of a FAIR RENT COMMISSION. He said the Legislative & Rules Committee has decided to have an open meeting of the Committee here in the Municipal Office Building at 8 o'clock on Wednesday, August 13th. He said anybody who desires to speak on the adoption of that Ordinance, or if they wish to share their thoughts with the members of the Committee, they will be very happy to hear them at that time.

CONCERNING SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

MR. BROMLEY proposed that the Board hold their September meeting on the day after Labor Day - Tuesday, September 2nd.

THE PRESIDENT said no proposition is needed for that and it would be necessary to move to meet the following Monday - September 8th, otherwise it will not be necessary to do anything.

MR. MILLER proposed a resolution that this Board meet the following Monday, on September 8th. Seconded and CARRIED, with one no vote.

MR. BROMLEY reported on the following matters:

- (1) Proposed Ordinance, for publication, concerning ANTI-LITTER - (Proposed by Howard Kaplan, 14th District Representative - Held in Committee 4/7/69, 5/5/69, 6/2/69 and 7/7/69)

MR. BROMLEY said the Committee is now in receipt of a definitive draft from Dr. Gofstein and this is being held in Committee for a month.

- (2) Proposed Ordinance ESTABLISHING TAX EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY FAITH TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, located at 30 Wallace Street, under Sections 12-81 (14) and 12-81 (b) of Conn. General Statutes, premises to be used as a parish house - Tax exemption to be established as of Oct. 25, 1968, and directing Commissioner of Finance to reimburse the church for taxes paid on the List of Sept. 1, 1967.  
(Held in Committee 7/7/69)

The above matter was held in Committee.

- (3) Proposed Resolution TRANSFERRING CERTAIN HIGHWAYS IN CITY OF STAMFORD TO STATE OF CONNECTICUT - (Under provisions of P.A. 603, enacted 1961)  
(Mayor's letter of 3/21/69 and letter of 5/20/69 from Corporation Counsel - Held in 4/7/69, 5/5/69, 6/2/69 and 7/7/69)

MR. BROMLEY said, after lengthy deliberations on this, the Committee has voted to approve the resolution. However, he said they decided to add the following language after the words: "..... and is hereby authorized to execute the road transfer agreement between the City of Stamford and the State of Connecticut....."

".....except that the City shall not transfer Summer Street, from Long Ridge Road to Broad Street 1.29 miles,

nor Bedford Street from Broad Street to Long Ridge Road 1.37 miles, as specified in said road transfer agreement....."

MR. BROMLEY said what the Committee has approved, in essence, is a transfer of the other three roads, but to retain jurisdiction over Summer and Bedford Streets.

MR. BROMLEY said he MOVES for adoption of the resolution.

MR. HEINZER said his Committee - the Public Works Committee - reported this out favorably several months ago. He said he would like an explanation as to why we don't want to transfer Summer and Bedford Streets. He said those are the streets which are most essential to TOPICS according to information given the Committee by Mr. Loglisci. He said he is at a loss as to why these two roads should be taken out.

MR. BROMLEY said if Mr. Heinzer had been present at the last meeting of the Legislative and Rules Committee, at which meeting a majority of the Public Works Committee attended, he would have heard the same things they heard - namely, that according to Mr. Levine who was with the State Highway Department at that time, the implementation of the TOPICS program and the transfer of the highways are complete and separate items. He said many of the residents and business owners expressed fear that by giving up control of Bedford and Summer Streets, the local municipal government wouldn't have any say in what goes on as far as traffic and other related matters are concerned. He said that according to some of the plans the Committee saw that in the future the State may use Summer Street as a possible North-South Highway, running through the heart of the City. He said the Committee members felt that if you turn the jurisdiction of these streets over to the State, it would be much easier for the State to make this a North-South artery without any kind of local approval. He said he requested the Commissioner of Public Works to come and explain the situation again and for some reason it was impossible for him to attend the meeting that night. He said considering the way the residents and many concerned Stamford citizens feel, the Committee was not persuaded that this was in the best interests of the City to turn the jurisdiction of these streets over to the State.

THE PRESIDENT addressed the previous speaker and asked him if he means that the transfer of these roads have nothing to do with TOPICS.

MR. BROMLEY said a tape program was brought to the meeting of a radio program which bore directly on this very question and on that recording all the Committee members heard Mr. Levine say that the transfer of the roads and the implementation of TOPICS were two separate things. He said they would like to hear from the State whether or not the implementation of TOPICS is absolutely dependent upon the transfer of these highways. He said if they did tell them that, it would then be a different situation, but up to now they have not heard this from anyone representing the State.



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THE PRESIDENT said he recalled a letter from the State Department of Public Works, with the contract to turn over these streets to the State in which it was stated that TOPICS was an integral part of the TOPICS program. He asked the speaker if he had the name of someone who stated that this was NOT a part of TOPICS.

MR. BROMLEY said they heard Mr. Levine say this was not tied in with the TOPICS program, but was separate and distinct.

MR. HEINZER said he thinks the reasons given for the Committee wishing to remove these two roads would apply equally to all of the roads.

MR. BROMLEY said this matter has been held in Committee for five months now and no one appeared before the Committee who had an interest in the other roads and saw no reason to hold the other three roads in Committee as long as no one seemed to oppose it.

MR. SCOFIELD said the Committee (Public Works) met with Mr. Loglisci several months ago and were informed by him that it would be necessary to turn these roads over to the State and since that time it has been held in Committee by the Legislative & Rules Committee. He said he called the State last week and talked to a Mr. Earl Monroe, who is assistant to a Mr. Gavala who is on vacation and at that time had not received an inquiry about coming down. He said Mr. Monroe who is a State Highway Engineer, that a promise was made that these streets would be turned over by the City and when asked who had said this, he said two past administrations had made this promise. When asked what would happen if these streets were not transferred over, he was told there was a very good chance that the whole TOPICS study would have to be scrapped. He said it seems very necessary that Mr. Gavala get down here to a meeting and clarify the matter.

MR. FEDAK spoke in favor of the motion and said he felt that more should be found out about the need for these streets and whether or not they are essential to TOPICS.

MR. JOSS said he would like this clarified - such as, when they take a street, are they just taking the street, or do they also take the sidewalk - what are the boundaries? Also, why aren't we cutting out all the streets instead of picking on two?

THE PRESIDENT said that is just what the members have been asking Mr. Bromley.

MR. HEINZER MOVED for adoption of the resolution without Mr. Bromley's amendment - in other words, to adopt this, leaving out the amendment as proposed by Mr. Bromley.

THE PRESIDENT asked the members if they understood Mr. Heinzer's motion.

MR. HEINZER said he means to reinstate Bedford and Summer Streets. Seconded by several people.

MR. GRISAR said he feels it would be bad to try and pass this without the proper information.

THE PRESIDENT said we are dealing with a contract that has already been drawn up by the State and sent to our Corporation Counsel for approval to come before this Board and we would have to defer the entire thing, rather than accept it piecemeal, because this Board has no power to negotiate a contract.

MR. HEINZER said we need TOPICS desperately because we have a terrible traffic problem in Stamford and he is against anything that will hold it up any longer.

MR. PLOTNICK read a letter from Attorney Isadore Mackler, former Corporation Counsel of the City of Stamford, addressed to the Legislative & Rules Committee:

Dear Sirs:

I understand that your Committee is contemplating action on turning over the jurisdiction of Bedford Street from Bull's Head to Broad Street to the State Highway Department.

In view of the importance of this change to the property owners along the street, I would like to ask that a public hearing be held on this matter so that all property owners can be given full information and can have an opportunity to express to your committee and the Board, their views on this subject.

The control of downtown and in-town traffic has always been with the local authorities and I do not see why the control of this street should be any different from the control of any other downtown street.

If this matter is removed from local authorities, this would be a disadvantage in terms of control of downtown traffic systems and would place our local officials under the direction and control of Hartford officials.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Isadore M. Mackler

MR. PLOTNICK said, in amplification of the above letter and in view of what Mr. Bromley has stated and the subsequent debate on this Board, that this matter has been before the Committee since April and in all that time they have invited officials from the City and the State to come down and state before the Committee, the reasons why it would be a good thing to turn these streets over to the State. He said at their April meeting they heard from Mr. John Canavan of the Public Works Department and it was very inconclusive as to the reasons why these streets should be turned over. He said

they then held it in Committee and asked for further clarification and their Chairman, Mr. Bromley, sent letters to the Commissioner of Public Works Loglisci and Mr. Gavala of the State Highway Department, asking them to come down to the last meeting of the Committee and they failed to show up. He said the members of the Committee have met diligently every month on this item and they have had it before them four months. He said the control of these streets is part of the downtown traffic pattern and in order to turn these streets over, we would be definitely losing local control over them. He said anyone who has tried to get anything out of Hartford knows how unresponsive they can be. He said if High Ridge Road is an indication of how they are going to run the traffic light system, it may not turn out to be a good thing. Another thing he pointed out is that they will then have the powers of condemnation and eminent domain which would make it very easy should the State decide that they want a six lane super highway between the Connecticut Turnpike and either the Merritt Parkway or Interstate 84 above Bedford, N. Y. and it would be a very simple matter for them to put this right through the middle of downtown Stamford. He said these are questions that have been raised by the Committee and to which they have not yet received a satisfactory answer.

MR. SCOFIELD said he is in favor of holding this in committee another month, on the condition we have an immediate public hearing.

MR. MORRIS MOVED TO TABLE this item for one month. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (4) Proposed amendment to Chapter 15 A of the Code of General Ordinances, which establishes a Commission on Human Rights, giving that Commission power to investigate all complaints re public accommodations and also injunctive and subpoena powers and to initiate prosecution against housing violators - (Requested in letter dated 6/23/69 from Mrs. Gertrude Marshall, Chairman, Housing Committee, Mayor's Conference on Human Rights & Opportunities)

MR. BROMLEY said the committee sent a letter to the Corporation Counsel inquiring whether the Board of Representatives has the power to confer subpoena powers on the Human Rights Commission and in a rather lengthy letter, the Corporation Counsel answered, in effect, "no". He said the Committee therefore voted to adopt the proposed amendment to Chapter 15A which refers to the Human Rights Commission.

MR. BROMLEY MOVED for approval, for publication of the following proposed Ordinance. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15-A OF THE CODE OF  
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD REGARDING  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Chapter 15-A of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford is hereby amended as follows:



1. By adding the following language as subparagraph (e) to Section 15A-4 entitled FUNCTIONS:

"(e) To supplement, through action by the municipality, at all levels and through all agencies, the implementation in Stamford of Section 31-126 of the Connecticut General Statutes (prohibiting unfair employment practices), and Sections 53-34, 53-35 and 53-35(a) (prohibiting discrimination in public accommodations, rental housing, commercial property, professional associations, and licensed persons). References in this paragraph to said Statutes shall include such amendments thereof as may be made by the State Legislature from time to time.

2. By deleting all of the following language from Paragraph 15A-5 (d):

(d) "except, that all instances of such discrimination involving the occupancy of housing accommodations, within the jurisdiction of any state commission or agency, shall be referred to that commission or agency."

3. By adding the following as subparagraphs (j), (k) and (l) to Section 15A-5 entitled POWERS AND DUTIES:

"(j) To assist and afford appropriate relief to any person in the City of Stamford who has been denied full and equal opportunities and accommodations (including, but not limited to, housing, employment and education), by its own action or through cooperation with the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights & Opportunities, the United States Commission on Civil Rights, and all federal, state and municipal agencies and officers, pursuant to the powers hereinabove and hereinafter set forth.

"(k) To issue a complaint through its Executive Secretary, which complaint shall be filed with the Commission, whenever the Executive Secretary has reasonable cause to believe that any person has engaged or is engaging in any practice constituting a denial of human rights and opportunities in contravention of any of the statutes referred to in Section 4(e) above or in violation of this ordinance. Any such complaint shall be filed not more than one hundred twenty (120) days after the alleged offense has been committed, provided that no such complaint shall be filed with the Commission in the event that a complaint referring to the same offense has been filed with the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights & Opportunities. Upon receiving such a complaint, the Commission shall attempt to correct the situation by means of conference, conciliation and persuasion, all of which efforts and endeavors by the Commission shall be kept strictly confidential by the Commission. In the event of failure by the Commission to correct the situation created by any such offense, then, upon majority vote of the Commission, the presiding officer of the Commission shall be authorized to apply to the Circuit Court or any other court of competent jurisdiction in this State, or to any judge thereof, for a restraining order or temporary injunction restraining the offender or offenders from any conduct tending to render ineffectual or otherwise impair such action as the Commission may



take or which the court may order for purposes of eliminating any such violations, including, but not limited to, temporary and permanent injunctions, subject to such terms and conditions as the court deems proper and equitable, as well as such other relief as the court may determine."

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

(5) Resolution No. 623 CONCERNING USE OF LAND WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF SCALZI PARK FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXTENSION OF THE HIGHWAY KNOWN AS "WASHINGTON AVENUE"

MR. BROMLEY presented the above resolution, which he read at this time. He said the committee voted also to include the following in the language of the resolution:

".....Also that the City of Stamford will, within one year following the completion of said highway through the park, provide additional park land equal in value and area to that taken, within a walking distance of one thousand (1,000) feet from any boundary of Scalzi Park."

He said the sense of this is to take part of the park land to use for a road and we would then like more park land restored within a thousand feet.

MR. BROMLEY MOVED for adoption of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Miller and Mr. Finney.

MR. GUAROIAN read a statement at this time opposing the taking of park land.

MR. FINNEY said he cannot see what Mr. Guoian is concerned about, as the amendment to the resolution (outlined above) takes care of losing any park land.

After considerable further debate, a VOTE was taken on the following resolution and CARRIED with two "no" votes:

RESOLUTION NO. 623

CONCERNING USE OF LAND WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF SCALZI PARK FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES IN CONNECTION WITH EXTENSION OF HIGHWAY KNOWN AS "WASHINGTON AVENUE" UNDER PROVISIONS OF S.A. 223 (adopted at 1969 session of General Assembly)

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives that the City of Stamford may use for highway purposes, in connection with the extension of the highway known as "WASHINGTON AVENUE",

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certain land within the boundaries of Scalzi Park in said City, all of which land is shown on sheets No. 16 and 17 of a certain map entitled: "Washington Avenue Improvement Project For The City of Stamford, Conn., Prepared by Parsons, Bromfield and Redniss, Engineers - Surveyors, December 12, 1966", and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Stamford will, within one year following the completion of said highway through the park, provide additional park land equal in value and area to that taken, within a walking distance of one thousand (1,000) feet from any boundary of Scalzi Park.

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- (6) Proposed Ordinance BANNING THE USE OF DDT BY CITY, MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO SELL, MANUFACTURE OR USE DDT AND DIELDRIN IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AS AN INSECTICIDE OR EXTERMINATION CHEMICAL, UNLESS FOR PURPOSES OF CONTROLLED LABORATORY RESEARCH OR WITH EXPRESS WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE HEALTH DIRECTOR - (Proposed in letter, dated 7/15/69 from Howard Kaplan, 14th District Representative)

The above matter was held in Committee.

- (7) Letter from Louis A. Clapes, City & Town Clerk (dated 7/18/69) requesting permission to hold ADDITIONAL VOTER MAKING SESSIONS as listed in attached schedule

MR. BROMLEY said it was his impression that the Legislature passed a statute that permitted the Town & City Clerk to have voter making sessions any time he wanted to. He said he called Mr. Clapes and he said this is true, but it does not become effective until October 1, 1969. HE MOVED for approval of this request. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (8) Letter dated 7/18/69 from Director of URC REQUESTING TRANSFER OF KIWANIS PARK TO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & TREES under Ordinance No. 144 Supplemental

MR. BROMLEY MOVED for approval of the above request, which was in the form of a resolution.

MR. RYBNICK asked Mr. Bromley if he has received a letter from the Park Department, accepting this park.

MR. BROMLEY said "no".

MR. RYBNICK requested that this item be deferred for one month, in order that the fountain, which is not in working condition for the lack of parts, be fixed first. He said he thinks we should also have a letter from the Superintendent of Parks, stating that everything is in order to transfer the jurisdiction of this park without any cost to the City. He said he has no objections to transfer this park, but feels that we should protect the City until we receive assurance from the Superintendent of Parks that everything is in good working order. HE MOVED this be deferred for one month. Seconded by Mr. Chirimbis and CARRIED.

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- (9) Request to investigate adoption of RENT CONTROLS IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD - (Brought up by Robert Fedak and Herman Alswanger, 11th District Representatives, under "New Business" at the 7/7/69 Board meeting)

MR. BROMLEY said the above matter has already been discussed at the beginning of his report. He said he just wishes to re-state what he said previously - that there will be an open meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee on Wednesday, August 13th, at 8 P.M. in the Board's meeting rooms, Municipal Office Building, on the subject of the creation of a FAIR RENT COMMISSION.

MR. FEDAK said both in the 11th District and outside, both he and Mr. Alswanger have received an overwhelming response to the creation of a Fair Rent Commission and many people have complained about receiving exorbitant rent increases because of the housing shortage and would like to urge all interested people to attend this meeting.

MR. CONNORS said he has copies of the State statute and if it would be possible to run off copies for the Board Members, it might be helpful. It was suggested that Mrs. Farrell have copies made for the use of the members.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

MR. CHIRIMBES presented part of the committee report and Mr. Kelly presented the balance.

MR. CHIRIMBES reported that they met with the Deputy Chiefs of the Stamford Fire Department and the Safety Board Commissioners and they are recommending that an evaluation be made of City personnel and in particular they are requesting that the Personnel Commission evaluate the differential between the salary of the Deputy Chiefs and the Captains in the Fire Department and also the differential in the Captain's salary and Lieutenant's salary in the Police Department.

As an example, he said the Lieutenants in the Police Department are covered by all benefits, but on the other hand, the Captains in the Police Department are considered a part of management and do not receive these benefits. He said they are given to understand that the difference in grade is approximately \$500.00.

He said, this being the case, there is no incentive for a Lieutenant to seek promotion, thereby losing all his benefits for a mere \$500.00 differential in salary and in fact, the benefits he loses may total a great deal more than the amount he might receive as a salary increase. He said at this rate, very few will seek promotion and many will retire at the prime of efficiency as officers in the Police and the Fire Departments.

He said the personnel involved amounts to about seven Police Captains and five Deputy Chiefs in the Fire Department. He said with the situation the way it is, it acts as a deterrent to their seeking promotion and lowers their morale.



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MR. CHIRIMBES said all the Committee is asking is, for the Personnel Commission to look into this inequity.

MR. KELLY presented his portion of the Committee report. He said a meeting was held at Police Headquarters on July 30, 1969 at 7.30 P.M. and present were: Bill Murphy, James Joss, Peter Chirimbes and Steve Kelly of the Committee and Police Commissioners Ralph Grasso and Pat Nilan. He said they discussed street lighting in mid-town areas and off main streets and under bridges in various parts of town. He said the Safety Board Members agreed that this is an important item and should be given strict attention. He said his Committee is seeking permission to ride patrol cars in various areas so that they can take notes on the poorly lighted sections and take action with the proper authority to get these areas properly lighted in order to help stamp out mugging, robberies, rape and other serious crimes that are now prevalent in poorly lighted areas. He said the Committee has asked the Commissioner of Public Works who is responsible for the lighting of the park and Thruway at the westbound railway station - the State, City or the Parking Authority. He said there are many places where buildings have been taken down in and around the center of town, are lacking in proper lighting and will receive help from the URC as to what can be done to give these places proper lighting. He said they also want to make sure that where policemen have to go behind buildings in congested areas during the night patrol that these areas are sufficiently lighted. He said complaints from the waterside area about damage to beach areas and buildings and also the recreational facilities at Southfield Beach were looked into and contact was made with the Superintendent of Parks, Mr. Connell, and he has assured the Committee that the damage will be taken care of by replacing bleachers and painting the toilet buildings and he has placed a policeman in the area from 8 P.M. to 1 A.M. to prevent further vandalism.

He said the Committee has also asked that the police patrolling the South End of the City check out the old Cloonan School building, because the youth of the area have been throwing large rocks over the fence on to private property, damaging same and are liable to cause serious injury to people living on this property.

He said representatives of the Board of Recreation are trying to teach the youngsters that it is up to them to keep the area clean. He said the Committee has been asked to check out other areas where vandalism prevails and as soon as they can do so, they will.

MR. MILLER commended Mr. Kelly for his report, especially the part pertaining to the South End Community Center which will be located in the Old Cloonan School. He said he knows many people are disturbed about some of the vandalism that has taken place there. He said a great deal of work has been done by the citizens to help repair that building and it is very frustrating to see it deteriorate once again. He said he also wishes to commend Mr. Kelly about the part of his report pertaining to Southfield Beach. He said he made a personal inspection of Southfield Park yesterday afternoon and thinks it is a shame that we don't realize that our beaches are an important asset and he is very glad to see that something is being done about Southfield Park.



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MR. BOCCUZZI said he also wishes to congratulate Mr. Kelly regarding Southfield Park. He said he has been working with the Park Department and the Police trying to get police protection down there in the evenings and we now have almost 24 hour protection, and we have someone there until 8 o'clock at night from the Park Department and have the Park Department Police who come in at 8 P.M. and leave around 1 A.M. or 2 A.M. He said with this police protection, the improvements that were promised by the Park Department, that we can do away with some of the vandalism at the Park.

MR. RYBNICK said he also wishes to thank Mr. Kelly for his report, but wishes to point out that the part about salaries is more properly within the jurisdiction of the Personnel Committee and is sorry that they did not consult with that Committee, as Mr. Chirimbes is also a member of the Personnel Committee.

MR. KELLY said that particular matter was given to his Committee and they only looked into it. He said for as long as he can remember, the Health & Protection Committee was particularly concerned with the Police and Fire Departments and that is the way it has been for the 20 years he has been a member of this Board.

There was considerable further discussion about Mr. Kelly's report, with some questions asked and answered on various portions of his report.

MR. DIXON spoke about the numerous abandoned cars throughout the City and asked the Health & Protection Committee to look into the matter.

MR. KELLY said this will be done.

#### PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL, Chairman, said his Committee held its regular meeting on Wednesday, July 30th at 7.30 P.M. and present were Messrs. Guroian, Scofield and Russell.

Petition from Paul D. Plotnick, 16th District Representative, in letter dated 7/11/69, requesting that DANNELL DRIVE and HAZELWOOD LANE be accepted as City streets and that they be paved, graded and brought up to specification so that they be acceptable.

The above matter was held in Committee in order to obtain a more accurate description of the streets involved.

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Collective Bargaining Agreement Covering Two Years -- From July 1, 1968 to and including June 30, 1970 -- BETWEEN CITY OF STAMFORD and the CASEWORKERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

MR. HEMINGWAY explained the above contract is between the City and the caseworkers of the City in the Department of Public Welfare, which numbers some 6 to 8 people. He said it is his understanding that the contract

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was originally written up and ready to go around July 19, 1968, but the City negotiators in an effort to make this contract identical with certain provisions of other contracts, apparently went back on their word and the Caseworkers involved took their case to Hartford on a grievance procedure and very definitely won their point. He said the contract has not been changed since the day it was written, but it has been under the grievance procedure all this time and finally a decision was reached and the City, in addition, has been charged some interest for the intervening time that has elapsed in which these back salaries have not been paid.

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to vote on the above contract. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED that this contract be approved, saying this is the last one to come before the Board. Seconded by Mr. Miller and CARRIED unanimously.

PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE:

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI, Chairman, reported his Committee held a meeting last month and had a general discussion with Mr. Hibben and Mr. Conkle concerning an item that was in the paper in which Mr. Hibben stated that the obtaining of land through the State and Federal Government has never been tested in the State and we don't know exactly if it would work. He said there are quite a few departments in the City that would have to get involved, so they expect to hold another meeting and invite all departments concerned to attend and present their views on the matter.

ABANDONED APARTMENT BUILDING LOCATED AT CORNER OF HOYT AND STRAWBERRY HILL AVENUE

MR. GRISAR asked if it would be possible to look into the feasibility of taking over by the City of the above abandoned apartment house building under construction. He said if this is possible, it would provide almost instant housing, as the building is over half completed.

THE PRESIDENT said the builder is in receivership and the building will be bought.

Scattered Site Housing on East Side of Lawn Avenue - 18 apartments Located on Corner of Lawn Avenue and Main Street

MR. CONNORS asked Mr. Boccuzzi if he could check on this.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he hasn't heard anything about "scattered site housing".

MR. CONNORS said it was in the paper and mentioned the building of 18 apartments in this location, which is city owned property, and was given to the City for use as a park.

MR. MURPHY said he had spoken to Mrs. Farrell about this item, which goes back to 1951 and she has the Minutes when this land was accepted by the City.

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Concerning Feasibility of Using Benenson Property for Public Housing

MR. TRUGLIA asked if Mr. Boccuzzi has had a chance to look into this matter, as he requested last month.

MR. BOCCUZZI said it was discussed and Mr. Conkle is supposed to be getting up a feasibility report as to what it would cost to bring public services, etc. up to that area and as of now they have not received that report.

NEW BUSINESS:Concerning "Glide A Ride" Bus at Cove Island

MRS. PONT-BRIANT asked if it would be possible for the Parks & Recreation Committee Chairman to check with the Park Department to ascertain the possibility of operating the bus daily in addition to the week end. She said several senior citizens have called her about this as it is very difficult for them to walk the long distance. She said the suggestion was made that perhaps they could run the bus from 11 to 4, 12 to 3, or something like that, during the month of August so that these people could ride. She said cars can drop them inside the gates and then leave, but are not allowed to drive them down.

MR. ALSWANGER said he would like to have the Health & Protection Committee look into the matter of placing a fence around the apartment house located at Hoyt Street and Strawberry Hill Avenue.

MR. FINNEY said he would also like to support Mr. Alswanger on this, as to the danger of leaving open and unguarded excavated buildings like this. He said it is a source of attraction for children.


MR. KELLY asked the President if he should look into this without waiting for the Steering Committee meeting.

Concerning ABANDONED CARS ON CITY STREETS

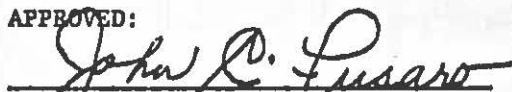
MR. MORRIS requested the President to check with the Legislative & Rules Committee to see if they can't come up with an Ordinance, so that we can get some sort of a system going on how to cope with this growing problem of abandoned cars.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 10.45 P.M.

  
Velma Farrell  
Administrative Assistant  
(Recording Secretary)

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APPROVED:

  
John C. Fusaro, President  
10th Board of Representatives

Note: The above meeting was broadcast  
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