# MEETING OF THE 11th BOARD OF RETRESENTATIVES STAMFORD, CONNECTION Minutes of February 2, 1970

A regular monthly meeting of the 11th Board of Representatives of the Ciry of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Monday, February 2, 1910, in the Board's meeting rooms, Municipal Office Building (2nd ficor), 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 2.50 P.M. after a demonstration of CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION.

#### INVOCATION:

In the absence of a member of the Clargy, the Clark, Mrs. Pont-Briant read "A Councilman's Prayer".

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

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 39 present and one absent. The absent member was:

. Mrs. Edith Sherman (R) lith District

PAGES: Dannel Malloy, Burdick Jr. High Brian Askew, Fairfield Prep.

THE PRESIDENT announced the presence of the above Pages.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of December 22, 1970 Meeting of January 5, 1970

The above Minutes were accepted, there being no corrections.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

## STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT Meeting held Monday, January 19, 1970

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, January 19, 1970 in the Board of Representatives' meeting rooms, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 8 F.M. by the Majority Leader, Thomas A. Morris, in the absence of the President, Charles J. Heinzer, III. who arrived later.

All members were present, with the exception of Mr. Stephen Kelly, Mr. Alan Ketcham and Mrs. Lois Pont-Briant.

(1) Appointments to various City Boards and Commissions: (Mayor's letter of 1/16/70)

Thirteen appointments, submitted by the Mayor in the above letter, were referred to the APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON THE AGENDA.

#### (2) Additional Appropriations:

All matters approved by the Board of Finance at their meeting held January 8, 1970 and their adjourned meeting held January 16, 1970 were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under FISCAL COMMITTEE, with items in excess of \$2,000 referred to a secondary committee.

(3) Resolution AMENDING 1968-1969 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET - STAMFORD GOLF AUTHORITY, TO TRANSFER \$3,900.00 FROM ITEM KNOWN AS "ARCHITECT'S FEES, CONTINGENCIES, ETC." in order to complete payment of bill dated July 31, 1968 in amount of \$7,500, rendered by Strada & Fusaro, Attorneys - (Letter dated 11/12/69 from Mr. Robert B. Nolan, Chairman of Golf Authority to Board of Finance - Approved by Board of Finance 11/13/69) (Held in Committee 12/8/69 and again on 1/5/70)

Above item ORDERED ON AGENDA under FISCAL COMMITTEE. Mr. Russbach informed the members he was writing to Judge Buckley for a ruling as to whether this money can be paid, and so MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

(4) \$370,158.40 - Resolution amending 1969-1970 Capital Projects Budget

by adding above sum to Project known as "WASHINGTON

AVENUE EXTENSION" and appropriation of aforesaid sum

therefor - (Mayor's letter of 1/12/70 to Board of

Finance)

The above matter was DEFERRED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE at their meeting held 1/16/70, to their next meeting to be held 1/27/70. It was ORDERED on the Agenda under FISCAL COMMITTEE; also referred to PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, pending prior approval by the Board of Finance.

(5) \$53,447.80 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - (Deferred by the Board of Finance on 1/16/70)

This matter was also DEFERRED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE on 1/16/70.

ORDERED ON AGENDA under FISCAL COMMITTEE; also referred to the HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE, pending prior approval by the Board of Finance.

(6) Final adoption of Proposed Ordinance concerning ANTI-LITTER (Adopted for publication 9/8/69; published 9/17/69 - Held in
Committee 12/8/69 and 1/12/70)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

#### Old Business in Legislative & Rules Committee:

- (7) All matters previously held in the LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under that Committee.
- (8) Final adoption of Ordinance entitled "AUTHORIZATION OF AN EASE-MENT FROM THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO THE HARTFORD ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES AT WOODLAND AVENUE"

  (To enable HELCO to enter City property for purpose of installing and maintaining electrical services for the rehabilitation of the OLD CLOONAN SCHOOL Requested in two letters from former Mayor Giordano 1st, dated 10/24/69 and 2nd, dated 11/10/69 Held in Committee 12/8/69; approved for publication 1/12/70; published 1/17/70)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

(9) Final adoption of Ordinance entitled "AUTHORIZATION OF AN EASE-MENT FROM CITY OF STAMFORD TO HELCO FOR PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES AT HILLANDALE AVENUE" - (For purpose of installing and maintaining electrical services necessary for construction of new Board of Education building) - (Mayor's letter of 11/12/69 - Approved for publication 1/12/70; published 1/17/70)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

(10) Concerning request for authorization by Board of Representatives
for TRANSFERS OF PROPERTY in connection with the WASHINGTON

AVENUE PROJECT, directing the Mayor to sign necessary documents
in order to accomplish these conveyances - (Letter dated 11/25/69
from former Corporation Counsel, Paul D. Shapero and follow-up
letter to Chairman of Legislative & Rules Committee, dated
1/14/70, from present Corporation Counsel - Held in Legislative
& Rules Committee 1/12/70)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Also referred to PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

(11) Letter dated 12/16/69 from Harbormaster, requesting the passage of laws to govern the commercial users of Stamford waters in order to protect Stamford citizens from further abuse and accidents resulting from careless methods of boat operation - (See Ordinance No. 82 "Regulation of Safety in Stamford Waters" and Special Act No. 220, 1959, enabling City to enact that Ordinance - Held in Legislative & Rules Committee 1/12/70)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - also referred to HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

(12) Proposed Ordinance Establishing TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

COMMISSION and a TRAFFIC ENGINEER for the City of Stamford - (Held in Legislative & Rules Committee 1/12/70)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Also referred to HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE and PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

(13) Proposed Resolution "AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES" - (Property owned by Estate of Anna M. Moeller on Roxbury Road - For development and construction of Third Senior High School) - (Letter dated 1/9/70 from Ronald M. Schwartz, Assistant Corporation Counsel)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

(14) Proposed Ordinance re: "TAX EXEMPTION FOR ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, LOCATED ON NEWFIELD AVENUE" under provisions of P.A. 311, 1967 Session - (Requested in letter of 1/16/70 from Attorney Russell C. Roberts of law firm of Curtis, Brinckerhoff & Barrett)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

(15) CONCERNING CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENT OF FORMER PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER - (See Minutes of 12/8/69, Page 7025, 7034, 7035,

7036) - Held in Public Works Committee 1/12/70)

Old Business - Held in Public Works Committee

(16) Proposed Resolution Concerning the Establishment of a Special

Investigating Committee under Provisions of Section 204.2 of
Charter "To Investigate Civil Service and Personnel Department

Procedures"

(Letter from Edward Scofield, 10th District Representative,
dated 1/16/70)

ORDERED ON AGENDA - REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE and PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

(17) Proposed Resolution entitled: "AUTHORITY TO FILE WITH DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FOR A GRANT UNDER PUBLIC LAW 89-117, TO AID IN FINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION OF BASIC WATER AND SEWER PROJECTS - (Sanitary Sewers South of the Parkway, referred to as "Section 15, Contract No. 3; Section 15, Contract No. 6" -- Mayor's letter of 12/29/69)

ORDERED ON AGENDA - REFERRED TO SEWER COMMITTEE

(18) Letter dated 12/12/69 from Thomas Morris, 15th District Representative, regarding sale of 330 acres of watershed and other property by the Stamford Water Company and requesting "An Immediate Investigation by the Health & Protection Committee as to what effect this may have on Stamford's future water supply" and to communicate their findings to the PUC in writing (Held in Health & Protection Committee 1/12/70)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

(19) PETITION - From Residents of South End (signed by 127 persons)
requesting a "Clean Up" of their neighborhood and better police
protection - (Held in Health & Fretection Committee 1/12/70)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

(20) Re: TAXI SERVICE IN CITY - Need for FUC to regulate better - (Requested in letter from Edward Scoffeld, dated 1/16/70, received 1/19/70)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE; Also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

(21) APPEAL from decision of PLANNING BOARD, denving application of JOHN D. HERTZ, Trustee, to change land use category of land described in letter from Flanning Board dated 12/16/69 - (Must be acted upon within second regularly scheduled Board meeting after Appeal is received) - (Approved as to proper form by Legislative & Rules Committee at 1/12/70 Board Meeting)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

(22) Request in letter of 1/7/70 from Edward Connell, Supt., Dept. of Parks, requesting adoption of a Resolution - "TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION OF THE 77.4 ACRE OLD MILL LANE-MIANUS TRACT, OR 'MIANUS GLEN', OR PROPERTY FORMERLY OWNED BY EDWARD H. BENENSON, FROM THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TREES." under provisions of Ordinance No. 144 Supplemental - (Approved by the Park Commission on 12/3/69)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

(23) Quotation from Thomsen's Audio Company - \$600.00 cost of installation of THREE ADDITIONAL MICROIHONE UNITS AND CABLES in Board meeting room, to take care of the changed seating arrangement of new Board - Also, regarding the possible installation of a VOTING MACHINE designed some time ago by order of a previous Board

ORDERED ON AGENDA under Special HOUSE COMMITTEE

(24) Resolution - AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTIES FOR THE WILLOW STREET EXTENSION AND THE BROAD STREET EXTENSION - (Requested in letter dated 12/30/69 from Corporation Counsel, Frank D'Andrea)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - Also referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

(25) Resolution AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION
WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO CONTINUE CDAP
PROGRAM FOR ANOTHER YEAR - (Mayor's letter of 1/19/70)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under C-DAP COMMITTEE

(26) Letter dated 1/9/70 from STAMFORD FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE, concerning additional housing - Also, concerning Appeal from decision of Planning Board, previously referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee

Above NOTED AND FILED, with copies sent to interested parties.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9 P.M.

CHARLES J. HEINZER, III Chairman, Steering Committee

#### APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSBACH reported that his Committee met for four hours on Thursday, January 29, 1970 in the Democratic Caucus Room and present were: Robert Costello, Joseph Bitetto, John Boccuzzi and Daniel Russbach. Also present was Majority Leader, Thomas Morris, for a period of time.

The Tellers distributed the ballots and the vote appears below:

PARKING AUTHORITY	Term Ending:
AURELIO RICH (R) VOTE: 37 yes 14 Hall Place 2 no (Reappointment)	Jan. 1, 1973
GOLF AUTHORITY	
WILLIAM CAPORIZZO, JR. (R) " 37 yes 39 Warwick Lane 2 no (Reappointment)	Jan. 1, 1973
JAMES LAZERENZA (R) " 38 yes Schuyler Avenue 1 no (Replacing Robert Nolan)	Jan. 1, 1973
TUNIUS McKEITHAN (R) " 38 yes 164 Franklin Street 1 no (Reappointment)	Jan. 1, 1973
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD:	
KENNETH LANGE (Architect) (R) " 33 yes 840 Rockrimmon Road 5 no 1 abstenti	Jan. 1, 1973

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HENRY A. MIRA (Architect) (R) VOTE: 32 yes Jan. 1, 1973
76 Erskine Road 6 no
1 abstention

#### BOARD OF TAXATION

MICHAEL BOSHKA (R) 34 yes Dec. 1, 1971
121 Hartswood Road 5 no
(Replacing Betty Ann Cookney,
who resigned)

#### PATRIOTIC & SPECIAL EVENTS COMMISSION:

ALPHONSE PIA (R) VOTE: 35 yes Dec. 1, 1972
133 Don Bob Road 3 no
(Replacing Judy Bruehn) 1 abstention

#### PLANNING BOARD - ALTERNATE

EDWARD REDFERN (R) " 33 yes Dec. 1, 1974
29 Chestnut Street 6 no
(Replacing Andrew Tatano)

#### SEWER COMMISSION

EDWARD IACOVO, JR. (R) " 36 yes Dec. 1, 1970 (Replacing Louis Basel, who resigned)

#### ELDERLY STUDY COMMITTEE

REV. CYRIL PETERS (R)

15 Rose Park Avenue
(Reappointment)

EFFIE MASSIE (R)

" 37 yes
2 no
2 no
(Reappointment)

EFFIE MASSIE (R) " 36 yes 26 Main Street 3 no (Replacing Maude Dunmore)

The following appointment was not acted upon, but held in the Appointments Committee:

#### PARK COMMISSION

JAMES DAVIS (R)
North Street
(Replacing Robert Bundock who resigned)

Dec. 1, 1973

#### FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. HEMINGWAY, Chairman, reported that the Fiscal Committee met on January 29th (Thursday). He reported on the following matters:

(1) \$366.00 - PLANNING BOARD - Code 134.0101, Salaries - For reclassification of Executive Secretary at salary of
\$7,557 to "Administrative Assistant "1" at salary of
\$8,100 - (Covering period 10/27/69 through 7/1/70) (Mayor's letter of 10/28/69 - Held in Committee
12/8/69; 1/5/69)

The above matter was held in Committee.

(2) Resolution AMENDING 1968-1969 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET - STAMFORD GOLF AUTHORITY, TO TRANSFER \$3.900.00 FROM ITEM KNOWN AS "ARCHITECT'S FEES, CONTINGENCIES, ETC." in order to complete payment of bill dated July 31, 1968 in amount of \$7,500.00 rendered by Strada & Fusaro, Attorneys - (Letter dated 11/12/69 from Mr. Robert B. Nolan, Chairman of Golf Authority to Board of Finance; approved by Board of Finance 11/13/69 - Held in Fiscal Committee 12/8/69 and again on 1/5/70)

The above matter was held in Committee.

(3) \$101,669.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Housing Code Enforcement Program to cover operations of Program for 2nd year (Two-thirds funded by CDAP and one-third by City on an "in-kind" basis, as set forth below):

(Mayor's letter, undated, and received 1/5/70)

Code	513.0101	-	Salaries	\$79,809.00
81	513.0301	-	Supplies & Postage	1,050.00
11	513.0401	-	Printing & Educational Material	1,200.00
11	513.0501	-	Telephone	180.00
11	513.0801	-	Travel Allowance	4,620.00
11	513.0901	•	Contractual Services	5,200.00
11	513.0920	-	Fringe Benefits	8,544.00
11	513.2201	-	New Equipment	1,066.00
				\$101,669.00

(Note: See Resolution No. 646 approved by 10th Board 11/10/69 - Page 6098 of Minutes)

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

MR. HEMINGWAY said this program is two-thirds funded by CDAP and one-third by the City and the City's share is "in-kind" such as office space, personnel that is already on the City's payroll and use of the computer and things of that sort and is no actual out-going money from the City.

MR. TRUGLIA said he would like an explanation of the \$4,620.00 for Travel Allowance, as it seems a rather large amount.

MR. HEMINGWAY said he has no information on this as the letter from Dr. Gofstein does not explain it in great detail and the Committee did not call him in, as it is money from the State.

MR. RUSSELL said they do use their own cars and equipment and perhaps it is reimbursement for that.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said they received about 20 pages of explanation - it is car allowance for three city employees at \$60 per month - 46,200 miles at 10 cents a mile, with 11 employees in that portion of the program.

MR. RUSSELL said his Committee - the Health & Protection Committee - concurs in approval. CARRIED with one "No" vote (Mrs. Pont-Briant).

(4) \$8,000.00 - Resolution No. 652 - AMENDING 1969-1970 CAPITAL

PROJECTS BUDGET. "DEFARTMENT OF PARKS & TREES,

CONCESSION FQUIPMENT" by adding thereto above item
and appropriation therefor - (REDUCED by Board of

Finance from \$11,775.00 requested) - (Mayor's
letter of 1/2/70)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the following resolution.

Seconded by Mr. Connors and Mr. Exnicios and CARRIED unanimously:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 652

AMENDING 1969-1970 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET - "DEPART-MENT OF PARKS & TREES, CONCESSION EQUIPMENT" AND APPROPRIATION OF \$8,000.00 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 an item to be known as "DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TREES - CONCESSION EQUIPMENT" in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 611.5 of the Stamford Charter and appropriation of \$8,000.00 therefor.

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(5) 98,955.00 - COMMITTEE ON AGING - To cover expenses for period February 1, through June 30, 1970 - (Mayor's letter of 12/31/69) - (See Ordinance No. 153 Supplemental)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above. Seconded by Mr. Bromley who spoke in favor of the appropriation.

MR. PUETTE said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said the Personnel Committee also concurs. CARRIED.

(6) \$37,500.00 - Resolution No. 653 AMENDING 1969-1970 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET by adding Project to be known as "STAMFORD HURRICANE BARRIER" and appropriation-confidence of the settle claim by Arthur E. Doane regarding land acquisition and condemnation proceedings relative thereto) - Mayor's letter of 12/30/69)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Morris and Mr. Caporizzo and CARRIED unanimously.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 653

AMENDING 1969-1970 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING THERETO A PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS "STAMFORD HURRICANE BARRIER" AND APPROPRIATION OF \$37,500.00 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 an item to be known as "STAMFORD HURRICANE BARRIER" in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 611.5 of the Stamford Charter and appropriation of \$37,500.00 therefor, which is in settlement of a claim by Arthur E. Doane regarding land acquisition and condemnation proceedings relative to the Stamford Hurricane Barrier.

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- (7) \$2,178,250.00 Proposed Resolution amending 1969-1970 Capital
  Projects Budget by adding Project to be known as
  "PARK LAND ACQUISITION OF PECK'S POINT" to be
  financed as follows: (Mayor's letter of 1/7/70)
  - (a) The appropriation of ----- \$1,482,250.00 and

696,000.00 \$2,178,250.00

MR. HEMINGWAY said the above resolution is NOT RECOMMENDED by the Fiscal Committee.

MR. BROMLEY said this question came up last month and at that time he had moved for approval of the resolution over the objections of the

another appraisal and at this time the figure increased by some \$900,000.00 and still it did not lock realistic. He said the condemnation price, plus the cost of improvements in order to properly utilize this area for the public, sends the total cost soaring into the four or five million dollar mark and perhaps even higher. He said we are presently engaged in developing the Sterling Farms property which will run several million dollars when completed. In addition, he said there is talk of an arena or a skating rink - all of this at a time when we are gravely in need of additional housing and presently involved in expanding sewers. a new Incinerator, a new Sewage Disposal Plant, improved and expanded streets, including the Washington Avenue Extension which most likely will run two or three times the initial appropriation - again in millions, as well as a School building program.

He asked how can we possibly justify an unknown and somewhat unlimited expenditure as this? In addition to this, he said a great many people do not realize that there is a so-called "Fension Plan" for the Firemen, Policemen and Custodians in this City since approximately 1928 on a NON-FUNDED BASIS and presently the city's unfunded debt, which is a LEGAL liability, is approximately THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS in the red and going higher every single minute. He said is anyone interested in an open space area of approximately 43 acres? He said we presently have bits and pieces of what may prove to be the largest parking lot on the Eastern Coast and is referring to the URC project, which won't begin to show much, if any, tax return for probably five or more years to come. And, in the meantime, our expenses get higher.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said as the Representative from the District where Peck's Point is located, he would like to inform the Board that he has a petition in front of him which contains over 200 names of those AGAINST the purchase of Peck's Point, signed by those who live in the area. He said the Industrial Park is now a reality on the Donahue property which is going to lead to a lot of traffic on the now existing roads. He said to add to this another 1500 cars from the beach will only add to the congestion. He said he has been told that the cars from the beach will not interfere with the cars from the factories. but he would like to remind the people who make these statements that the tide changes every day and the people go to the beach with the tide and are not looking to see what time it is, but when it is high tide. He said if the Conservationists have a deal going with the Man in the Moon to regulate the tide, that is something he knows nothing about. Also, he said he is informed we are only going to use it two or three months of the year and would like to remind these people that during the months this beach is going to be used, it will be at the same time that the children are out of school who will be in the area.

He said one thing that nobody has talked about as yet and that is the interest rate. He said he did a little checking and at the rate of 6% for ten years for a million and a half, it comes to \$900,000 in interest. And, for two million, two hundred, it comes to one million, three

hundred thousand dollars and for three million dollars, it goes up to a million, eight hundred dollars, so it boils down to the fact that we are not being asked for what it now appears, but for something in the neighborhood of FIVE MILLION DOLLARS! And, this is merely to purchase the land, on top of which we have the improvements that will have to be made.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said in reference to funds, she wishes to reiterate again that \$1,482,000.00 is the actual fiscal appropriation this evening and that almost \$700,000.00 is already in the "kitty". She said the Committee had the Commissioner of Finance in and she must place some faith in the figures that he presented. She said the Commissioner stated that the bonds can be purchased at an interest rate of 6.5% and the amortization per year would be \$75,000.00 and the interest \$97,000.00 for a total of \$172,000.00 per year which would decrease in the ensuing years instead of remaining the same, because the amortization will decrease. She said property is constantly increasing in value and if we purchase this property now and did nothing further, it could not help but increase in value and in ten years from now would be worth far more than we had paid for it.

MR. RUSSBACH said the subject of economics is esoteric to many, and those knowledgeable in this area consider this treacherous and unpredictable at best. He said we can grasp basic and simple economics, however, and from this viewpoint must vote against the appropriation. He reiterated what a previous speaker has stated and that is that we are in a financial hole with the financing of the Police and Firemen's Pension Plan.

MR. LiVOLSI said he has a couple of questions, one in regard to the \$696,000.00 set aside in the Special Fund known as "RESERVE FUND FOR NON-RECURRING CAPITAL EXPENDITURES". He said he understands that the City has been negotiating to purchase two acres of beach front property next to West Beach. He asked if this Reserve Fund will have to be replenished if these two acres are purchased before Peck's Point, or after Peck's Point and, is this Reserve Fund going to be used to purchase these two acres?

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said this money was placed in the Reserve Fund during the term of the last Board and the money had been left by a previous Administration and Mr. Gluss, the former Commissioner of Finance, fore-saw this and the idea at that time was to try and build up a "Land Bank" with no strings attached, and it was to be used for anything the city needed, such as education, or purchase of beach property or whatever was needed. She said she believed the thought behind it was good that the City try and put money aside for the purchase of land, so that when the opportunity arose for anything, it could be used. She said if we used all of this, it would have to be replaced, but it was intended only for a "Land Bank".

MR. LiVOLSI said he has another question and thinks we should rely on

the opinions of the Committees of this Board who have to look into the background and dig for information to present to the rest of the members on these matters. He asked whether or not there was one over-riding reason why the Fiscal Committee did not approve this expenditure.

MR. HEMINGWAY said five men felt that we shouldn't spend the money.

MR. DIXON said he can only reiterate what he has been saying all along, and that is that our FIRST PRIORITY should be housing.

MR. PUETTE said he can only point out that some of the arguments are rather specious and that the 10th Board fought for the purchase of Sterling Farms and he feels that the purchase of Peck's Point is for the people of Stamford and once this land is lost to us it is gone forever.

MR. ROOS said he has a whole sheet of notes and things he intended to say, but they have all been said. He said he thinks this Board can best serve the City by making it possible for middle and low income families to live and throw out roots here and many of our young people cannot afford to live or build in Stamford because it keeps getting more and more expensive to live here. He said he feels we should get on with URC and that perhaps we have made mistakes in the past and that Sterling Farms was expensive and maybe more of it should be used for more people and one of the prime examples of poor planning was the extension of Washington Avenue. He said he has long been a Conservationist and has a hard time understanding people who work for the taking of park land and the industrialization of Peck's Point and then get starry eyed about buying what is left at any price. He pointed out that the previous Board had its chance to buy Peck's Point when it was available at that time and all we are asked to buy now is a mere tip of it.

MR. SCOFIELD MOVED to amend the motion by REDUCING the amount of the appropriation by \$405,625.00 or a new total for item (a) of \$1,076,625. or a total of both items (a) and (b) of \$1,772,625.00 and further stipulates that the appropriation shall not be subject to condemnation proceedings, thereby superseding the previous resolution which authorized such action.

THE PRESIDENT informed the speaker that we will need a motion to rescind the resolution. However, he said he is dubious of whether we can do it by just rescinding the previous resolution.

MR. HORNER said he will second the motion just in order that he can hear further from Mr. Scofield.

MR. SCOFIELD said this figure was arrived at by just splitting the difference between the two appraisals. He explained in detail how he had arrived at this figure. He said he urges adoption of any resolution which is necessary to revoke the previous action taken by this

Board when they adopted the resolution on condemnation.

THE PRESIDENT said he is to understand then that the speaker is offering a resolution to appropriate the sum of \$1,772,625.00 for the purchase of Peck's Point and revoking the resolution passed by this Board giving the Mayor and the Administration permission to go into condemnation proceedings, which is to be a flat offer.

MR. HEMINGWAY said we haven't passed such a resolution yet.

THE FRESIDENT said we did pass a resolution giving the Mayor the power to condemn. (Note: See Resolution No. 649 adopted at Special Board meeting held 12/22/69 - page 7053 of Minutes)

MR. TRUGLIA rose on a POINT OF INFORMATION. He asked if this Board has now strayed so far from the original resolution that perhaps this amendment may not be in order.

THE PRESIDENT said he sees no reason why it could not be in order, because it is an amendment to the resolution first presented tonight, merely being a cut in the appropriation.

MR. TRUGLIA said the motion to which we are referring has nothing to do with what Mr. Scofield is concerned with, because we are talking about with condemnation and Mr. Scofield is saying without condemnation.

THE PRESIDENT said we have been offered an amendment to the motion on the floor and the original motion was to approve this money, and Mr. Scofield has offered an amendment to this appropriation to have the amount REDUCED to \$1,772,625.00 with the stipulation that the Administration may NOT go into condemnation at that figure, but may only offer it to the owners of the property for a firm deal at this time.

MR. TRUGLIA said that is exactly the point - and all we are doing is going around in circles, because the original motion has been destroyed with the acceptance of the amendment. He said he fails to see how this amendment relates to the original motion.

THE PRESIDENT said an amendment is always in order.

MR. BROWLEY said he differs with Mr. Truglia and sees no reason why it is so different, because we are talking about an appropriation and all the amendment is doing is reducing the size of the appropriation. He said we are not talking about condemnation, except that Mr. Scofield has put that on to his amendment, so that it would be a "package" deal, hopefully palatable to win enough votes so that it might change the tide on this. He said as far as he is concerned, he favors the higher figure and giving the Mayor the power to condemn, but that probably will not go through, so that in the hope that we can acquire Peck's Point, he backs up Mr. Scofield.

MR. CHIRIMBES asked for a point of clarification. He said something was said about we passed a resolution for condemnation.

THE PRESIDENT said that is correct. - (Resolution No. 649)

MR. CHIRIMBES said he feels the attorneys ought to check this out, because before you can go into condemnation you must have a reasonable amount offered to the parties that you are condemning and he does not feel this would stand up in Court unless an appropriation was recommended at the time. He said he thinks you would also have to ask for condemnation on any amount of money that was appropriated. He said he would like to have this point cleared up.

THE PRESIDENT said the resolution WAS passed giving the Mayor the power to go into condemnation proceedings although there was no money given to him at the time which was well understood by the Board that he could not very well go into condemnation without the appropriation.

MR. CHIRIMBES said in other words what he is telling him is that condemnation proceedings were eliminated because no money was appropriated.

MR. KETCHAM said it seems to him that the resolution passed by this Board which authorized the Mayor to enter into condemnation proceedings at the December 22nd special meeting was a separate resolution. He said it would seem that the first order of business, if the amendment as offered by Mr. Scofield is to be considered, that this Board first, in order to make everything clear would be to first RESCIND the previous resolution authorizing condemnation and then by a separate action of this Board, we would start in afresh with Mr. Scofield's proposal.

MR. SCOFIELD said in that case, HE MOVES that we rescind Resolution No. 649 adopted December 22, 1969 to allow the Mayor to enter into condemnation proceedings on Peck's Point. Seconded by Mr. Horner and Mr. Bromley.

MR. BIEDER rose on a POINT OF ORDER. He said he questions as to whether or not we can do this when there is a resolution now on the floor, pending, unless you suspend the rules in order to do so.

THE PRESIDENT said the speaker makes a good point and called for a motion to suspend the rules in order to make this motion.

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED to SUSPEND THE RULES. Seconded. FAILED by a vote of 20 in favor and 16 opposed (requires a two-thirds vote to suspend the rules).

MR. DONAHUE said, for the record, he wishes to abstain from voting on this matter.

THE PRESIDENT said we are now back to discussion on the main motion.

MR. CHIRIMPES said he would like to have a ruling from the Corporation Counsel on the question of the right to vote for condemnation when no funds were appropriated.

MR. TRUGITA said on May 28, 1969 there was a request made of the Republican Town Committee that an endorsement be gotten of that body to purchase Feck's Point and it was TABLED and never again heard of. He said it is his balief that each Democratic member here has been and is free to speak as he so wishes. He said it is his opinion that in general certain statements that have been made have done much to hurt the cause of leck's Point.

MR. RUSSELL sold in view of this problem before us and because of the many talephone calls he has received, many taxpayers are very much converged whether we can afford to purchase Peck's Point although there was no question in many minds that it would be nice to have. He said unifortunately this is the year of the real estate re-assessment and it is going to shock a lot of people when it is over. Also, he said, from the publicity via the new media, it has been pointed out to us that the Urion Renewal is going to cost us many millions of dollars more than we originally planned for. Also, he said too many of our older citizens and lower income taxpayers have had it as far as their ability to pay higher and higher tax bills and the endless shrinkage of their buying prwar. Also, he said we have repeatedly discovered that our beaches ere sub-standard due to the amount of sewage which is polluting the various beaches and we are many years behind in bringing our sewage program up to standard which is cut back in the Budget year after year. He said this is the time for us to be more realistic and in order to diese up our teaches, first bring our sewage disposal problem up to a print where our beaches will no longer be polluted and an unfit place in which to swim. He said it is a sad thing, but it sure looks to him as if our dollars are running out.

THE TRESIDENT reminded the members that we have had 22 speakers and hopes the members will keep their remarks brief.

MR. DURSO said he did not speak before and will be brief. He said he is glad that the Mayor reminded all Board members in his letter of December 22nd that the entire 120 acre tract was sold in 1967 for two and the helf million dollars. He said at that time he proposed that the entire 120 acres be purchased for not only a site for Cloonan School and a raplacement site for an elementary school, namely, Ryle School and also we would have had the advantage of having ALL of that teach front property for considerably less than what we are talking about tonight and for only 46 acres instead of 120 acres. He said he is sure that the vote taken tonight will not be a partisan vote.

MR. MORRIS reminded the Board that the first time we voted on Peck's Point he voted in favor, but since that time the prices have gone up and he has heard from many of his constituents in his District who are hard working people and not affluent, find trouble now in trying to keep up with rising taxes and rising prices. He said they need other things more than the purchase of a beach -- they need sewers,

and need them badly and the smells from the overflowing septic tanks keeps them from enjoying the property they live on. He said he also wishes to remind the members that this Board is basically responsible for the high price of Peck's Point when they overturned the Zoning Board's decision and we have a bad habit of overturning the decision of these Boards when we do not have all the facts.

MR. RAVALLESE said he has been trying to speak for over an hour.

THE PRESIDENT recognized Mr. Hemingway declaring Mr. Ravallese out of order.

MR. HEMINGWAY said he would like to point out that a third of a mill on an \$10,000 assessed property represents \$3.00 and if it is a \$20,000 assessed property it represents \$6.00 and that is what a third of a mill means to each and every one of us taxpayers. In regard to sewers, he said he thinks there is more progress coming along on sewers than there has been in the last five years - we have two contracts signed on Shippan Point, and one working up into Belltown and one being designed by our own Engineering Department for High View Terrace and the City is doing about all they can do in one year and not because they can't spend more money, but because you can't dig up the whole city at once. He said \$4,000,000 is going to be put into the Pension Fund in order to start it off in the proper fashion this year. He said that represents a collection of monies over the last 30 years, but let's put it where it belongs so that it can start to do something for the Police and Firemen. He said plans are now being developed by the Administration to consider a bonding proposal which will have to come before this Board, in order to get this Pension Plan on a sound basis by bonding it over a period of 50 years. He said certainly this is going to cost us money, but how else are we doing to raise \$30,000,000? He said should we or shouldn't we do this for the Police and Firemen and should we start now or never, but we still can afford to buy Peck's Point and if it is so expensive we can turn around in a couple of years and sell it and make a profit.

MR. RAVELLESE said "God Bless America" because he was finally able to be heard.

THE PRESIDENT said the speaker is out of order and that he raised his hand to speak on the amendment and has not raised his hand again until just now, and we don't need that sort of remark.

MR. RAVALLESE said he is just telling him. He said the 8th District is definitely against the purchase of Peck's Point. He said he has been getting many letters and also some from the Conservationists acting like it's a matter of "life and death" and he is not sure of whose life and whose death, but the people in the 8th District are working people and they definitely do NOT want Peck's Point and he is against its purchase.

MR. SHERER said having heard all arguments both for and against Peck's Point, he MOVED THE CUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED with a few "no" votes.

THE PRESIDENT said the VOTE will now be taken on the main question.

MR. TRUGLIA requested a ROLL CALL VOTE. Enough being in favor of a roll call vote, it was taken at this time.

THE CLERK called the roll. The question was LOST by a vote of 12 in favor, 24 opposed, 2 abstentions and the PRESIDENT not voting, as is customary. The RULL CALL VOTE taken was as follows:

#### THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

BIEDER, Richard (D)
BITETTO, Joseph (R)
BROMLEY, Robert (R)
ELLSWORTH, Stephen (R)
HEMINGWAY, Booth (R)
LUPINACCI, Charles (R)
MALLOY, William (D)
MURPHY, William (D)
PONT-BRIANT, Lois (K)
PUETTE, William (R)
SHERER, Sidney (R)
VARNEY, Kim (R)

#### ABSTENTIONS:

DONAHUE, Alphonsus (D) LiVOLSI, Frank (D)

#### THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

BOCCUZZI, John (D) BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D) CAPORIZZO, William (R) CHIRIMBES, Peter (R) CONNORS, George (D) COSTELLO, Robert (D) DIXON, Handy (D) DOMBROSKI, Edward (D) DURSO, Robert (D) EXNICIOS, Robert (R) GUROIAN, Armen (D) HORNER, Watson (R) KELLY, Stephen (D) KETCHAM, Alan (R) MILLER, Frederick (D) MORRIS, Thomas (R) FENSIERO, Joseph (D) RAVALLESE, George (D) ROOS, John (R) RUSSBACH, Daniel (R) RUSSELL, George (R) RYBNICK, Gerald (D) SCOFIELD, Edward (R) TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)

MR. SCOFFELD MOVED to SUSTEND THE RULES to vote on his proposed amended resolution which would allow the Administration to enter into condemnation proceedings and also FURTHER MOVED to appropriate a total of \$1,772,625.00 for the purchase of the Peck's Point property. Seconded and CARRIED with several "No" votes.

A ROLL CALL VOTE was requested. There being enough members (1/5th) in favor, one was taken.

THE CLERK called the roll on Mr. Scofield's motion. LOST by a vote of 17 in favor and 20 opposed, one abstention and the President not voting. The ROLL CALL VOTE follows:

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#### THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

BIEDER, Richard (D) BITETTO, Joseph (R) BROMLEY, Robert (R) ELLSWORTH, Stephen (R) EXNICIOS, Robert (R) HEMINGWAY, Booth (R) HORNER, Watson (R) LUPINACCI, Charles (R) MALLOY, William (D) PONT-BRIANT, Lois (R) PUETTE, William (R) ROOS, John (R) RUSSBACH, Daniel (R) RUSSELL, George (R) SCOFIELD, Edward (R) SHERER, Sidney (R)

VARNEY, Kim (R)

ABSTENTIONS: DONAHUE, Alphonsus (D)

#### THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

BOCCUZZI, John (D) BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D) CAPORIZZO, William (R) CHIRIMBES, Peter (R) CONNORS, George (D) COSTELLO, Robert (D) DIXON, Handy (D) DOMBROSKI, Edward (D) DURSO, Robert (D) GUROIAN, Armen (D) KELLY, Stephen (D) KETCHAM, Alan (R) LivoLSI, Frank (D) MILLER, Frederick (D) MORRIS, Thomas (R) MURPHY, William (D) PENSIERO, Joseph (D) RAVALLESE, George (D) RYBNICK, Gerald (D) TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)

(8) \$4,745.00 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - Covering the following: (Mayor's letter of 12/1/69) REDUCED by Board of Finance from \$5,245.00)

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

(9) \$370,158.40 - Resolution No. 654 - AMENDING 1969-1970 CAPITAL
PROJECTS BUDGET by adding above sum to Project
known as "WASHINGTON AVENUE EXTENSION" and
appropriation therefor - (Mayor's letter 1/12/70)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Mr. Bitetto seconded the motion:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 654

AMENDING 1969-1970 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET, PROJECT KNOWN AS "WASHINGTON AVENUE EXTENSION" AND APPROPRIATION OF \$370,158.40 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, project known as "WASHINGTON AVENUE EXTENSION" by appropriation of the sum of \$370,158.40 therefor for aforesaid Project in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 611.5 of the Stamford Charter.

MR. SCOFIELD said the Public Works Committee concurs in approval of this resolution.

MR. BITETTO said as the Representative from the 14th District, both he, Mr. Lupinacci and Mr. Scofield met with the Riverbend Association governing board and presented all the facts that were pertinent to this item and they are concurred.

MR. TRUGLIA rose on a point of information. He asked if the Representatives in that particular District can answer this. He said have the home owners who have been involved in this, been contacted, and if so, are they in favor of this new proposed route? He said the news has come to him that they might not be in favor of this and he is asking the question once more - is this thing 100% or is it 99% or is it 50%? He said he would like a little more than just a general statement in answer to his question.

MR. BITETTO said he would like to say at this time that the people the home owners who are involved have been polled and other than one person who has a definite problem, we hope to expedite that problem and they will agree he is sure, after we sit down and talk with them.

MR. TRUGLIA said he is not completely satisfied with that answer. He said before we cause any more undue hardship in the name of progress, which we have been doing for some years in this community he would like to pursue this just a bit further. He said the question came up during the Democratic Caucus and he would like to call on Mr. Ravallese at this time.

MR. RAVALLESE said he was notified the other day that the one party that had been concerned about this, said he will wait and see what they can do for him. He said he has been reassured that they will go along with him and help him with his problem, so in the light of that he would O.K. it.

MR. SCOFIELD as one who opposed the whole concept of this road on the basis that it was unnecessary, because the TOPICS program was going to be submitted momentarily, he took a good long range look at this road if we had to push it through. He said one of the long range viewpoints is to make sure that those who are left are not hurt needlessly.

MR. DURSO said, through the Chair, he would like to ask a question of the Fiscal Committee Chairman. He said he understands that there will be a purchase of some 7 homes. He asked the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee if he had been given assurance that there will not be any further changes in the route of Washington Avenue. He said he wonders if any more changes will be made that will bring the cost even higher.

MR. BOCCUZZI (John) said that according to the Mayor, the reason that the amount is low is that they won't have to take some other properties

and the money that was appropriated first will be used toward acquiring this new property and that is why the figure is a little low.

MR. DURSO said that does not answer his question. He said he wants to know definitely - have they been assured that there will not be any more changes in the route of Washington Avenue to bring this expenditure even higher.

MR. HEMINGWAY said it will probably take four or five years to build and he does not think this Administration can give any assurance as to what future administrations might do. He said before Mayor Wilensky took office there was some discussion that it should even go up as far as behind Olin Mathieson and behind General Electric and hook into Long Ridge Road way up near the Rippowam. Otherwise, he said they have not heard of any other proposed changes other than it coming out at Cold Spring Road at Long Ridge.

MR. SCOFIELD said the Public Works Committee has recommended that the Commissioner of Public Works have a study made of the properties north of Forest Lawn up to Cold Spring to a termination of the road. He said they recommended that a study by made to see if this could not be moved further east so it won't touch those homes at all, as most of the properties on the West Side have been taken, but there has been no report from the Administration as yet. He said it could possibly result in costing the City more money, but as yet they do not know.

MR. RUSSBACH said what concerns him is he fears that this is going to turn out to be a miniature URC by the time we get through and all we seem to be doing is pouring money down the drain year after year.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said originally she voted against Washington Avenue for many reasons, one of which was that the houses on Waterford Lane had the highway in front of them. At that time she said she asked questions as to how they could get out of their homes - they had the river at their back and the highway in front. She said this seems to be a more equitable adjustment for the nomes involved and her wish at the time this was first considered was that the people be considered even though it might cost a little more. The second point she said was that you are getting the return of the park land, which has been specified by a Special Act up in Hartford and is being fulfilled by changing the route.

MR. DURSO said he has one more question to the Chairman of the Public Works Committee, Mr. Scofield. He said will this be the "Amen" to the proponents who wish to take this park land away from Scalzi Park?

MR. SCOFIELD said he believes that the restoration of park land will be about one acre more.

MR. BIEDER MOVED the question. Seconded and CARRIED.

VOTE taken on adoption of Resolution No. 654. CARRIED by a show of hands, there being 29 in favor, 10 opposed. (Requires a 2/3's vote)

(10) \$53,337.80 - POLICE DEPARTMENT for the following: (Mayor's letter of 1/2/70)

Code	530.0101	-	Salaries	\$37,624.20
	530.0103	-	Guaranteed Overtime	9,271.80
	530,0113	-	Day Off Slips	1,219.20
	530.0110	-	Holiday Time	609.60
	530.0111	-	5% Differential (estimated)	723.00
	530.2501	_	Uniforms & Equipment (\$400 each man-	4,000.00
				\$53,447.80

MR. HEMINGWAY said this appropriation covers the addition of ten men to the Police Department. He said in the original budget 20 men were asked for and it was cut to 5 in the Budget last Spring and those positions have now been filled and this is for 10 additional men, which are badly needed in many parts of the City. He said this covers the period from January 1st to June 30th of this year. HE MOVED for its approval. Seconded by the Health & Protection Committee Chairman, George Russell, who said his committee concurs in approval. CARRIED unanimously,

MR. RUSSBACH said he just wants to point out to this Board that we have tonight appropriated an additional 1.2 mills in taxation to the home owners and taxpayers of Stamford.

MR. CONNORS MOVED for <u>suspension</u> of the rules in order to take up the appeal under the Planning and Zoning Committee at this time, in deference to the people in the back of the room who have been so patiently waiting for this to come up. Seconded and CARRIED with one "no" vote.

#### PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

APPEAL from decision of PLANNING BOARD, denying application of JOHN D. HERTZ, Trustee, to change land use category of land described in letter from Planning Board, dated 12/16/69 - (Must be acted upon within second regularly scheduled Board Meeting after appeal is received) - (Approved as to proper form by Legislative & Rules Committee at 1/12/70 Board Meeting)

MR. HORNER read the Minutes of the Planning & Zoning Committee meeting held January 22, 1970. He read the Committee report. He said the meeting was held in the Board Room and present were: Armen Guroian, John Roos, George Russell (not a member) William Puette and Jack Horner, Chairman.

He said approximately 25 persons appeared at the open session of the Committee meeting concerning the appeal and the following spoke in

favor of the application: Attorney E. Gaynor Brennan, Jr., for the owners; Attorney Michael Sherman for the Mill River Property Owners Association; Mr. William Hahn, President of the Mill River Property Owners Association; Mr. Ralph Moore, representing the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations and Mr. John D. Hertz, Trustee for the Owner.

He said those opposing were: Mr. Arthur Dormont, representing the Mid-Ridge Civic Association; Mrs. Duncan Holthausen, Mrs. William Rosenfield and Mrs. Robert Hoffman, representing the League of Women Voters.

He said after all parties had been given the opportunity to speak twice for a five minute period each, the Committee moved into the Democratic Caucus Room for a closed session. After extensive deliberation on the basis of all information presented and available, they voted to recommend favorable consideration to the full Board. Their meeting was adjourned at 11.05 P.M.

MR. HORNER now turned the floor over to Mr. Roos.

MR. ROOS said the Committee felt that the feelings of the immediate neighbors owning the adjoining properties should be considered. He said they are in receipt of a petition containing the signatures of 187 neighbors who strongly favord the application. Also, additionally, he said they are in receipt of a petition which was presented to the Planning Board at the time of the original application, which contains approximately the same number of signatures. Also, the Coalition of Neighborhood Association, the Mill River Porperty Owners Association and the Board of Directors of the Castlewood Park Association are on record as strongly favoring the application.

He said the Committee also reviewed the Planning Board's reasons for the denial - (1) not to allow commercial development of the East Side of Long Ridge Road, and (2) the subject land could be more appropriately used for housing and schools. He said the Committee noted that while the Planning Board indicated conflicting traffic patterns could result from commercial development on both sides of Long Ridge Road, it was also noted by the Committee that housing and schools on the same side of Long Ridge Road could well create confining traffic patterns. This, in effect, he said, is planning as created by the Planning Board since the so-called Fieber & Lampke property has been designated as a school site and the property immediately adjacent to that which is the Landman-Nickerson property, which has been designated as a housing site. He said the Committee felt the reasons for the denial by the Planning Board are not strong enough under the circumstances just outlined.

MR. ROOS MOVED, pursuant to Sec. 522.5 of the Charter of the City of Stamford, that the Board of Representatives hereby approves the proposed amendment to the Master Plan as set forth in said application No. MP-188 as originally petitioned to the Planning Board. Seconded by Mr. Ellsworth and Mr. Exnicios.

THE PRESIDENT explained that the motion has been made to overturn the decision of the Planning Board to vote yes on the appeal.

MR. PUETTE spoke against the appeal, outlining his reasons.

MR. LiVOLSI said he can only recommend that we overrule the decision of the Planning Board and he will vote in favor of this.

MR. BITETTO said he also agrees to vote in favor of this.

MR. HEMINGWAY said he would like to point out that the City is going through a revision of the Haster Plan, originally formed in 1953 and it is long overdue and will be done sometime this year and will be subject to public hearings and the consultants from outside of the City are working on all areas of the City and he believes it is extremely unwise for us to overrule both the short term decisions of the Planning Board, and should wait and see how the Master Plan turns out, which may very well mark this district for CD and it may not, but this is not the time to be rezoning or helping somebody get a change of zone against the wishes of the Planning Board, and for all this Board knows may be the consultants themselves.

MR. MORRIS called the attention of this Board to the fact that they have a very short memory. He said a short while ago the zone desired by this group contained 20 acres. He said they have 17 1/2 acres and they attempted to buy from surrounding people the remaining acreage in order to make it 20. He said not being able to do so they could go to the Zoning Board and have it changed to 15 which now puts them in the running. He said three years ago he heard the same story from the people on Washington Avenue - Mr. Nanos - one of the principals assured Mr. Bitetto, the Board and the people on Washington Avenue, that there would be NO GAS STATION. Then, shortly afterward, Mr. Nanos went to the Zoning Board of Appeals and then got a gas station. He said this action inspired an investigation by the Board of Representatives into the Zoning Board of Appeals. Now, once more Mr. Nanos is going to do something great -- he is going to change the zoning. But, he said, he wants to remind the Board, that Mr. Nanos' word in his opinion, is not very good, considering that he failed to keep his word before. He said if we are going to continue making land into industrial parks, etc., just where are the people going to live? He said, in other words, you are telling the young folks of Stamford, to get out because there will be no room for them in which to live. He said for all these projects that are coming to Stamford and are going to give us tax relief, it looks as if, instead, the taxes are constantly going up, and not down. He said he wants those who were on the Board three years ago to sit and consider the decision they made then on Washington Avenue in the belief that Mr. Nanos would not put a gas station there and then he turned around and PUT the gas station there. Also, he said, he wants this Board to remember the decision they made on Washington Avenue when they overturned the decision of the Zoning Board and also the time when they overturned the decision of the Zoning Board on Peck's Point property,

which they are now living to regret, and now here we are with some of us attempting to overrule the decision of the Planning Board. He said he thinks they will end up being very sorry for what they are trying to do tonight.

MR. SHERER said he would not like to see happen to Long Ridge Road that which happened to High Ridge Road and if there is an overrule of the Planning Board's decision, that there be restrictions placed on these developers so that they do not make of Long Ridge Road a shambles of what they have made of High Ridge Road.

MR. CHIRIMBES said usually the people in the neighborhood appear on these matters and are very much against it, but now, from the way the Committee reports it, these people favor it. He said he believes the Representatives from these districts should represent the feelings of the people in their District. He said he will vote for this because those most concerned appear to want it.

MR. CONNORS said he agrees with Mr. Chirimbes.

MR. SCOFIELD said he usually would not vote to overturn a vote of the Planning Board, but there is talk of a "Home Office" sort of occupancy, and if this is true it will be the kind of development that we need in Stamford.

MR. KETCHAM said Mr. Ellsworth has received indication of the feelings of the people in the District and our Majority Leader mentioned Washington Avenue. He said no one remembers that situation better than he does, and that controversy provoked headlines on the pages of the STAMFORD ADVOCATE between himself and the Chairman of the Zoning Board, who was one of his oldest and dearest friends and remembering that, he feels most strongly. However, he said he does not think it either proper or fitting for this Board to decide a case on the basis of personalities and ancient history. He said he thinks the Board's decision should be based on the wishes of the community.

MR. BIEDER said he does not have the experience of other Board Members, but this is the first time in his experience that whenever down-zoning comes along that the people in the neighborhood are in favor of it. He said this makes him suspicious and wary and makes him feel that what they are really afraid of is what everyone has been calling for since he has been on the Board, and that is, if it is not taken by a nice decent cement office building, it's going to be used for housing of some sort. He said if it is going to be used for housing, then certainly everyone who has been deploring the lack of housing in the City should be in favor of the decision of the Planning Board.

MR. RUSSBACH said he came here fully intending to reject the decision of the Planning Board, as it contains all the ingredients to make this vote a logical one, but now he intends to abstain on this issue.

Several members spoke for the second time.

MR. BROMLEY asked, through the Chair, if Mr. Horner has any information that the School Board has any intention of using this as a possible site for a school?

MR. HORNER said the night of their meeting the School Board asked to speak to the committee during their closed session and there was a professional member of their Staff there, as well as a member of the Board of Education, and the committee asked several questions in this particular regard and apparently the Fieber-Lampke property was under study by the Board of Education for about one year. He said the evening of the Committee meeting, some of these individuals got into a discussion and disagreement over in what direction they wanted to go. He said apparently the entire situation seemed to be up in the air, due to some last minute changes and therefore they were unable to shed very much light on this question.

MR. BROMLEY said he would like to say that he has talked with someone in the school system who is very conscious of the disappearing land and the need for keeping the status of this area as it is, so that if later on they wanted to use this tract for school purposes, it would still be available. He said if we overturn the Planning Board on this matter, then the cost of this land will certainly be much higher in the event they wanted to use it for school purposes. He said this fact should be brought out as it might have some influence on the situation.

MR. ELLSWORTH said many people are not familiar with the particular piece of property and the fact should be brought out that it is bordered on one side by a stream which is fairly deep at that particular point, and there have been a couple of drownings within recent years and the eastern side of the property is a virtual cliff and is currently zoned for half acre residential property, but he suspects it would be a very bad land use from a builder's standpoint for that particular purpose.

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

MR. MORRIS requested a ROLL CALL VOTE which was agreed upon.

THE PRESIDENT explained the vote. He said a vote of "yes" would overturn the Planning Board's decision and a vote of "no" would be opposed thus leaving it the way the Planning Board wants it.

THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE was taken on the Appeal from the decision of the Planning Board and CARRIED to REVERSE their decision. The ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk and appears below; there being 25 votes in favor, 10 opposed, with three abstentions, the President not voting, except in case of a tie:

#### THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

BITETTO, Joseph (R) BOCCUZZI, John (D) CHIRIMBES, Peter (R) CONNORS, George (D) COSTELLO, Robert (D) DIXON, Handy (D) DOMBROSKI, Edward (D) DONAHUE, Alphonsus (D) ELLSWORTH, Stephen (R) EXNICIOS, Robert (R) GUROIAN, Armen (D) KELLY, Stephen (D) KETCHAM, Alan (R) LiVOLSI, Frank (D) LUPINACCI, Charles (R) MALLOY, William (D) MILLER, Frederick (D) PONT-BRIANT, Lois (R) RAVALLESE, George (D) ROOS, John (R) RUSSELL, George (R) RYBNICK, Gerald (D) SCOFIELD, Edward (R) TRUGLIA, Anthony (D) VARNEY, Kim (R)

#### THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

BIEDER, Richard (D)
BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)
BROMLEY, Robert (R)
CAPORIZZO, William (R)
DURSO, Robert (D)
HEMINGWAY, Booth (R)
MORRIS, Thomas (R)
MURPHY, William (D)
PENSIERO, Joseph (D)
PUETTE, William (R)

#### ABSTENTIONS:

HORNER, Watson (R)
RUSSBACH, Daniel (R)
SHERER, Sidney (R)

THE PRESIDENT said we will now return to the regular order of business and called upon Mr. Bromley, Chairman of the Legislative & Rules Committee to give his report.

#### LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. BROMLEY said that his Committee held two meetings - one, on the night of January 26th and another on the night of January 27th in the Board Rooms and present were Messrs. Bromley, Bieder, Ellsworth, Malloy and Mrs. Sherman. He said the next meeting, to which the public is cordially invited, will be held on Monday, February 23rd in the Board of Representatives' Room, Municipal Office Building.

(1) Final adoption of proposed Ordinance concerning ANTI-LITTER 
(Adopted for publication on 9/8/69; published 9/17/69 - Held in Committee 12/8/69 and again on 1/12/70)

MR. BROMLEY gave the background and history of the proposed Ordinance. He said the Committee is now coming out with a report on this and the changes recommended by the Committee and he hopes that Mrs. Farrell will attempt to get these changes as he goes along. (NOTE: Not given to Mrs. Farrell in writing).

THE PRESIDENT interrupted at this point as some of the members left the meeting. He said Mr. Murphy has been excused, and Mr. Dombroski and we now have 37 present.

He gave the following changes in the Ordinance as approved by the Legislative & Rules Committee: (New wording is underlined).

#### SECTION 2 (4) (a) to be changed to read:

 (a) - Which advertises for sale any merchandise, product, commodity, or thing; or for the purpose of private gain.

#### SECTION 2 (4) (c) to be changed to read:

- (c) Which directs attention to or advertises any meeting, theatrical performance, exhibition, or event of any kind, for which an admission fee is charged for the purpose of private gain or profit; but the terms of this clause shall not apply where an admission fee is charged or a collection is taken up for the purpose of defraying the expenses incident to such meeting, theatrical performance, exhibition, or event of any kind, when either of the same is held, given or takes place in connection with the dissemination of information; provided, that nothing contained in this clause shall be deemed to authorize the holding, giving or taking place of any meeting, theatrical performance, exhibition, or event of any kind, without a license, where such license is or may be required by any law of this State, or under any ordinance of this City; or
- (d) Which, while containing reading matter other than advertising matter, is predominantly and essentially an advertisement, and is distributed or circulated for advertising purposes.
- (12) "Public Place" is any and all streets, sidewalks, boulevards, alleys or other public ways and any and all public parks, squares, spaces and grounds.

SECTION 8 -- Deleted in its entirety, with new one to read:

Vehicles Causing Litter. No person shall drive or move any truck or any other vehicle, loaded with litter, within the City unless such litter is kept from being blown or deposited upon any public place. Nor shall any person drive or move any vehicle within the City, the wheels or tires of which carry onto or deposit mud or dirt in any public place.

SECTION 11 --- Deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 12 - Placing Commercial Handbills on Vehicles. No person shall throw or deposit any commercial handbill in or upon any vehicle.

SECTION 13 ----- Deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 14 ----- Deleted with new one to read:

Prohibiting Distribution of Handbills Where Properly Posted.
No person shall throw, deposit or distribute any commercial or non-commercial handbill upon any private premises, if requested either by the owner thereof or a person duly authorized to act by and for the owner not to do so, or if there is placed on said premises in a conspicuous position near the entrance thereof, either by the owner of the premises, or a person duly authorized to act by or for the owner, a sign bearing the words: "No advertisement or handbills May Be Distributed or left here" or any similar notice indicating that the owner of the premises or the occupants of said premises do not desire to have any hand bills left upon such premises.

#### SECTION 15 - Distributing Commercial Handbills at Private premises.

Above Section changed to read as follows:

No person shall throw, deposit or distribute any commercial handbill in or upon private premises, except by handing or transmitting any such handbill directly to the owner, occupant, or other person then present in or upon such private premises. Provided, however, that in case of private premises which are not posted, as provided in this Ordinance, such person, unless requested by anyone upon such private premises not to do so, may place or deposit any such handbill in or upon such private premises, if such handbill is so placed or deposited as to secure or prevent such handbill from being blown or drifted about such premises or sidewalks, streets, or other public places, and except that mailboxes may not be so used when so prohibited by Federal postal law or regulations.

MR. DURSO interrupted Mr. Bromley's reading of the changes in the proposed Ordinance at this time to MOVE that the Ordinance be republished for the reason that the changes are quite substantial. Seconded by Mr. Russell.

MR. BROMLEY said that even though we vote tonight to re-publish the Ordinance he is afraid that it is not going to solve the question of him continuing on to read the balance of the changes in the Ordinance, because everyone will have to know what these changes are and what is going to be re-published. He said he does not agree with Mr. Durso that the changes are really that substantial. He said it has been on the agenda for a number of months and he would like to get it off the agenda, but he will defer to the wishes of the Board.

THE PRESIDENT asked the members to restrict their remarks to the motion now before them - the motion to re-publish the Ordinance, with the changes as given by Mr. Bromley. He asked the members not to vote on

the motion or discuss it until he has finished reading the changes that will be incorporated in the finished version.

MR. BIEDER suggested that Mr. Durso hold off his motion until after Mr. Bromley has finished reading the changes in the Ordinance.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Durso to wait until Mr. Bromley has finished before offering his motion as he did get the floor on a point of information.

MR. BROMLEY continued his reading of the changes in the Ordinance as follows:

#### SECTION 17 - Posting Notices Prohibited

Above Section changed to read as follows:

No person shall post or affix any commercial handbill to any public lamp post, public utility pole, or public shade tree, or upon any public structure or building, except as may be authorized or required by law.

SECTION 19 - Deleted in its entirety.

#### SECTION 21 (b) - Action Upon Non-Compliance

Changed to read as follows:

Upon the failure, neglect or refusal of any owner or agent so notified, to properly dispose of litter dangerous to the public health, safety or welfare within seven (7) days after written notice provided for in sub-section (a) above, or within ten (10) days after the date of such notice in the event the same is returned to the City Post Office Department because of its inability to make delivery thereof, provided the same was properly addressed to the last known address of such owner, or agent, the Director of Health is hereby authorized and empowered to pay for the disposing of such litter or to order its disposal by the City.

SECTION 21 (c) - and (d) are deleted in their entirety.

MR. BROMLEY MOVED for final adoption of the Ordinance with the changes which he just read. Seconded.

MR. DURSO MOVED to AMEND that the Ordinance be re-published, for the reason that it contains some major changes. Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

MR. GUROIAN asked to have explained once more the part (Section 12) dealing with cars.

MR. BIEDER said as he understands it, the placing of commercial handbills is prevented from being placed on vehicles. However, if there is a person in the vehicle, it can be handed to that person. He said the feeling was that the committee allowed for the placing of commercial handbills in other portions of the Ordinance, to be passed out in other places, but the feeling was that a great amount of litter is caused by the placing of handbills under windshield wipers of cars which are taken off and thrown in the street.

MR. GUROIAN said does this mean that a non-profit or charitable organization or a youth group, which wants to do a bit of advertising, will be allowed to place handbills on a car?

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{MR}}.$  BIEDER said this would be non-commercial and therefore would be permissible.

MR. RUSSELL said his Committee - Health & Protection - was very much concerned with some of these changes made by the Legislative & Rules Committee in view of the fact that some of the efforts of citizens to get certain areas of the City cleaned up would be hampered by some of these changes. He said we have certainly spent enough time on handbills. He said he feels this Ordinance should NOT be adopted tonight, as it is too complicated and too big and should be re-published for all of us to chance to digest it. He said it is impossible to digest it the way it was presented tonight. He said he is very surprised that Mr. Bromley, being an attorney, should present it in this manner.

MR. RUSSBACH spoke in favor of Mr. Durso's amendment. He said he means no disrespect to the Legislative & Rules Committee, but it is pretty dumb to kill off the political campaign system and whether or not all 40 members of this Board will admit it or not, when we can't put political handbills under windshield wipers and you can't put posters on poles or on trees because of litter, it makes him wonder what is the purpose of trying to run a political campaign in the face of all these odds.

MR. BROMLEY said in view of these objections, by all means let us re-publish the Ordinance because it does NOT have the effect that Mr. Russbach thinks it has. In order to clarify the matter, he said he is withdrawing his motion for final adoption of the Ordinance. The seconder also withdrew his seconding of the motion.

THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on the motion to re-publish the Ordinance. CARRIED unanimously.

(2) Mayor's letter, dated 10/24/69, requesting modification of Ordinance No. 135, Supplemental, entitled "CONCERNING CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY FROM CITY OF STAMFORD TO STATE OF CONNECTICUT TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC ROAD BETWEEN HIGH RIDGE ROAD AND SCOFIELDTOWN ROAD" enacted 3/2/67 - (Held in Committee 11/10/69; 12/8/69 and 1/12/70)

## (3) ALBERT CANDITO, HOUSE AND VACANT LOT ON NORTH FOREST LAWN AVENUE

MR. BROMLEY said it was moved that the Corporation Counsel renegotiate with a view toward a total cash settlement, instead of a land transfer.

#### (4) FRANK GRANT et ux

MR. BROMLEY said they voted to HOLD this, pending resolve as to how the final Washington Avenue route was to be changed.

#### (5) DAVID TARTELL

MR. BROMLEY said it was unanimously voted to approve, as negotiated by the Corporation Counsel.

#### (6) WILLIAM A. VERRASTRO

MR. BROMLEY said they voted to REJECT this transfer and to request the Corporation Counsel to re-negotiate.

#### (7) HELEN KAPLAN

MR. BROMLEY said it was voted to amend (to basically approve) so that the transfers negotiated by the Corporation Counsel will provide for a five foot pedestrian easement to be reserved by the City across the transferred portion.

#### (8) PATSY DE NICOLA

MR. BROMLEY said this was HELD, to be sent back for re-negotiation by the Corporation Counsel.

#### (9) WASHINGTON AVENUE ASSOCIATES

MR. BROMLEY said this transfer was APPROVED, but the Corporation Counsel was asked to re-negotiate with provisions for a five foot pedestrian right of way from Vernon Place to Washington Avenue to be reserved by the City.

MR. BROMLEY said this completes his report and he does not know whether this requires any action by the Board or not.

MR. TRUGLIA asked what happened to Lonsetti?

MR. BROMLEY said they took this in connection with the first parcel - the Wiener, or Lockwood parcel. He said there was no land to be transferred to Mr. Lonsetti -- it was a total take. Now, he said, since we have voted the funds for the new route, probably Mr. Lonzetti will get his house back.

MR. SCOFIELD said the Public Works Committee concurs with this report.

THE PRESIDENT said apparently no action is required because there is no motion on the floor.

MR. BROMLEY said he thinks a motion might be required.

THE PRESIDENT then asked Mr. Bromley if he intends to make a motion.

MR. BROMLEY MOVED that his report be adopted and that will have the effect of approving the various ones that the Committee approved. Seconded.

THE PRESIDENT called for a VOTE on Mr. Bromley's motion and explained this means that the report as given by Mr. Bromley is adopted and that the Board's intent would be that those parcels as recommended by the Committee and amended by them, be APPROVED. CARRIED unanimously.

(6) Letter (dated 12/16/69) from Harbormaster, requesting the passage of laws to govern the commercial users of Stamford waters in order to protect Stamford citizens from careless methods of boat operation - (See Ordinance No. 82; "Regulation of Safety in Stamford Waters" and Special Act No. 220, 1959, enabling City to enact that Ordinance) - (Held in Committee 1/12/70)

The above matter was held in Committee.

(7) Proposed Ordinance Establishing TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION and a TRAFFIC ENGINEER for the City of Stamford - (Held in Committee on 1/12/70)

The above matter was held in Committee.

(8) Resolution No. 655 - AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES - (Property owned by Estate of Anna M. Moeller on Roxbury Road - For development and construction of Third Senior High School) - (Letter dated 1/9/70 from Ronald M. Schwartz, Assistant Corporation Counsel)

MR. BROMLEY said they did not have all the information at the time the Committee met; however, Mr. Comeau from the Board of Education came over and presented the Committee with the information and he thereupon polled the Committee and they recommended that this authorization be approved, and MR. BROMLEY SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED with one abstention (Mr. Roos). The resolution follows:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 655

## AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH THE CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THIRD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford, Connecticut, desires to acquire a certain parcel of land, more particularly described as follows:

ALL that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, together with the buildings thereon, situated in the City of Stamford, County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY - 181.02 feet by land of H. Stanley Finch;

EASTERLY -- 284.19 feet by land of H. Stanley Finch;

SOUTHERLY - 165 feet by Roxbury Road; and

WESTERLY -- 190 feet by land of H. Stanley Finch

Said premises stand of record in the names of Robert H. Sherwood, William Morgan, Executors of the Estate of Anna M. Moeller and is recorded in Block No. 375 of the Stamford Block Map:

WHEREAS, the purposes of said acquisition is for the development and construction of the THIRD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of said acquisition is for the development and construction of the THIRD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL; and

WHEREAS, the funds for this acquisition have heretofore been appropriate; and

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, that the Corporation Counsel of the City of Stamford is herewith authorized on behalf of the City of Stamford to institute and file condemnation proceedings to acquire title to said real property.

(9) Proposed Ordinance - "TAX EXEMPTION FOR ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, LOCATED ON NEWFIELD AVENUE" UNDER PROVISIONS OF P. A. 311, 1967 Session - (Requested in letter of 1/16/70 from Attorney Russell C. Roberts, of law firm of Curtis, Brinckerhoff & Barrett)

MR. BROMLEY said this tax exemption concerns a parsonage. HE MOVED for approval for publication of the following proposed Ordinance. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously:

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#### PROPOSED ORDINANCE

TAX EXEMPTION FOR ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LOCATED
ON NEWFIELD AVENUE, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, UNDER
PROVISIONS OF SECTION 12-81 (b) OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL
STATUTES (1967 P. A. 311)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Pursuant to Section 12-81 (b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, that the property acquired by St. John's Lutheran Church, an Ecclesiastical corporation, from Kathlyn S. Schwartz, which property was acquired for the purpose of maintaining a Sunday School and which property is located on the westerly side of Newfield Avenue in Stamford, Connecticut, be exempted from Taxation from the date of acquisition, namely December 28, 1967.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

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(10) Proposed Resolution Concerning the Establishment of a Special Investigating Committee under Provisions of Section 204.2 of Charter to Investigate Civil Service and Personnel Department Procedures

WHEREAS, it appears that some procedures presently followed in the hiring and firing of personnel by some of the governmental agencies of the City of Stamford, appear not to be in the public interest, and further

WHEREAS, it also appears that the safeguards designed to be attained through the procedures and standards of Civil Service are being circumvented by some persons whose duty it is to protect those safeguards; and further

WHEREAS, Section 204.2 of the Charter of the City of Stamford delegates to the Board of Representatives the power "..... to investigate any officer, department or agency...." through the medium of a Committee appointed by the Board of Representatives:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that such a Committee shall forthwith be constituted in accordance with the provisions of said Section and such Committee shall be appointed by the President of this Board so that the recommendations of the Majority and Minority Leaders be honored, for the following purposes:

(1) To investigate the procedures and practices presently followed by the various governmental bodies of the City of Stamford with regard to both Civil Service and Non-Civil Service positions, whether part-time or permanent, insofar as these procedures and practices, relate to personnel matters;

- (2) To investigate the Civil Service Department itself and determine whether or not it is performing its functions in an efficient, conscientious and impartial manner;
- (3) To determine whether or not it is in the best interests of Civil Service standards and procedures to permit a non-Civil Service employee, appointed by an incumbent administration, to establish or directly supervise the establishing of the job specifications of a new Civil Service position to which he himself might be appointed during the remaining term of the same administration;
- (4) To recommend what steps, if any, must be taken to correct any weaknesses or abuses which may be found to exist in any areas so investigated; and
- (5) To determine, and to make recommendations as to what steps may be taken to separate from public service, with or without appropriate consequences, any Civil Service or Non-Civil Service personnel who may be found to have violated the public trust insofar as such violation may have taken place in connection with the hiring or firing of employees and/or the establishment of Civil Service job specifications and/or the filling of Civil Service positions.
- (6) To report back to the Board of Representatives within four months' time.

MR. BROMLEY said the above proposed resolution was submitted by Mr. Scofield and the Committee voted to approve this resolution with the following deletions: All the WHEREAS, the NOW THEREFORE, and the third section; also that the first line shall read: "BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Committee shall forthwith be constituted in accordance with the provisions of Section 204.2 of the City Charter and from there on is the same.

MR. SCOFIELD said it will be necessary to read the resolution, since everybody did not get a copy of it.

MR. BROMLEY read the resolution as it was approved by the Legislative & Rules Committee, with the deletions and changes made by the Committee:

BE IT RESOLVED, that a Committee shall forthwith be constituted in accordance with the provisions of Section 204.2 of the City Charter and such Committee shall be appointed by the President of this Board so that the recommendations of the Majority and Minority Leaders be honored, for the following purposes:

- (1) To investigate the procedures and practices presently followed by the various governmental bodies of the City of Stamford with regard to both Civil Service and non-Civil Service positions, whether part-time or permanent, insofar as these procedures and practices relate to personnel matters;
- (2) To investigate the Civil Service Department itself and determine whether or not it is performing its functions in an efficient, conscientious and impartial manner;
- (3) To recommend what steps, if any, must be taken to correct any weaknesses or abuses which may be found to exist in any areas so investigated; and
- (4) To determine and to make recommendations as to what steps may be taken to separate from public service, any Civil Service or non Civil Service personnel who may be found to have violated the public trust insofar as such violation may have taken place in connection with the hiring or firing of employees and/or the establishment of Civil Service job specifications and/or the filling of Civil Service positions.
- (5) To report back to the Board of Representatives within four months' time.

MR. BROMLEY MOVED for adoption of the second version of the resolution as approved by his Committee. Seconded by Mr. Sherer.

MR. SCOFIELD said that since the Public Works Committee voted by a vote of 5 to 2 to reinsert the original Paragraph #3, he wants this included and wants to make it very clear since it has been pointed out erroneously in the press and so that there will be no misunderstanding. He read the original paragraph #3 which appeared in the original version and MOVED TO AMEND Mr. Bromley's motion so that this paragraph be reinserted. Seconded and the paragraph appears below:

(3) To determine whether or not it is in the best interests of Civil Service standards and procedures to permit a non-Civil Service employee, appointed by an incumbent administration, to establish or directly supervise the establishing of the job specifications of a new Civil Service position to which he himself might be appointed during the remaining term of the same administration;

MR. SCOFIELD gave his reasons for wishing the above paragraph reinserted in the resolution. He said he does not blame those on the opposite side of the aisle for questioning this, but he wants to make it very clear, that this resolution (first version) was submitted one week after the former Commissioner of Public Works' new job was eliminated

because it wasn't necessary according to the present administration. He said this does not in any way pertain to Mr. Nicholas Loglisci, but pertains primarily to THIS administration and to future administrations. He said when this is brought to the attention of the public by letters to the Editor of our local newspaper, he thinks this is important for the Committee to dwell on. He said he feels that a full investigation is necessary and is not to be considered as a condemnation of any one particular person.

MR. BROMLEY said his Committee felt it wanted to eliminate the wording in paragraph #3 because it struck some members of the Committee as rather pointed in reference to a particular individual and in order to get bi-partisan support of this investigation, they decided to eliminate that wording. He said if you investigate the "procedures" it would have to certainly include a lot of things and probably would include the sense of paragraph #3 which his Committee deleted in the final version.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said her Committee - the Personnel Committee - agreed on the resolution if Mr. Scofield felt there were valid reasons for this investigation. She said she did not poll the members tonight; however, three are in agreement for the amendment, believing it to be open and felt we should try and have some guide lines for the future; therefore three of her committee were in favor of the entire resolution.

THE PRESIDENT called for a VOTE on Mr. Scofield's amendment to reinstate paragraph #3 as read by him. LOST by a vote of 14 in favor and 16 opposed.

THE PRESIDENT said the discussion is now open on the main motion.

MR. TRUGLIA MOVED to delete paragraph #1 of the resolution (as read by Mr. Bromley). Seconded by Mr. Miller.

MR. BROMLEY objected, saying that's the whole sense of it.

MR. TRUGLIA requested a RECESS at this time (12.12 A.M.)

THE PRESIDENT said we will agree to a FIVE MINUTE RECESS only.

THE RECESS was declared over at 12.20 A.M. by the President. He called for the Democrats to return to the floor, declaring there was no quorum.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

In the absence of a quorum, a MOTION was made by Mr. Morris for adjournment at 12.30 A.M. Seconded and CARRIED.

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THE PRESIDENT declared the meeting reconvened at 12.40 A.M. for the reason that it had been called to his attention that the report of the URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE was most vital. He said he wished it noted that all of the Board Members are still here except Mr. Connors and Mr. John Boccuzzi.

MR. DURSO said the only thing he regrets is that the Television Crew did not stay long enough so this could have been televised.

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI said he wished to go on record as resenting the way this meeting is being conducted. He said people are walking around the room as if it were some kind of a Circus.

THE PRESIDENT said everyone appears to be seated.

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI said he resents the way the President has conducted the meeting tonight.

THE PRESIDENT said he had nothing to do with the motion from the floor to adjourn the meeting. He asked Mr. Ketcham, Chairman of the Urban Renewal Committee, to continue with his report.

MR. TRUGLIA asked if 21 people were present when the President entertained the motion for adjournment. THE PRESIDENT said there was no quorum and in the absence of a quorum a meeting can be adjourned.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said she would like to go on record that if this is important enough for members to stay a few minutes longer, rather than hustle off, and certainly it would be better to stay until all the business of the Board has been completed, as there are people waiting patiently in the back of the room for the Board to reach certain matters.

THE PRESIDENT said he would entertain a motion at this time to either go directly to the report of the Urban Renewal Committee or to complete the rest of the Agenda.

MR. BROMLEY MOVED to SUSPEND THE RULES in order to hear the report of the Urban Renewal Committee. Seconded and CARRIED, with one "NO" (Mrs. Pont-Briant).

### URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE:

MR. KETCHAM, Chairman, said he would attempt to be very brief.

Resolution - AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTIES FOR THE WILLOW STREET EXTENSION AND THE BROAD STREET EXTENSION - (Requested in letter dated 12/30/69 from Corporation Counsel, Frank D'Andrea)

MR. KETCHAM said the URC Committee has met, once with the URC Commission, once with the President, the Majority and Minority Leaders present, and once with the Citizens Action Council, with the President also attend-

ing, and also a sub-committee has met subsequently with the Citizens Action Council. He said he would like to point out that the Citizens Action Council is very much interested in the proceedings of the Urban Redevelopment Commission and believes they are going to follow it up. He said he might call the Committee report a "progress" report. He said he thinks this Board should take some pride of achievement in the fact that since they took a positive step, we have had more information on the URC within the last three weeks than we have had during the last five years.

He said in accordance with the Agenda, the matter of proceeding with the condemnation of properties for highway purposes of the Willow Street extension and the Broad Street extension under cover of a letter from the Corporation Counsel to the President of the Board, dated December 30th. He said he would not read the letter unless requested, as it is a page and a half. NOTE: For clarification, the letter in question is printed below:

Mr. Charles J. Heinzer, III President, Board of Representatives Municipal Office Building Stamford, Connecticut

December 30, 1969

Dear Mr. Heinzer:

Enclosed is a proposed Resolution which should hopefully be on the agenda for the February meeting of the Board of Representatives.

This Resolution will authorize this office to proceed with condemnation of tracts of land required for the Willow and Broad Street extensions.

This office is proceeding in this matter in cooperation with the Urban Redevelopment Commission. We have been advised by the Commission that the City has already appropriated the funds for these project improvements in connection with the Urban Renewal financing. For your information, there have been two appraisals on each of the properties involved (except for DeNicola, for which an appraisal is being ordered, and Vallario, which comprises only six square feet) and the average figure between the two appraisals totals \$152,617.50.

However, the specific properties are technically outside of the redevelopment area and therefore, it is the legal determination of both this office and the counsel for the Urban Redevelopment Commission, that the condemnation actions should be initiated directly by the City of Stamford rather than by the Urban Redevelopment Commission in the name of the City.

Because of this technical point, we must follow the requirements of the Charter and the General Statutes regarding condemnation and obtain the approval of the legislative body of the City for the actual authority to condemn.

I am enclosing copies of maps of each of the properties involved, as well as a copy of a letter from Attorney Paul Nakian for the Urban Redevelopment Commission, to me, dated December 17, 1969.

I thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Frank H. D'Andrea, Jr. Corporation Counsel

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The following enclosure is also being printed in the Minutes for clarity:

Frank H. D'Andrea, Jr., Corporation Counsel Municipal Office Building 429 Atlantic Street Stamford, Connecticut

December 17, 1969

Dear Frank:

This is in reference to our recent meeting, at which we discussed condemnation by the City of properties needed for the Broad Street and Willow Street extensions.

As is indicated by the Xerox copy of the enclosed chart prepared by the Urban Redevelopment Commission, the City has already appropriated \$6,350,000 for these and related project improvements. The State of Connecticut has appropriated \$5,469,947 for a total appropriation of \$11,819,947.

In our Capital Budget presentation before the Planning Board on November 20, 1969, the Commission requested an additional City appropriation of \$522,250 part of which would be used for the Broad and Willow Street extensions. Additional State funds of \$440,928 as per the State Assistance Agreement, will be received from the State during final year 1970-1971. Thus, there are adequate funds available to acquire the balance of the properties for the Broad and Willow Street extensions.

Enclosed please find two lists, setting forth the Broad Street and Willow Street extension properties the Commission is requesting

the City to acquire. These lists will be supplemented by severance maps, which will be forwarded to your office shortly, showing the exact areas that need to be acquired.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Paul Nakian
Attorney for the U.R.C.

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MR. KETCHAM said to be brief, the Board finds itself once again "over a barrel" and is presented with a "fait accompli". He said he was disappointed to learn that the URC Commission has had knowledge of the necessity of this procedure since September 1969, and it is before this Board tonight for the first time. He said the situation is such, and it has been checked out with the Commissioner of Finance from whom he received a letter, the Controller, and the staff of the URC Commission, Mr. Lutz, a member of the URC Commission, the former Corporation Counsel and others. He said the Willow Street and the Broad Street extensions are NOT a part of the original Southeast Quadrant, but are an extension of that plan and are therefore not within the area in which the URC can act which makes it necessary for this Board to authorize the Corporation Counsel to proceed with condemnation on behalf of the URC in order that this property may be taken and these extensions be started.

He said so far as the Willow Street extension is concerned, it has -already been put out to bid, the bids have been received, and he was informed in the person of one of the Commissioners, that if we don't pass this enabling legislation, that this project will have to be rebid and they estimate that it will cost us from \$250,000 to have a Million Dollars more if this re-bidding must take place. He said as much as he hates this procedure, he would hate to see this Board placed in a position where somebody can point the finger at us and tell us we are responsible for making the Urban Renewal costs increase still further. He said one thing that bothered the Committee was if we condemn by action of this Board, would we possibly have to incur additional costs? He said he has a letter from the Commissioner of Finance, saying that these monies are part of the monies which this Board has appropriated in previous years. He said the Controller assures him that, in the Capital Budgets for the last four years, the uses of these funds are specifically outlined, and that the money is in the bank, drawing interest now under the supervision of the Finance Department and that this money would still be allocated to the Commission (URC) for this project.

He said the Willow Street Project - the low bid - was nearly a million, four hundred thousand dollars. He said the "hook" to this is that he has been informed, in writing, by the Staff of the URC Commission that

MR. KETCHAM said the properties to be acquired are listed in an addendum, along with the maps and are "Broad Street properties to be acquired (Severances)" and are as follows:

Parcel No.	Owner
B46-1	Anna L. Hayden, 746 Main Street
B46-2 & 3	The Auto Electric & Battery Corp., 750 Main Street
B46-4	Estate of Lena Bear, 758 Main Street
B46-5	Texaco, Inc., N.side Main Street, 766 Main Street (Corner Glenbrook Rd.)
B48-1	Royal McBee Corp., 741 Main Street
B48-2	Vuono-Mitchell, 747 Main St. (Corporation)
B48-3	American Legion Building Association, Inc. 751 Main Street
B48-4	Bethdin Corporation, 757 Main Street

MR. KETCHAM said the Willow Street Extension properties to be acquired (Severances) are:

Parcel No.	Owner
W39-3	Abraham Wechsler, 45 South Street
W40-1	William C. Farrington, 53 Clinton Avenue
W40-3	Louis Pikikero, 37 Clinton Avenue
W44-1	Erberto DeNicola, West Main Street (Severance)
W44-2	Lucia C. Vallario, Stillwater Avenue (Severance)

MR. KETCHAM MOVED for approval of the above resolution, including list of properties to be acquired as above outlined. Seconded.

THE PRESIDENT said the Legislative & Rules Committee and the Public Works Committee also had this referred to their respective Committees.

MR. SCOFIELD said the Public Works Committee took this up, although they did not have all the information that the URC Chairman had, but thinks they have a full report now, as just given by Mr. Ketcham.

MR. BROMLEY said the Legislative & Rules Committee is in the same position, but Mr. Ketcham did a superb job of presenting his report and in finding out all of the particulars and he is sure that if they had all this information before them that the Committee would go along.

MR. BIEDER said obviously this is not a small matter and a great many interests are involved. He said it appears that somebody, somewhere along the line "goofed" up and he thinks this Board should officially reprimand the man who fouled the whole thing up. He said for the record, his vote on this matter tonight is based on absolutely NO information, other than the fact that if we don't pass this, it is going to cost the City about \$500,000. He said we have NO information as to whether this is the proper thing to do - to condemn and have no information other than what has been supplied tonight by Mr. Ketcham has so honestly and brilliantly presented tonight. He said he wishes we could find out who is responsible for the "foul-up" in not having this before us many, many weeks ago, because as Mr. Ketcham has stated, this information was available as early as September of 1969. He said if we could find out who is responsible he thinks this Board should go on record as reprimanding that person. Seconded by Mr. Russbach.

MR. BITETTO said he concurs with what Mr. Bieder said and according to the correspondence, it seems that the URC Commission have been in dereliction of their responsibilities, because when he was a member of the Flood & Erosion Control Board he saw plans for the Willow Street Extension Bridge and many of the properties that were in question were being gobbled up by people who felt this was a ripe area in order to make a "quick buck" and certainly the responsibility is not on the City at this time, but definitely is the responsibility of those people who have been entrusted with the handling of not only the City's money, but also Federal money. He said he feels that this is a very gross negligence and should be noted by this Board and we should look into the matter further, because he feels it is extremely serious and in fact so serious, he has doubts as to whether he should even vote for it.

MR. GUROIAN said he feels the City has been put "over a barrel" and the guilt seems to point to the URC Commission. He said he would go further than a reprimand, but not being a lawyer, he would defer to them and if the lawyers feel it is possible, he thinks the City should sue the URC Commission for the recovery of the funds for the extensions in question tonight. He said he certainly would urge suing the URC if this is possible.

MR. TRUGLIA said what he finds not to his liking here is the fact that certain of his constituents in his area are affected by this, and he has not had an opportunity to get their opinion as to whether they are in favor or not as to what is happening here this evening. He said he thinks the ones we should worry about are the people and

we are not being given that opportunity tonight. He said these are some of the gross injustices that we are beginning to find in the operation of the URC Commission. He said he feels that until he has had an opportunity to speak to his constituents, he is against this tonight.

MR. LiVOLSI asked who conveyed to this Board that if we don't vote on this item tonight that we are going to lose \$500,000 or whatever it is.

MR. KETCHAM said this afternoon he conferred with Mr. Toth, Mr. Nakian, and Mr. Lutz of the URC Commission in the Commission offices for about an hour and the upshot of this conversation (Mr. Lutz being an Engineer) and in his professional opinion, which he must accept for lack of any detailed knowledge of his own, and Mr. Lutz' estimate was that if ----- and the thing this Board has to remember, is that the cart is before the horse ----- and as long as he has been on the Board there has always been a predisposition on the part of Boards and Commissions to overlook the Board of Representatives, and then to come rushing in at the last minute and say "pass this yesterday". He said this is not the first time this has happened and he is afraid it is not going to be the last. However, he said, to get back to the question asked -- Mr. Lutz was of the opinion that -- the bids are in, and this bid - the low bid by the Frione Company, from New Haven, is \$1,399,599.40 is the low bid and that has come in for the Willow Street Extension and is not for the condemnation, but is for the job. He said in Mr. Lutz' professional opinion, and he is the one who told him ---- that, if this is to be re-bid, with the lapse of time, it will cost us from one quarter to half a million dollars. He said that is all he is able to tell the Board.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT asked the Chairman if he knows the reason why it should be re-bid at this time, that there would be such a discrepancy.

MR. KETCHAM said he did not go into that detail, but he does know that the time has elapsed and bids must now be awarded. He said this was merely the professional opinion of Mr. Lutz that re-bidding might cost us this much and that is all he has to go on.

MR. MORRIS said all he knows is that the deadline date is February 11th and the bids are no longer good after that time. He said it appears that what they based this on was the fact that the next lowest bidder to this firm was in the neighborhood of half a million dollars more and if this fellow did bid low, he could very well say on February 11th that he would have to re-bid.

MR. SCOFIELD said he understands the bid was three quarters of a million dollars low, but depending upon when you are going to call this reconvened meeting, if it is held next Monday, February 9th, it would give enough time for this Board's Committees to meet before the 11th of February, which is the dealine we have to vote in order to save this money. He said if we are going to reconvene on the 9th ----

THE PRESIDENT said he has given no thought to reconvening on February 9th.

MR. SCOFIELD said it is unfortunate in the way this was handled, but it would be even more foolish to turn this down.

MR. BROMLEY said he realizes that it disturbs many Board Members in the way this was handled and the way it has come up at the last possible moment. From talking with people who seem to know, he said it appears that the URC Commission thought that they had the authority to go ahead and condemn these properties themselves, and on that basis the contract was let. He explained that the Willow Street and Broad Street extensions had been designated as "supporting facilities" and it is a legal question as to whether the URC had the power to condemn these properties in a supporting facility, and finally our Corporation Counsel stepped into the picture and said that if there is a question, you had better resolve it in favor of the right procedure and on that basis it came to the Board of Representatives and is before us tonight. He said it may be that there are people who are derelict in their duty, but he would not be too quick to jump to that conclusion and the fact that it is here tonight is because they are trying to do it in the correct way, rather than going out on a limb.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT noted that the date on the letter from the Corporation Counsel is December 30th and it has taken since that time to get to us.

MR. RUSSBACH said he thinks this is about as shoddy a procedure as he has ever seen, and he wants "blood" and wants somebody fired because of this and it is inexcusable because we are talking about a half million dollars. He said we cannot afford to have this happening all the time and cannot continue to legislate from crisis to crisis.

MR. BIEDER asked if they can condemn property so quickly and boot people out so that the builders can move in. He said what about the people whose properties are being condemned - are we giving them one week to get out and is that what is going to happen?

MR. KETCHAM said he does not know how long it is going to be before they move in with the bulldozers, but as well as he has been able to determine, the question is that this contract must be closed with the low bidder at this particular time and not have to go to re-bidding.

MR. BIEDER said he thinks this Board is well justified in denying this and putting the burden on the proper source in the City for making this costly mistake.

MR. MILLER said he knows some of the property owners involved and thinks it is unconscionable for us to vote on this tonight.

MR. MORRIS said rather than penalize the taxpayers of the City of Stamford, he would like to consider adjourning this meeting to next Monday, which would give us enough time. HE MOVED to ADJOURN to February 9th. There were several loud "nos" at this time and the motion FAILED.

MR. BITETTO said he would be in favor of postponing action on this to the very last day, if necessary.

MR. RYBNICK MOVED to ADJOURN to February 10th. Seconded.

Several people objected.

MR. RYBNICK said he would withdraw his motion to adjourn, as he understands there is something else that needs action tonight and people are waiting in the back of the room for this action to be taken.

THE PRESIDENT said if the motion to adjourn is not acted upon, then we still have the motion on the floor for the Willow and Broad Streets extension.

MR. TRUGLIA MOVED to TABLE the previous item until the adjourned meeting.

MR. MORRIS said he does not care when this Board sets the date, as long as it is before the contract runs out on February 11th and he will go along with any date the Democrats set, and we have to get the answers, and the only way to get the answers is to give us some time.

THE PRESIDENT said if we are going to adjourn to February 10th and TABLE action on the URC resolution until that time, there is another item which Mr. Boccuzzi has mentioned.

MR. BROMLEY suggested that a vote be taken on the motion to TABLE action on this until February 10th.

THE PRESIDENT said we must bear in mind if we do that, we shall have to adjourn until February 10th.

THE PRESIDENT called for a VOTE on the motion to TABLE until February 10th. CARRIED, with several "no" votes.

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES. Seconded and CARRIED. (NOTE: He made this motion for Mr. Truglia).

THE PRESIDENT asked what matter does Mr. Truglia wish to bring up under suspension of the rules.

MR. TRUGLIA said to take up a resolution and it is not on the agenda, and presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee on aging shall be known as the Commission on Aging.

THE PRESIDENT said this resolution will be changing an Ordinance which set that Commission up, so it would seem that we shall need an Ordinance to change that Ordinance.

MR. BROMLEY said he would put that in the form of an Ordinance and ask that we waive publication of that Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Truglia.

THE PRESIDENT said the Board is being asked to vote on an Ordinance to change the name of the "Committee on Aging" to the "Commission on Aging", which has been moved and seconded and it is also requested that we waive publication.

He called for a VOTE on waiving publication of that Ordinance. CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT said he will call for a vote on the motion to adopt the Ordinance. (No. 187)

MR. BROMLEY MOVED to adopt the Ordinance. Seconded and CARRIED.

# ADJOURNMENT:

MR. RYBNICK MOVED that this Board ADJOURN until Tuesday, February 10th. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously. (Time 1.20 A.M.)

Velma Farrell

Administrative Assistant (Recording Secretary)

APPROVED.

Charles J. Heinzer, IFI, President

11th Board of Representatives

NOTE: Above meeting was broadcast over Radio Station WSTC until 11 P.M.

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