

MEETING OF THE 11th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT
Minutes of April 6th, 1970

A regular monthly meeting of the 11th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Monday, April 6, 1970, in the Board's meeting rooms, Municipal Office Building, 2nd floor, 429 Atlantic Street.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8.50 P.M.

INVOCATION - In the absence of a member of the clergy to give the invocation, a short prayer was read by the President.
(Rev. Clausing, originally scheduled to give the Invocation, had been called out of town).

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

PAGES: Judy Beck and Nancy Paterson, Rippowam High School and Dannel Malloy, Burdick Jr. High School.

THE PRESIDENT presented each of the Pages with a Certificate of Appreciation.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. All members were present.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of March 2, 1970.

The above minutes were accepted, with the following corrections:

Page 7176 where Frederick E. Miller (D) 3rd District, is shown as being absent. However, he arrived at 10.05 P.M. William H. Puette (R) 18th District also said he was present at the March meeting.

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, March 23, 1970

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, March 23, 1970 at 8 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Charles J. Heinzer, III. The following members were present: Charles Heinzer, President; Anthony Truglia, Lois Pont-Briant, John Boccuzzi, Daniel Russbach, Booth Hemingway, Stephen Kelly, Alan Ketcham, Watson M. Horner, Edward Scofield, Richard Bieder, Gerald Rybnick, Handy Dixon and William Murphy.

Absent were: Robert Bromley, Thomas Morris, George Russell, Frederick Miller and Joseph Bitetto.

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The following matters were acted upon:

- (1) Concerning appointment of JAMES DAVIS (R), as a member of the PARK COMMISSION

ORDERED OFF AGENDA

- (2) Additional Appropriations - All items approved by the Board of Finance at their March 12, 1970 meeting were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under FISCAL COMMITTEE, with all items in excess of \$2,000 referred to a secondary Committee.
- (3) \$370,002.00 - Proposed Resolution concerning STAMFORD DAY CARE PROGRAM, DEPT. OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - Request to provide funds for an additional four centers, pursuant to Public Acts 522, 760 and 768, 1967 Session of General Assembly and filing of an application to the State for Grant in amount of \$370,002.00 - (Mayor's letter of 3/18/70)

Above ORDERED ON AGENDA under FISCAL COMMITTEE. Also referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and CDAP COMMITTEE.

- (4) All matters previously held in the LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under that Committee, with the exception of the following:
- (5) Proposed Ordinance Establishing TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION and a TRAFFIC ENGINEER for the CITY OF STAMFORD - (Held in Committee 1/12/70, 2/2/70 and 3/2/70)

The above matter was REFERRED TO THE HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Not on Agenda.

- (6) Corporation Counsel's Opinion (dated 3/17/70) as to validity of action taken at ADJOURNED BOARD MEETING HELD FEB. 10, 1970 in which he states the meeting was valid, but ratification should be taken at the 4/6/70 Board Meeting
- (7) Ordinance - For final adoption, concerning "AUTHORIZATION OF THE SALE OF A SIX INCH RESERVE STRIP ON DUNCANSON STREET IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO ALEXANDER R. KOPROSKI AND PATRICIA A. KOPROSKI" - (Approved for publication 3/2/70; published 3/5/70 -- (See Mayor's letter of 2/1/70 and letter from Corporation Counsel's office dated 2/10/70)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (8) Proposed Ordinance - "TAX EXEMPTION FOR ITALIAN CENTER OF STAMFORD, INC., LOCATED AT NEWFIELD AVENUE, UNDER PROVISIONS OF SEC. 12-81 b OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES (1967 P.A. 311)"
(Requested in letter dated 3/12/70 from Strada & Fusaro, Attorneys)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

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- (9) Request for TAX ABATEMENT for non-profit housing located at 67 and 71 Henry Street, known as "NEW NEIGHBORHOODS, INC.", - (Letter from Mrs. Gertrude N. Marshall, President of New Neighborhoods, Inc.)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (10) Request for WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE FOR STAMFORD HOSPITAL TO CONSTRUCT "STAFF HOUSE" - (Letter from Richard B. Tweedy, dated 3/18/70)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (11) Proposed Ordinance - "GUARDS AT HIGH RISE APARTMENTS" - (Letter from Stamford Democratic City Committee, dated 2/20/70)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (12) Proposed Ordinance re: INCREASE IN PARKING METER VIOLATIONS from \$1.00 to \$2.00 and other parking violations to \$5.00 - (Letter dated 3/11/70 from Atty. Leonard E. Cookney of Cressy, Melvin & Cookney)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (13) Two proposed Ordinances amending Chapter 19 of Code of General Ordinances entitled "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" - (One from Edward Scofield, 10th District Representative, dated 2/11/70 and one from Corporation Counsel, Frank H. D'Andrea, dated 2/26/70)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (14) Concerning proposed Ordinance re: EASEMENTS TO CITY OF STAMFORD FROM HELEN KAPLAN, PROPERTY LOCATED ON WASHINGTON AVENUE - (See letter from Corporation Counsel, Frank H. D'Andrea, Jr., dated 2/24/70)

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

- (15) Letter dated 2/19/70 from Mayor Julius Wilensky concerning THREE ALTERNATE ROUTES FOR PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD TO PECK'S POINT

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

- (16) Letter dated 2/16/70 from Edward Scofield, 10th District Representative, concerning DESIGN OF INCINERATOR PLANT DISTINCT FROM DESIGN OF SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT -- (Held in Public Works Committee 3/2/70)

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REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Not on Agenda

- (17) Letter dated 2/21/70 from SOUTHFIELD PARK & MARINA ASSOCIATION, requesting a meeting with the Board on CONDITIONS AT SOUTHFIELD PARK AND MARINA

REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE and HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Not on Agenda

- (18) Concerning REFUSE COLLECTION TO BE PUT OUT TO BID IN CERTAIN KEY AREAS - (Brought up at 2/10/70 Board Meeting by Anthony Truglia, 5th District Representative)

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Not on Agenda

- (19) Concerning possibility of SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES IN CITY - (Presented by Richard Bieder, 11th District, at 2/10/70 Board Meeting)

ON AGENDA under PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- (20) Letter from Mr. L. U. Spellman dated 2/9/70, submitted by Lois Pont-Briant, 20th District, re: SALE OF PROPERTIES BY STAMFORD WATER CO. in NORTH STAMFORD

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (21) Petition - RESIDENTS OF ROBINSON DRIVE, re: SEPTIC TANK POLLUTION (Presented by Sidney Sherer, 16th District, at 3/2/70 Board Meeting)

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (22) SPEEDING AND BAD TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ON WESTOVER ROAD - (Copy of letter to Police Chief Kinseila, dated 3/12/70 from J.I. Spiegel, resident on Westover Road)

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Noted and filed

- (23) Concerning VANDALISM ON HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COURSE BY CLOONAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - (Copy of letter, dated 3/17/70 from Chairman of Hubbard Heights Golf Board to Dr. Nemoitin, Chairman of Board of Education)

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Noted and filed

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- (24) Complaint re: DAMAGE DONE TO HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COURSE BY CLOONAN SCHOOL PUPILS - (Letter, dated 3/9/70 from Mrs. Victor Cassone)

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Noted and filed.

- (25) Requesting APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE POLLUTED WATERS WITHIN STAMFORD HARBORS - (Request presented by Board Members Rybnick, Connors, Kelly and Ravallese at the 2/10/70 Board Meeting)

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (26) Concerning HOUSING & RELOCATION PROBLEMS IN STAMFORD - (Statement made by Executive Committee of CTE, Inc. at their meeting held 3/6/70)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE - Noted and filed.

- (27) Letter dated 3/17/70 from Alan H. Ketcham, 18th District, re: COMPLAINTS FROM RESIDENTS OF 18th DISTRICT ON DETERIORATION OF PRIVATE REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE IN "C" DISTRICT

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (28) CONCERNING PROPOSED FACILITY USE FEES FOR 1970 - (Letter dated 3/8/70 from Edward Connell, Supt., Parks & Trees)

REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (29) Letter, dated 3/16/70 from Ralph Gervasio, President of ITALIAN CENTER, OFFERING THE ITALIAN CENTER'S 15 ACRE DAY CAMP TO THE CITY OF STAMFORD FOR \$250,000.00

REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Noted and filed

- (30) Letter from Mayor Wilensky, dated 3/13/70 requesting RECONSIDERATION OF STIPULATION OF HIRING CAPITAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS, due to lack of response from applicants for this position

REFERRED TO PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (31) HOUSING AUTHORITY OF CITY OF STAMFORD - REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAWN AVENUE AND MAIN STREET SITE, BEING APPROXIMATE AREA OF 1-1/2 ACRES FOR \$1.00 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 20 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME, FEDERALLY AIDED FAMILY HOUSING UNITS, WITH CONVEYANCE OF SITE TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY - (Per Mayor's letter of 3/20/70 and letter from Chairman Anthony J. Marrucco of Housing Authority, dated 3/13/70)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

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- (32) Letter, dated 3/16/70 from Alan Ketcham, 18th District Representative, CONCERNING DESIRABILITY OF ADVISING VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS, OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, OF THE TIME SCHEDULES OF THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

MR. HEINZER, President, informed the members he was sending a letter to all City Department Heads on the above matter.

- (33) Letter dated 3/8/70 from Paul Kuczo, Jr. regarding INVESTIGATION OF CIVIL SERVICE AND PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT PROCEDURES

Copy of above sent to Personnel Committee - Noted and filed.

- (34) Letter, dated 3/11/70, from John J. Nocerino of MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' SECURITY SERVICE REGARDING PURCHASE OF PECK'S POINT

Noted and filed.

- (35) Undated letter to Mayor Wilensky from Mr. Frank Merlino re PECK'S POINT

Noted and filed.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 9.30 P.M.

Charles J. Heinzer, III, Chairman
Steering Committee

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. HEMINGWAY, Chairman, said the Fiscal Committee met Wednesday, April 7th with seven members present.

For the reason that a large number of spectators were present, Mr. Hemingway said he had asked the President if it met with his approval to take up Item #12 on the Agenda first, and he said there was no objection. HE MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to take up this item out of context. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

- (12) \$1,700,000.00 - Resolution Amending 1969-1970 Capital Projects Budget by adding Project to be known as "PARK LAND - ACQUISITION OF PECK'S POINT" - (Mayor's letter of 3/2/70 - Also see letter from Corporation Counsel Frank D'Andrea, Jr., dated 2/20/70)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Bitetto:

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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 thereto a project in the amount of \$1,700,000.00, to be known as "PARK LAND - ACQUISITION OF PECK'S POINT" in accordance with the provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, which Project is to be financed as follows:

(a) The appropriation of -----\$1,004,000.00

(b) Transfer from the special fund known as "RESERVE FUND FOR NON-RECURRING CAPITAL EXPENDITURES" which was earmarked for the purpose of land acquisition by the Board of Finance at their Adjourned Meeting held February 20, 1968, and approved by the Board of Representatives on March 4, 1968 ----- 696,000.00
\$1,700,000.00

MR. GUROIAN spoke against the appropriation and read a prepared statement at this time.

MR. HEMINGWAY answered some of the questions raised by Mr. Guroian and spoke in favor of the resolution, and at some length. He said if this resolution loses, his resignation from this Board is EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

MR. RAVALLESE spoke against Peck's Point.

MR. PUETTE spoke in favor of the motion.

MR. BROMLEY spoke in favor of Peck's Point.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI spoke against the acquisition of Peck's Point, but said although he may disagree with Mr. Hemingway, he urged him not to resign from the Board.

MR. RUSSBACH said he intends to vote "no" on this issue and hopes that Peck's Point will be resolved for the last time tonight as his patience has reached the point of acute inflammation.

MR. BIEDER said he has a petition signed by 530 Stamford residents favoring the purchase of this park land. However, he said not one of the signers of the petition is a voter - they are all high school students, but they will be future taxpayers of this City, and they are in favor of leaving something for future generations. He offered the petition to the President.

MR. EXNICIOS said he voted in favor of Peck's Point the first time it came up before this Board, but voted against it the second time it came before this Board. He said tonight he is voting against it, and hopefully, for the last time.

MR. CONNORS spoke against the acquisition of Peck's Point. He said he is

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supposed to be "Peck's Bad Boy" and George Ravallese is in the same boat.

MR. BITETTO said he intends to vote the way his constituents want him to vote - that he received 31 telephone calls opposing the acquisition of Peck's Point and 71 in favor.

MRS. SHERMAN spoke in favor of the resolution.

MRS. PONT BRIANT spoke in favor and said out of 240 cards she received only 1% were opposed to the acquisition of this property.

MRS. VARNEY said she was in favor of the motion.

MR. SCOFIELD MOVED to AMEND the motion by limiting the appropriation resolution to simply acquiring the designated 41 acre property and not imposing any obligations upon the City to incur major expenses other than preventive maintenance and adequate supervision for a minimum period of five years. Moreover, the following conditions shall be deemed mandatory: (1) The City shall have full authority to control all surface and sub-surface drainage to and from the existing lagoon; (2) The City shall receive the gift of 2.8 acres of beach front property; (3) The City shall not be obligated at any time to construct or maintain a connecting roadway from Southfield Avenue to or through the industrial zone. Seconded by Mr. Bitetto.

THE PRESIDENT reminded the Board Members that the hour is getting late and to please address their remarks to the amendment only and we will get back to the main motion after the amendment has been disposed of.

MR. SCOFIELD spoke in favor of his amendment, although he said he believes that the basic needs of Stamford are for (1) housing, (2) sewers and (3) schools and these needs must be first satisfied before we can develop this property.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI spoke in opposition to the amendment.

MR. CHIRIMBES also spoke against the amendment.

MR. BITETTO offered an amendment to Mr. Scofield's amendment - that we institute an I. D. Card System for the use of the property.

THE PRESIDENT RULED that the amendment cannot be changed at this point.

MR. GUROIAN spoke against the amendment.

MR. SHERER MOVED THE QUESTION - that the Board vote on the amendment as offered by Mr. Scofield. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. TRUGLIA rose on a POINT OF INFORMATION. He said back in February

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the question was raised about the Benenson property and at that time the President ruled that what happened during the term of the previous Board was not binding to this Board and at that time and instructed Mr. Boccuzzi to reinstate a resolution concerning the Benenson property and housing. He said if that was the President's ruling at that time, then what is it on this matter? He asked how this Board can fix the use of this beach five years from now.

THE PRESIDENT informed the speaker that he sees what he means and this Board can't restrict action to be taken in later years and RULED Mr. Scofield's motion to amend OUT OF ORDER. He said we cannot impose a five year ban on what another Board can do. He said the debate is now back to the original motion as offered by Mr. Hemingway.

MR. DIXON said he concurs with Mr. Boccuzzi and is opposed to the acquisition of Peck's Point.

MR. KETCHAM spoke in opposition to the motion.

MR. KELLY said this matter has also been referred to his Committee - the Parks and Recreation Committee - and the vote in his Committee was 3 in favor and 2 opposed.

MR. ROOS spoke in opposition to the acquisition of Peck's Point and said he thinks it is mucky and polluted.

MR. LUPINACCI spoke in favor, saying the cards he received were 9 to 1 in favor of its acquisition.

THE PRESIDENT reminded the members that the hour is getting late and for the members to try and not repeat what has already been said.

MR. RUSSELL spoke in opposition and said the people in his District are not in favor of acquiring Peck's Point.

MR. HORNER said he opposes the expense, but still does not want to see us lose it. HE MOVED TO AMEND the motion to limit the expenditure from \$1,700,000.00 to \$500,000.00 and in effect, to purchase how many acres this amount of money will buy.

There being no seconder to the motion, no vote was taken.

MR. CHIRIMBES spoke in opposition to Peck's Point. He called attention to the more than two hours of debate which has taken place this evening and we still have a long agenda to go. He asked the President if condemnation is included in this request.

THE PRESIDENT said no, because this is a firm offer by the owners of the property.

MR. LIVOLSI MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

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A ROLL CALL VOTE was requested. There being enough votes in favor (1/5th of those present) one was taken, and follows. The resolution was offered by Mr. Hemingway was LOST by a ROLL CALL VOTE of 13 in favor, 25 opposed, with one abstention, the President not voting, as is customary.

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF PECK'S POINT

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 (R)
PUETTE, William (R)
SHERER, Sidney (R)
SHERMAN, Edith (R)
VARNEY, Kim (R)

ABSTAINED

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)
EXNICIOS, Robert (R)
GUROIAN, Armen (D)
HORNER, Watson (R)
KELLY, Stephen (D)
KETCHAM, Alan (R)
LIVOLSI, Frank (D)
MILLER, Frederick (D)
MORRIS, Thomas (R)
PENSIERO, Joseph (D)
RAVALLESE, George (D)
ROOS, John (R)
RUSSBACH, Daniel (R)
RUSSELL, George (R)
RYBNICK, Gerald (D)
SCOFIELD, Edward (R)
TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)

MR. HEMINGWAY left the meeting at this time.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:

MR. MORRIS MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to take up an item under the Public Housing and General Relocation Committee.
Seconded and CARRIED.

PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE:

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD - Request to Purchase
Lawn Avenue and Main Street Site, approximate area of 1-1/2
acres for \$1.00 for the Construction of 20 low and moderate in-
come rental housing (Federally aided) - (Per Mayor's letter of
3/20/70 and letter dated 3/13/70 from Chairman Anthony J. Marrucco
of Housing Authority)

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MR. DIXON, Chairman, reported that his Committee had a joint meeting with the members of the Housing Authority on March 9th with the following present: Mr. Edward Scofield, Mr. John Roos, Mr. John Boccuzzi, Mr. William Murphy and the Chairman, Mr. Handy Dixon of the Committee. He said the Housing Authority was represented by its Chairman, Mr. Anthony Marrucco and the Executive Director, Mr. Arthur Cuscuna.

He said the Housing Authority, assisted by Mr. Robert L. Wilson, Architect, demonstrated a feasibility study of the Lawn Avenue site for the construction of 20 low and moderate income Federally aided family units. He said this was done pursuant to a Letter of Intent from this Board, dated October 15, 1969 to convey the Lawn Avenue site to the Housing Authority, contingent upon the feasibility and approval of HUD, and a letter dated December 5, 1969 in which HUD gave approval of the site, together with authorization to proceed with all of the preliminaries and a development program. He said this development program, as demonstrated by Mr. Wilson calls for 20 units of garden type apartments, with individual entrances; one building for office use, laundry and meeting purposes, two play areas and parking area. He said at a subsequent meeting held April 1st, the House and General Relocation Committee, with four members present, gave further consideration to the Lawn Avenue site, with unanimous approval to convey the Lawn Avenue site to the Housing Authority in accordance with the Letter of Intent.

MR. DIXON MOVED for the Board's approval of the above request. Seconded.

MR. CONNORS objected to having a housing site on the East Side and wanted to know why some other area of the City can't be used, because the people who live on the East Side all mainly own their own homes and do not want public housing located in their neighborhood. He said at the time Fairlawn was built, Mr. Hartman said they would not use this particular area for apartments. He said he wants to know why this same piece of property that was rejected and Mr. Hartman was not allowed to build on, can now be considered a prime construction site. He said that property was originally donated and purchased by the City for \$1.00 to be used for recreational purposes. He said they were supposed to put a playground there, and why can't it be used for the original intent?

MR. MALLOY said he was led to believe that a public hearing had to be held before the City could go ahead and use this land for public housing. He said they were told that a public hearing would be held AFTER acquisition of the site. He said he questioned what effect the public hearing would have on the plans they have already made, and was told frankly that it would have absolutely no bearing on their plans whatsoever. He said he feels that we should definitely take into consideration the feelings of the people who appear at these public hearings.

MR. SCOFIELD said there is a very good reason why a public hearing is not held before this Board has selected a site, because we would go through hundreds of such public hearings for no good reason at all because there

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has to be the assurance that the Board will back them insofar as selecting a site is concerned. He said there are only 20 very well designed units and this is as close as you can get to this type of housing.

MR. RAVALLESE spoke in opposition to having these units located on the East Side.

MRS. SHERMAN said she favors the site and thinks housing should get top priority.

MR. GUROIAN spoke in opposition to the motion.

MR. BIEDER MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. BIEDER REQUESTED A ROLL CALL VOTE. There being enough Members in favor, the following ROLL CALL VOTE was taken and CARRIED with a vote of 10 opposed and 27 in favor, the President not voting and two members having previously left the meeting (Mr. Hemingway and Mr. Russbach).

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR

BIEDER, Richard (D)
BITETTO, Joseph (R)
BOCCUZZI, John (D)
BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)
BROMLEY, Robert (R)
CAPORIZZO, William (R)
CHIRIMBES, Peter (R)
DIXON, Handy (D)
DOMBROSKI, Edward (D)
DONAHUE, Alphonsus (D)
DURSO, Robert (D)
ELLSWORTH, Stephen (R)
EXNICIOS, Robert (R)
HORNER, Watson (R)
KETCHAM, Alan (R)
LUPINACCI, Charles (R)
MORRIS, Thomas (R)
MURPHY, William (D)
PENSIERO, Joseph (D)
PONT-BRIANT, Lois (R)
PUETTE, William (R)
ROOS, John (R)
RUSSELL, George (R)
SCOFIELD, Edward (R)
SHERER, Sidney (R)
SHERMAN, Edith (R)
VARNEY, Kim (R)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION

CONNORS, George (D)
COSTELLO, Robert (D)
GUROIAN, Armen (D)
KELLY, Stephen (D)
LIVOLSI, Frank (D)
MALLOY, William (D)
MILLER, Frederick (D)
RAVALLESE, George (D)
RYBNICK, Gerald (D)
TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)

Minutes of April 6, 1970SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:

MR. HORNER requested SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to bring in the final report of his Special Committee. Seconded and CARRIED.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE CIVIL DISORDERS:

MR. HORNER said his Committee spent about three months on this report and the report he is presenting is unanimous. He read the following report into the record:

FINAL REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES
TO INVESTIGATE CHRISTMAS (1969) INCIDENT ON PROTEST MARCH
(Approved by Board of Representatives at Adjourned meeting held
January 12, 1970 - See Pages 7100-7103 - Under Sec. 204.2 of the
Charter)

On the evening of December 16, 1969, Andrew Johnson, a black youth, was shot by a Stamford policeman after having robbed a liquor store. While attempting to escape, the policeman shot him in self-defense and the Johnson youth died while enroute to the hospital.

Immediately thereafter, a rumor began spreading to the effect that the Johnson youth had first been handcuffed and then shot by the police.

As an outgrowth of this situation, it was reported that as many as 500 black youths and some adults were marching the streets of Stamford throughout the week following the December 16th incident. The demonstrations grew violent at times. This was due to built-up frustrations caused by the ills of the city and had little bearing on the shooting. Many black youths and some adults took this opportunity to release the pressure which had been contained for years.

At the January 12, 1970 adjourned meeting of the Board of Representatives, a special committee to investigate civil disorders was formed by resolution. The following persons were named: Watson M. Horner (R), Chairman; Handy Dixon, Frank W. LiVolsi, Jr., George Ravallese, Theodore J. Boccuzzi, John H. Roos, Peter P. Chirimbes, William F. Malloy, Jr., George E. Russell, Lois Pont-Briant. Peter Chirimbes, initiator of the abovementioned resolution, and was replaced by Charles Lupinaaci. Mr. Boccuzzi submitted his resignation due to the pursuit of graduate studies and was replaced by Stephen Kelly.

Attached and made a part of this report is the Coroner's report.

It was reported that in one instance youths marched on City Hall and apparently were not stopped or questioned by anyone until they reached the office of the Mayor wherein they promptly attempted to take over. Initially this was wrong and they were not discouraged or stopped by any of the black leadership who certainly must have had some knowledge of this incident.

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The Mayor appeared on the scene and when confronted by these individuals he apparently, according to reports, did not maintain very much tact and dignity, but instead acted in an excitable manner. Could he have gained the confidence of these youths by being more diplomatic?

There was also an incident reported in the neighborhood of Woolworth's store downtown. Approximately 75 black youngsters and some adults were causing disturbances by making noises and blocking the entrances of the store. The patrolmen on the beat, as well as his supervisor, attempted to disperse the group with little or no success. The police supervisor phoned police headquarters asking for specific instructions as to how the incident should be handled. It was reported that after repeated unsuccessful attempts to locate greater authority within the department, he was advised "make no waves."

Later when a patrol car arrived the supervisor on the scene used the radio in communicating with headquarters and was successful in gaining the attention of the proper authorities. Six police cars arrived. The black youths were not dispersed however, as they should have been, but were apparently allowed to remain in large groups which in turn grew larger as time went on. Again the Police Department did not specifically take any action to disperse the larger group or groups but at this point had orders to follow them around town and to report their whereabouts.

Although the Chief of Police, the Police Commission and the Mayor all indicate that specific orders are and have been in force for incidents of this nature, it is still reported from reliable sources that no such orders have existed previously or presently.

Additionally, the Mayor, the Chief of Police, the Police Commission and the Superintendent of schools all echo the same comments which begin to sound like a conspiracy. These comments are generally as follows: "Although serious incidents, including shootings and burnings have occurred in other cities throughout the United States at great personal and economic loss, Stamford has had none of this. We are extremely fortunate that this has not happened in Stamford and it must be an indication that we are doing something right." Are we this effective in Stamford?

It was further reported that as many as 95% of the 500 black youths reportedly marching and involved in the incidents were armed with either pistols, black jacks, knives or other weapons. Obviously the black youth movement was one of anger. It was also allowed to continue beyond the point of being reasonable. Why did not the black leadership exert greater efforts to contain the situations and why did not the law enforcement officials as well as members of the administration take a firm stand in establishing greater respect for law and order for the protection of Stamford's citizens?

Within the school system greater respect for law and order and education

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must apply. Greater discipline must be enforced and exercised on all levels so that the educational system would be one which is for the betterment of all concerned. Our schools should develop a specific program covering all grade levels designed to install a sense of pride in and respect for our form of government and our system of justice. It is reported by school officials that there is a lack of respect and that many of the children entering the senior high school are undisciplined and lack respect for police, parents and teachers.

Although Stamford is fortunate in having many fine black leaders with the interest of the community foremost in their minds, it appears there are many groups going in several different directions. Greater effort should be exerted to coordinate activities, ideas and action towards a more positive goal of understanding. The best interest of all, without violence or threat of violence, could then be established.

The committee was very disappointed that only one member of the Black Youth for Justice appeared and expressed himself, other members neglected to keep an appointment with the committee. Therefore, they not only deprived the committee of further information, but in effect indicated that they really didn't care.

The Mayor and the administration should attempt to maintain greater dignity of office and should spend more time trying to solve the problems of the black community with greater emphasis on housing. Perhaps the cooperative ownership concept should be more completely examined. Many avenues of approach should be explored in addition to those existing conventional approaches.

The Rumor Control Center was not activated soon enough. What of the Police Department and the Human Rights Commission and other groups within the community? Couldn't they react to the trouble brewing? Why wait for rumors to be channeled through a center especially if it's not even activated?

We need more police and should strongly consider going back to the neighborhood patrolmen on the beat. This can be the best form of on-the-spot rumor control in addition to creating better police community relations. Greater emphasis should be placed on the function of the policemen as a friend and neighbor. This could be done through area or neighbor police-public relations meetings with youths in addition to the existing programs within the school system.

The police will require constant training in all areas, especially in the race relations category. By the same token, members of the Police Department need greater guidance from the head of the department. It

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is significant that at a time when police felt most put upon, they deemed it necessary to circumvent the chain of command and march en masse to City Hall. Specific orders must be delivered to the men in the department to be executed during a time of civil disturbance.

In addition to police community relations and protection, let us examine the facilities and services available to the black community. The Committee on Training and Employment at this time appears to be one of the prime agencies working towards improved conditions for the black people and was the agency most involved with the attempt to contain the disturbances following the shooting incident.

Additionally, the Southfield Neighborhood Co-op appears to be teaching vocations and at the same time gains greater maintenance of buildings and grounds resulting in greater pride and respect for such.

Inasmuch as this committee was not appointed or commissioned to develop further information along these lines, we would strongly recommend that the Human Rights Commission conduct a survey in depth to determine the progress presently being made in relation to services needed by the black community.

During our investigation reports of narcotics use and pushing of the same were revealed within certain segments of the black community as well as other parts of the city including the schools. The committee feels that every means should be employed to apprehend persons using drugs and in effect to discourage the use of such. Further, it is felt that pushers should be punished to the extent of the law as a pusher can destroy many lives in an almost cancerous-like manner reaching out in several directions simultaneously, while drug use may never be completely eliminated, we can certainly do our part to make it unpopular and in so doing salvage many persons for a more rewarding life. At the same time we can dramatically reduce the crime rate.

In conclusion, I wish to personally thank each member of this committee for the many devoted hours of listening to testimony and of asking questions in an attempt to get to the base of the problem. I am positive that each member has completed his task with greater knowledge and understanding of his fellow man. If every citizen in the community could share this experience, Stamford would certainly be a better place in which to live for all.

(Signed) W. M. Jack Horner
W. M. Jack Horner, Chairman

MR. HORNER said he has some bills in connection with the Committee expenses, and, in accordance with Sec. 206 of the Charter, MOVED for approval for payment; which was seconded and CARRIED by unanimous vote, and were in the amount of \$232.50.

Minutes of April 6, 1970Acceptance of above report:

After some discussion of the report, a VOTE was taken on the acceptance of the report, which was seconded and CARRIED unanimously, and the Committee was discharged.

THE PRESIDENT said the Board will now return to the REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS. (Time: 11.30 P.M.)

He said in the absence of Mr. Hemingway, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, the report of the Committee will be presented by Mrs. Pont-Briant.

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. BOCCUZZI said before the report of the Fiscal Committee is presented he would like to recommend that the President, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader, talk to Mr. Booth Hemingway and ask his reconsideration of his action tonight in resigning from the Board of Representatives. He said although he was one that disagreed with Mr. Hemingway on the Peck's Point issue, he feels that he should remain on the Board and as a member of the Fiscal Committee, he urges that he be requested to reconsider his resignation.

THE PRESIDENT asked the speaker if he would put this in the form of a motion, which he did. This was seconded and CARRIED unanimously. The President said he would convey this message to Mr. Hemingway.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT presented the report of the Fiscal Committee and said the Fiscal Committee met on Thursday, April 2, 1970 with seven members present and acted upon the following:

- (1) \$366.22 - PLANNING BOARD - Code 134.0101, Salaries - For reclassification of Executive Secretary at salary of \$7,557 to "Administrative Assistant I" at salary of \$8,100 - (Covering period of 10/27/69 through 7/1/70 - (Mayor's letter of 10/28/69) (Held in Committee 12/8/69; 1/5/70; 2/2/70; 3/2/70)

MRS. PONT-BRIANT explained that this matter has been held in Committee for the reason that they wished to take a stand opposing re-classification. SHE MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded and CARRIED, with one "no" vote.

- (2) \$1,091.04 - REGISTRARS OF VOTERS - (Mayor's letter of 2/6/70 - Code 102.5102 Making New Voters - (Deferred by Board of Finance and approved 3/12/70 - See note under Item #3, our Agenda for the March 2, 1970 Board Meeting)

MRS. PONT-BRIANT moved for approval of the above request. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (3) \$24,384.48 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - (Mayor's letter of 2/6/70)

Code 530.1702 - Gasoline & Oil -----	\$ 6,934.48
" 530.1705 - Maintenance of Cars -----	9,800.00
" 530.2501 - Uniforms & Equipment -----	7,650.00
	<u>\$24,384.48</u>

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MRS. PONT-BRIANT MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Russell, who said the Health & Protection Committee concurs. CARRIED.

- (4) \$323,150.00 - Resolution amending 1969-1970 Capital Projects Budget to be financed as follows: (Mayor's letter of 3/10/70 re: PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES ON STILLWATER ROAD FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE)

Utilization from the School Site Land Bank -----	\$250,347.64
TRANSFER from the "Elementary School #1	
Project in the 1969-1970 Capital Projects	
Budget -----	<u>72,802.36</u>
	\$323,150.00

In the absence of a proper resolution, no action was taken.

It was MOVED, seconded and CARRIED to TABLE this matter.

- (5) \$260,748.06 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Code 606.0609, Snow Removal and Flood Emergency - (Mayor's letter of 2/6/70) - (REDUCED by Board of Finance 2/17/70 from \$350,000.00 and returned to Fiscal Committee at the 3/2/70 Board Meeting)

MRS. PONT-BRIANT MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Scofield who said the Public Works Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED unanimously.

- (6) \$1,500.00 - CITY AND TOWN CLERK - Code 112.0101 - Salaries (For an additional Clerk-Typist II, needed because of work pressure - (Mayor's letter of 3/3/70)

MRS. PONT-BRIANT MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (7) \$5,200.00 - HUBBARD HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE, covering the following: - (See Mayor's letter of 3/3/70)

Code 730.1801 - Maintenance of Buildings -----	\$ 550.00
Code 730.1201 - Maintenance of Equipment -----	450.00
* Code 730.0601 - General Material & Supplies -----	<u>4,200.00</u>
	\$ 5,200.00

*Approved by the Board of Finance on 3/2/70 with the understanding that they will not get this in next year's budget.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said the Fiscal Committee approved this with one abstention (herself). SHE MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Kelly, who said the Parks & Recreation Committee concur in approval.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT explained the reason for her abstention. She said the Hubbard Heights Golf Course for this year also was not self-sustaining in the Budget and the Budget ending June 1969 showed a loss of some \$19,000.00. She said they have upped their fees which will become effective this Spring and it is hoped that some part of this will be taken care of. She said

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their current Budget is about \$92,000.00 and they expect an increase to \$97,000.00.

MR. TRUGLIA asked about the raising of the fees and said it is his understanding that they have to be submitted to this Board for final approval.

THE PRESIDENT said he is not sure we have to approve the fees.

(Note: Corporation Counsel gave an opinion which is printed in the March 1, 1965 Minutes that no approval by this Board is required).

There being no further debate, a VOTE was taken on the motion to approve the above request. CARRIED with several "no" votes (four).

(8) \$1,500.00 - BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - Code 106.0102 - Part-time Help - (See Mayor's letter of 3/3/70)

MRS. PONT-BRIANT MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

(9) \$385.00 - BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - Code 106.0803 - Travel and Special Committee Expenses - (To purchase identification Emblems for Members' Cars) - (See Mayor's letter of 3/3/70)

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said the Fiscal Committee approved this item by a 5 to 2 vote. SHE MOVED for approval. Seconded.

MR. MURPHY said he wished to abstain from voting on this.

MR. LIVOLSI said he has heard that the members have to put a \$7.00 deposit down in order to obtain one of these emblems.

THE PRESIDENT said we will have to work out some form of distribution to make sure we get them back again. He said we promised the Board of Finance that we would not just hand them out to the members without a guarantee of their return at the end of their term of office.

MR. DONAHUE asked the reason behind the two negative votes on the Fiscal Committee.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said the two negative votes were Mr. Hemingway and herself. She said they are "fiscally conscious" and do not care about the identification plaques and they thought we could use a sticker like the Park Department uses which are made out of paper which can be affixed to the windshield. She said they felt this would be sufficient to say they were Board of Representatives members.

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MR. SHERER said it amazes him how "fiscally astute" we are over an item of some \$385 and then can pass millions of dollars without so much as blinking an eyelash.

MR. BROMLEY said he definitely is in favor of fiscal integrity and because this will be a blow to the tax rate, we should really consider this from all angles.

THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on the above item. CARRIED with five "no" votes.

- (10) \$2,290.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Code 631.1803, Division of Land & Building Maintenance, Municipal Office Building, for alterations in the Board's Meeting Room in order to install a new Voting Machine and to enable the installation of a permanent wiring system for Audio System -
(Mayor's letter of 3/3/70)

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said this appropriation is for alterations in the Board's meeting room in order to install a voting machine and to enable the installation of a permanent wiring system for our audio system. SHE MOVED for approval. Seconded.

MR. MALLOY said he does not think an emergency has been demonstrated on this and does not intend to vote for it.

THE PRESIDENT said we do have an emergency with the wiring system as it is a dangerous thing to have wires all over the room and further, it is not included in our Budget, so we would have to wait another year in order to get it and it does not look as though our wiring system will last that long.

MR. GUROIAN asked if the present seating arrangement is going to become permanent.

THE PRESIDENT said he will discuss it with the speaker later.

There being no further discussion, a VOTE was taken on Mrs. Pont-Briant's motion. CARRIED with two "no" votes.

- (11) \$32,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, covering the following:
(Mayor's letter of 3/3/70)

Code 630.1803 - Division of Land & Building Maintenance, Town Hall, Alterations & Miscellaneous ---	\$4,000.00
" 644.1801 - Division of Land & Building Maintenance, Municipal Office Bldg. Annex - Maintenance of Building -----	28,000.00
	<u>\$32,000.00</u>

(Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE)

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MRS. PONT-BRIANT MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Scofield, who said the Public Works Committee concurs. CARRIED.

NOTE: Item #12 was taken up previously.

- (13) Proposed Resolution - DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, STAMFORD DAY CARE PROGRAM, Pursuant to Public Acts 522, 760 and 768, 1967 Session of Legislature Request for appropriation of \$370,002.00 to provide funds for additional FOUR CENTERS

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said the above request was being held in Committee for further information. She said they are not against the program, but are awaiting answers to several questions before taking action.

- (14) \$70,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE - Code 410.5502 - Cash Relief - (Mayor's letter 3/3/70)

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said a good portion of this money comes back from the State and MOVED for approval of the request. Mr. Miller said the Education, Welfare and Government Committee concurs in approval.

MR. DONAHUE asked how much comes back from the State.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said she has forgotten, but believes it is approximately 75% at least.

MR. RUSSBACH said he intends to vote against this and said we are always being placed in the position "Thou Shalt Not Touch" the Sacred Cow of Welfare. He said he knows that at least two or three times a year we get requests from the Welfare Department for amounts this large or larger and we are always told we can't cut it and can't ask any questions about it, because according to law, we are compelled to go along with it. He said this whole business is repugnant to him.

MR. LIVOLSI said he was under the impression that the State took care of welfare recipients and who does the City pay welfare to?

MR. CONNORS said the State picks up most of the welfare, but what happens is they take care of these people in a pinch, pay their rent, etc., until they get on State Welfare and they only pick up the excess. He said Mr. LiVolsi is right - the State bears the brunt of this.

MR. TRUGLIA asked how long this will last them.

Mrs. Pont-Briant said she thinks this will go to the end of the year and last year they also came in for an appropriation about as large as this.

MR. MALLOY said he has a question - is this cash that is just handed to people? He was told his assumption is correct.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said this particular one is for cash, clothing and cash relief which are items that are reimbursed by the State. She said they have expended \$104,000 to December and their average cost per month is

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approximately \$17,000 and their appropriation was for \$140,000 which left a balance of \$35,000 so they have estimated what they will need to complete the 1969-1970 fiscal year, and last year they expended \$203,000.

After considerable further debate, THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on the question by a show of hands and declared the motion CARRIED by a vote of 24 in favor and 6 opposed.

CONCERNING NEW SEATING ARRANGEMENT

THE PRESIDENT asked for comments on the new seating arrangement. He said we are quite anxious to get going on the new set up and would like to put it to a vote.

MR. GUROIAN said he does not like it - that he cannot see everyone, especially Mr. Bieder.

MR. RUSSBACH said he likes it and in most cases you can see other members without looking behind posts and there is a better view by members in the rear and they can all see the Board President.

THE PRESIDENT said this is not exactly the way it will be, but is the general layout. He called for a motion to approve this general layout.

MR. KETCHAM said he just wished to call to the President's attention that we tried this seating arrangement once before and at that time, in 1964 it was in the middle of winter - December or January - and the President and the Clerk at that time found, with the radiators to their back, that it was extremely hot and uncomfortable.

THE PRESIDENT said he has already checked that and finds the radiators can be shut off.

A VOTE was taken on the seating arrangement and approved.

MR. RYBNICK said he finds that the House Committee report is coming up in the middle of other business.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. BROMLEY said his Committee met in the Board of Representatives' room on Monday, March 30th and present were: Messrs. Bromley, Bieder, Murphy, Mrs. Sherman, Ellsworth and LiVolsi. He said the next Committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 27th.

(1) Validation of February 10th Meeting

The above matter was held in Committee.

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- (2) Ordinance for final adoption "AUTHORIZATION OF THE SALE OF A SIX INCH RESERVE STRIP ON DUNCANSON STREET IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO ALEXANDER R. KOPROSKI AND PATRICIA A. KOPROSKI advertised 3/5/70 - (See Mayor's letter of 2/1/70 and letter from Assistant Corporation Counsel John Smyth dated 2/10/70)

The above matter was held in Committee.

- (3) Proposed Ordinance CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWER LINES - (Submitted by Thomas Morris, 15th District and Charles Heinzer, III, 13th District)

The above matter was held in Committee.

- (4) Letter (dated 12/16/69) from HARBORMASTER, requesting passage of laws to govern commercial users of Stamford waters, in order to protect Stamford citizens from careless methods of boat operation (See Ordinance #82 "Regulation of Safety in Stamford Waters" and Special Act #220, 1959 Session of General Assembly, enabling City to enact that Ordinance) - (Held in Committee 1/12/70, 2/2/70 and 3/2/70)

The above matter was held in Committee.

- (5) Proposed Ordinance to CHANGE NAME OF "QUASI STREET" to "GARLAND DRIVE"- (Letter dated 2/11/70 from law firm of Ryan, Ryan & Hickey) (Held in Committee 3/2/70)

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

TO CHANGE NAME OF "QUASI STREET" TO
"GARLAND DRIVE"

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

The following street name shall be changed as follows:

"Quasi Street" to "Garland Drive"

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

- (6) Two proposed Ordinances amending Chapter 19 of Code of General Ordinances entitled "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" - (One from Edward Scofield, 10th District, dated 2/11/70 and one from Corporation Counsel Frank H. D'Andrea, dated 2/26/70)

Mr. Bromely said the above matter is being held in Committee.

- (7) Letter from Attorney Leonard E. Cookney of law firm of Cressy, Melvin, Carter & Cookney, re: PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING INCREASE IN AUTOMOBILE PARKING FINES, dated 3/11/70

The above matter was held in Committee.

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- (8) Proposed Ordinance - PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE ITALIAN CENTER OF STAMFORD, INC., LOCATED AT NEWFIELD AVENUE, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SEC. 12-81b OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES (1967 P.A.311) - (Requested in letter from Strada & Fusaro, Attorneys, dated 3/12/70)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE ITALIAN CENTER
OF STAMFORD, INC. LOCATED AT NEWFIELD AVENUE
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SEC. 12-81b OF THE
CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Pursuant to Sec. 12-81b of the Connecticut General Statutes, that the property acquired on March 5, 1969, by the Italian Center of Stamford, Inc., a charitable corporation organized and operating under the laws of the State of Connecticut, from the Estate of Hugh D. Catty, which property was acquired for the purpose of and which property is being used as a community center and summer day camp, and which property is located at Newfield Avenue in the City of Stamford, be exempted from taxation as of and from the said date of acquisition, March 5, 1969; and

That the Commissioner of Finance be and is hereby authorized and directed to reimburse the Italian Center of Stamford, Inc., in the amount of TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN AND 80/100 (\$2,111.80) DOLLARS for real property taxes paid by the prior owner, the said Estate of Hugh D. Catty, for the period March 5, 1969 through June 30, 1969, and for which the Italian Center of Stamford, Inc., reimbursed the said Estate of Hugh D. Catty on the transfer of title.

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

MR. SCOFIELD said he would like to ask a question - just how much property is there in Stamford that falls within this category of tax exemption?

MR. BROMLEY said he does not know, but it sure would make a very interesting study.

MR. SCOFIELD said when we get money back from the State it's one thing but he thinks that this exempting of properties should have a good long hard look taken at it regardless of what it might entail.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Bromley if there is not State Legislation governing these matters and that they qualify as eleemosynary institutions.

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MR. BROMLEY said he believes this to be so. He said the Italian Center already has a tax exemption and when they moved the Center, they were hopeful that they would continue the exemption that they already have.

- (9) Letters from Corporation Counsel Frank D'Andrea, dated 2/24/70 and 3/18/70 re: EASEMENT FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY HELEN KAPLAN ON WASHINGTON AVENUE

The above matter was held in Committee.

- (10) Letter, dated 2/19/70 from Mayor Julius Wilensky re: THREE ALTERNATE ROUTES FOR PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD, PECK'S POINT

MR. BROMLEY said, obviously, there is no action on the above.

- (11) Letter, dated 3/23/70 from Gertrude N. Marshall, President of NEW NEIGHBORHOODS, INC., requesting TAX ABATEMENT for non-profit housing located at 67 and 71 Henry Street, known as "NEW NEIGHBORHOODS, INC."

MR. BROMLEY said this is a tax abatement request and the Committee heard the President and some of the Directors of New Neighborhoods, Inc., who came down and spoke for this. He said if the Board approves this tonight, it will be the first rehabilitation of sub-standard housing in Stamford. He said a lot of people are very much interested in seeing if this kind of an experiment works. He said if it is possible to rehabilitate existing housing, it avoids all the problems of relocating these tenants, such as occurs in Urban Renewal.

Mr. Bromley said the nature of our action tonight will be tax abatement and it is true that the Tax Abatement Committee as set up by Ordinance has not as yet passed on this, but we have, in the past, granted tax abatement, conditional upon approval by the Tax Abatement Committee. He said he received this afternoon the proposed contract which has to be approved by the Tax Abatement Committee and one of the more salient questions, which this Board has asked in the past, is whether or not this is contingent upon reimbursement by the State, and is provided for in the contract. He said if we pass this tax abatement, Stamford will not be out any tax revenue from this Project.

THE PRESIDENT said he wished to make a comment - that in the absence of Mrs. Farrell, this agenda was made up by someone else and should have read "Request for TAX ABATEMENT", but it is still on the agenda.

MR. MALLOY asked if this would require a suspension of the rules.

THE PRESIDENT said "no" and that it is merely a misprint on the Agenda, as it is already on the agenda, but not properly expressed.

MR. TRUGLIA asked if there is going to be enough parking in this particular area to take care of these 32 families.

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THE PRESIDENT said "yes".

MR. GUROIAN asked if tax abatement is synonymous with tax exemption?

THE PRESIDENT said "no".

MR. GUROIAN said then, in other words, we will be receiving money from the State on this. He was told this is true.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said he understands that some of the people who live in this building now will be over-income and can't live there. He said he thinks some sort of amendment should be tacked on to this to protect the people who live there now, because he can't see putting them out in the street because they are going to lower the amount of increase per family and this should be straightened out ahead of time.

THE PRESIDENT said we cannot make the tax abatement conditional because this comes from FHA and they have their own requirements on the rents.

MR. BROMLEY said they were assured by the leaders of the New Neighborhoods Corp., that they will do everything in their power to protect the present tenants. He said, however, they could not give the Committee definite assurance that all the families could remain because once they do this rehabilitation project, then they are bound by Federal income standards and if a family is presently living there that has an income higher than these standards, then, New Neighborhoods can't rent to this family. He explained that what they are trying to do here is to take deteriorated housing and rehabilitate it and make it available for low and moderate income families. He said he is sure that the group involved will certainly give every possible consideration to the human values and not kick people out in the street. He said, however, if a family does exceed the income requirements, then they will probably have to move.

MR. MILLER said he is reluctant to vote for this if the present tenants are not protected.

MR. MALLOY said he cannot see why we can't make approval of this request conditional.

MR. BROMLEY said he believes it is obvious that we cannot attach an amendment that will render ineffective the FHA commitment for which this tax abatement is sought, as any Federal program does contain guide lines.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said she notices that it is now 12.20 A.M. and we are rapidly losing members and might lose a quorum. She said she wishes some consideration be given to the rest of the Board Members who have to stay in order to maintain a quorum.

After some further discussion, the PRESIDENT CALLED FOR A VOTE on Item #11 - that approval be given, subject to approval by the Tax Abatement Committee. CARRIED unanimously.

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- (12) WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE FOR STAMFORD HOSPITAL TO CONSTRUCT A "STAFF HOUSE" - (Requested in letter dated 3/18/70 from Atty. Richard B. Tweedy)

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

- (13) Proposed Ordinance re: GUARDS AT HIGH RISE APARTMENTS - (Presented in letter from Stamford Democratic City Committee, dated 2/20/70)

The above matter was held in Committee.

- (14) LEASE - PARKING AUTHORITY - From State of Connecticut State Highway Department - Area on South State Street between McCullough Street Extension and the Connecticut Turnpike, east of Rippowam River, in order to construct a COMMUTER PARKING AREA FOR 30 CAR SPACES (Area being 0.47 acres and yearly lease at rate of \$30.00 monthly)

MR. BROMLEY MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to bring up the above request. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. BROMLEY said this parking lot will be on McCullough Street, bounded by the river, South Street and the Thruway (Greenwich Avenue). He said there seems to be a need for this as one of the parking areas near the station is going to be discontinued and the yearly lease will be at the rate of \$30.00 per month. He said they are ready to go ahead as soon as approval is given. HE MOVED for approval. Seconded by Mr. Russell and CARRIED unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. SCOFIELD said his Committee met on March 26, 1970 at 7.45 P.M. in the office of the Public Works Commissioner and present were Representatives Durso, Exnicios, Lupinacci, Sherer, Scofield and Commissioner Walter Maguire.

- (1) REFUSE COLLECTION TO BE PUT OUT TO BID IN CERTAIN KEY AREAS - (Brought up by Mr. Anthony Truglia, 5th District Representative, at the Feb. 10, 1970 meeting)

MR. SCOFIELD said Sec. 14-2 of the City Code makes the City responsible for the collection of garbage and refuse in the City garbage collection district. He said even if allowed, the Commissioner told the Committee that the experience gained from other cities that have tried this idea is, that virtually all of them have reverted back to city collection - the main reason being the danger of concentrating a large segment of this type of service under a private organization which could and has been known to take advantage of a semi-monopolistic operation and not necessarily acted in the best interests of the City.

- (2) To consider the possibility of SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES IN THE CITY - (Brought up by Mr. Bieder, 11th District Representative at the 2/10/70 meeting)

MR. SCOFIELD said the Commissioner stated that there are literally scores

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of snow routes throughout the City at the present time, but with limited off-street parking available, a complete prohibition of parking would not be feasible. He said he suggested that the Ordinance requiring alternate side of the street parking on snow routes, that once was proposed by Representatives Morris and Connors, be resurrected and adopted.

(3) Concerning Deterioration in Private Refuse Collection

MR. SCOFIELD said complaints seem to stem from the inability of the existing incinerator to handle the current load. Drivers are required to wait too long to unload, and therefore are giving poor service throughout the City. He said the Commissioner stated that the new Multi-purpose Incinerator, which should soon be repaired and operating by the middle of April, will be able to handle much of this overload.

(4) Public Works Operating Budget

MR. SCOFIELD said the Commissioner went over the Public Works Operating Budget with the Committee, item by item and another session is planned at a later time.

SEWER COMMITTEE:

MR. BITETTO presented a progress report. He said it seems to be the opinion of the Sewer Commission that they are not aware of the many items contracted by the previous Administration. He said at their meeting the Sewer Commission questioned the Finance Commissioner regarding bills of which they had no record. He said a special meeting has been set up for Thursday, April 9th, at 7 P.M. in the Board of Representatives' room with the Sewer Committee, the Sewer Commission, the Commissioner of Public Works, the Public Works Committee, the Fiscal Committee and the Commissioner of Finance, who will meet with the Kassner firm in order to review some rather large bills that have been presented to the City for work done in 1969 and prior years.

Mr. Bitetto said the facts are as follows: A contract in Shippan and Southfield Contract Nos. 15-3 and 15-6 were planned by the Kassner firm for Two Million Dollars and have been presented to the City for 4.3 million dollars. He said the escalation in costs will be explored, as will the larger fee for these projects. He said it appears that over 90% of the design for these projects was completed in 1968, but the total fee is now based on 1970 sewer construction prices. He said the Sewer Commission has under way the Southfield Point and Shippan sewers to be completed in May and taxes to be levied in June, and the Springdale and Belltown levy has been postponed to October of 1970.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL, Chairman, reported that his committee met on Wednesday, April 2, 1970 at 7.45 P.M. in one of the Board's Caucus Rooms. The members

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MR. KETCHAM, Chairman, said he attended a meeting of the Urban Redevelopment Commission on March 19, 1970 which was arranged by Mr. Truglia, Minority Leader, because of an unfortunate situation which has arisen in his District on Clinton Avenue. He said those present at this meeting were: Messrs. Truglia, Morris, Heinzer and Ketcham of the Board of Representatives; Director Hibben, Mr. Battiste and his Staff, Mr. Friedman of the URC and Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Remy of 47 Clinton Avenue.

He said Mr. and Mrs. Remy brought up the fact that they were having trouble with relocation and also came before the group with rather disturbing information and their 75 year old Mother, Mrs. Chiapetta, had sold her premises to Urban Renewal (Commission) without benefit of counsel. He said, after considerable discussion, the Staff made a suggestion that they communicate this information to the Commission in the hope that some solution could be worked out.

On April 2, 1970, a second meeting was held in the Board of Representatives' meeting room. Present at that time were the following: Messrs. Costello, Bromley, Ketcham of the Committee, President of the Board and Acting Mayor, Charles Heinzer, Mr. Morris, Mr. Truglia, Mr. Carey, Farnen and Lutz of the URC and Mr. Hibben, the URC Director. Also, by invitation, were Mr. Canio Sanseverino of Camsan Electric and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Remy, who had come to the meeting in the hope that some possible action could be suggested on their behalf by the Commission.

Mr. Ketcham said, to cut this short, as far as the Remy family are concerned, the Commission advised them that upon advice of Counsel they could not discuss this matter and their suggestion was that the Remy's lawyer see the URC lawyer.

He said as far as Mr. Sanseverino was concerned (the property to the rear of his store) is scheduled for demolition under the URC program. He said as far as they are concerned, they are getting very impatient, as the rear of their store has been bashed in several times by trucks moving in a narrow alley. He said the Commission informed Mr. Sanseverino that this property was a low priority project and furthermore, that the Urban Redevelopment Commission was broke insofar as acquisition funds are concerned and therefore the acquisition of this remaining property was dependent upon securing additional funds from the Federal Government and then reaching the priority. He said the owners of this property, back in 1966, were informed of the intention of the URC to take their property and further informed that that property would be demolished in time for the Christmas shopping season of 1967, and because of these facts, the Committee thinks this requires further investigation.

He said Mr. Arthur Lutz of the Commission also spoke before the

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Committee, to correct several statements which he claimed were erroneously made by the Chairman of the Committee previously and one was that Mr. Frank Rich did not receive \$156,000 in windfall profits due to the Broad and Atlantic Streets taking, and that he only got \$73,000 because he had to split with his partners. He said Mr. Lutz also read a report as of March 18th regarding the progress of St. John's Towers, in that the water is now in, the gas is now in, the telephone ducts are now in, all of this since apparently the February 18th report. He said in view of all this, he thinks this Board is to be congratulated in getting such prompt action in that area.

Proposed Resolution concerning Appointment of a New Urban Redevelopment Commission

MR. KETCHAM presented a proposed resolution on the above matter at this time and MOVED that it be placed on the May agenda for action at that time.

THE PRESIDENT said this will be presented to the Steering Committee at their next meeting.

MR. BROMLEY said he would like to reiterate, as a member of the URC Committee, that in view of what Mr. Ketcham has said, that he is putting this in as an individual and not for the Committee and does not in any way reflect his particular views.

MR. KETCHAM said he thought he made this fact crystal clear.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE CIVIL SERVICE & PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT PROCEDURES - (Appointed 3/2/70)

MRS. PONT-BRIANT, Chairman, said she had a report, but due to the lateness of the hour, will not present it. She said the Committee has had one organizational meeting on March 23rd and met to formulate guidelines upon which they wish to base their investigation. She said the Committee have all received Civil Service regulations which they are examining in anticipation of asking questions and also in regard to the people they feel they should interview and other areas they wish to examine.

She said in an effort to perform their functions in an impartial manner, they have requested that the following Unions and representatives of employee organizations that they wish to have before their next meeting on April 14th at 8 P.M. in the Board of Representatives' meeting rooms, in order to exchange ideas. She said they felt at the onset of this investigation they should establish a rapport with the Union leaders and those who represent the Municipal Employees and therefore be able to do their work in a logical and impartial manner.

She named the organizations and in case she has missed some, hopes that representatives will be able to appear at their meeting: Stamford Police

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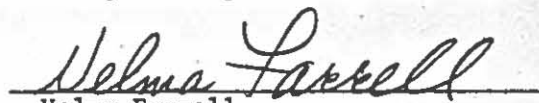
Association, the Stamford Firefighters, Local 1083, Custodians and Mechanics, Teamsters Local No. 145, Stamford Municipal Employees Association, Stamford School Health Service Association, Case-workers of the City of Stamford, the Department of Public Welfare, the Connecticut Nurses' Association. She added that she personally issued invitations to these organizations on the 'phone and they were most interested in appearing and said it was about time that there was some rapport between the Board of Representatives and the employees.

MR. DURSO asked a question - he wanted to know if individual Board Members have a question, who should they contact?


MRS. PONT-BRIANT said they can contact any member of the Committee or the Chairman herself, if they wished. She named the members of her Committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 1.10 A.M.


Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

APPROVED:


Charles J. Heinzer, III, President
11th Board of Representatives

NOTE: The above meeting was broadcast
over Radio Station WSTC

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