

MEETING OF THE 11th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT
Minutes of December 7, 1970

A regular Monthly Meeting of the 11th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Monday, December 7, 1970, in the Board's meeting rooms, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, 2nd floor, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8.50 P.M. after a Caucus by the respective parties.

INVOCATION was given by the Rev. Cyril Peters, Assistant Pastor of the Bethel AME Church, in the absence of Rev. George Poulos who was unable to attend.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG: The President led the Members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PAGE: PATRICIA RYBNICK, grand-daughter of Gerald Rybnick, 4th District Representative.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: In memory of past Board Member, PAUL KUCZO, SR. and also in memory of JOSEPH DONCH, former Selectman.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 36 present and 4 absent at the calling of the roll. The absent members were:

Alphonsus Donahue, III (D) 1st District
Theodore Boccuzzi, (D) 9th District
Joseph Pensiero, Sr. (D) 9th District
Richard Bieder (D) 11th District

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of November 9, 1970

The above Minutes were accepted with the following correction on Page 7541, Item #4, second paragraph, to be changed to read as follows:

"He said this evening at 6.30 P.M. the Committee held a meeting....."
the word "meeting" being substituted for "hearing" which was incorrect.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT
Meeting held Monday, November 23, 1970

A Meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, November 23, 1970 at 8 P.M. in the Caucus Room of the Board of Representatives.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Charles J. Heinzer, III, and the following Members were present: Charles Heinzer, Thomas Morris, Anthony Truglia, Mrs. Pont Briant, Stephen Ellsworth, Daniel Russbach, Jack Horner, Edward Scofield, George Russell, Joseph Bitetto, Alan Ketcham, Stephen Kelly, John Boccuzzi. Also present were: Handy Dixon and Gerald Rybnick. The absent Members were: Robert Exnicios and Frederick Miller.

(1) Mayor's Appointments

Mayor's letters of November 3, 1970 and November 18, 1970, containing five appointments were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE.

(2) Additional Appropriations:

- (a) \$303,619.00 - Resolution amending 1970-1971 Capital Projects Budget by Authorizing the TRANSFER OF \$303,619.00 from Project known as "EXTENSION OF SANITARY SEWERS SOUTH OF THE PARKWAY" to the BOARD OF EDUCATION - "THIRD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL" - (Mayor's letter of 9/17/70) - (Denied at 9/8/70 Board Meeting - re-submission)

The above matter was NOT ordered on the Agenda.

- (b) \$32,500.00 - Resolution amending 1970-1971 Capital Projects Budget by adding Project to be known as "ADDITIONAL LAND FOR RYLE SCHOOL" and appropriation of afore-said amount therefor - (Mayor's letter of 10/2/70 (Held in Fiscal Committee at 11/9/70 Board Meeting)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under FISCAL COMMITTEE - Also previously referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

All other additional appropriations approved by the Board of Finance on November 12, 1970 were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under FISCAL COMMITTEE, with items in excess of \$2,000 referred to a Secondary Committee.

- (3) Two proposed resolutions: (1) Requiring the display of the Flag of the United States of America in places of assembly within public buildings; and (2) Regulating the Display of Flags, banners, posters, signs and other pictorial matter on and within public buildings - (Proposed by Edward Scofield, 10th District Rep. in letter dated 10/21/70) (Held in Committee 11/9/70)

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The above matter was again ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE, having been held in Committee at the previous Board Meeting.

- (4) Request in letter from law firm of Maguire, Cole, Bentley & Babson, dated 10/27/70 for ORDINANCE GRANTING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY IN STAMFORD under provisions of Section 12-81b of the General Statutes (Public Act No. 311, 1967 Session)

ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (5) Petition (signed by property owners - received 9/4/70) REQUESTING SEWERS ON OLD BARN ROAD, because of serious health hazard caused by overflowing septic systems and suggesting a tie-in with the new trunk line on Cold Spring Road - (Held in Committee 11/9/70)

Again ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER SEWER COMMITTEE

- (6) Letter dated 11/9/70, from Clyde O'Connell, Member of Stamford Sewer Commission, concerning item #2 (a), requesting a transfer of \$303,619.00 in Sewer Commission funds to the Board of Education in order to provide a force main sewer for the THIRD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Noted and filed.

- (7) Petition, dated 11/9/70 (received 11/12/70) signed by occupants of 10 River Street requesting correction of a DANGEROUS PEDESTRIAN CONDITION AT CORNER OF MAIN AND RIVER STREETS due to public negligence in using the "WALK - DON'T WALK" lights at intersection and due to the unfinished state of the traffic signal installation

Referred to HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (8) Request for Investigation of Stamford Water Company - (Brought up under "New Business" at 11/9/70 Board Meeting by Mr. Truglia, 5th District Representative)

The above matter was discussed at some length. It was decided to refer this to the HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE, with Mr. Ketcham to act as advisor.

- (9) Acceptance of RIDGE RIMMON LANE - (Certified for acceptance by City Engineer in letter of 11/9/70) - PROPOSED NAME CHANGE (Would have to be presented in the form of an Ordinance)
- (10) Proposed Resolution - AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CITY STREETS TO BE TAKEN INTO THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM (Being portions of Courtland Ave., Glenbrook Road, West Main Street, North State Street and South State Street) - (Mayor's letter of 10/16/70) - (Held in Committee on 11/9/70)

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AGAIN ORDERED ON AGENDA under PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - Also referred to the PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- (11) Proposed Ordinance - To change name of WASHINGTON AVENUE and streets running into extension of same, from Long Ridge Road to Broad Street to intersection with Pacific Street at Dyke Lane, to be known in its entirety as "RIVER DRIVE" with Ordinance not to take effect until 7/1/72 - (Proposed by President Charles J. Heinzer, III, (Held in Committee 9/8/70, 10/5/70 and 11/9/70)

Again ORDERED ON AGENDA under PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

- (12) Petition from 2 Residents of DERRY STREET (received 10/26/70) asking for road to be brought up to specifications for acceptance as a city street under provisions of Section 640 (Chapter 64) of Charter and Section 29.50 of Code of General Ordinances- (Letter to President Charles J. Heinzer, III from Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Dagostino and Eileen Brennan) - (Held in Committee 11/9/70)

Again ORDERED ON AGENDA under PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

- (13) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS:

Local #1083 - Covering Two Years - From July 1, 1970 to and including June 30, 1972 - BETWEEN CITY OF STAMFORD and the STAMFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION and the CUSTODIANS AND MAINTENANCE WORKERS - (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees - Local 1083 AFL-CIO and Council 4) - (Contract signed November 20, 1970)

Contract Covering Two Years - From July 1, 1970 to and including June 30, 1972 BETWEEN CITY OF STAMFORD and TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #145, for four departments: DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & TREES; THE HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COMMISSION; PARKING AUTHORITY and DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - (Contract signed 11/23/70)

The above contracts were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- (14) Proposed Resolution APPROVING TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION OF A PORTION OF THE NEW WILLOW STREET, FROM URC TO CITY OF STAMFORD IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 144 OF CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCES - (Requested in letter dated 11/13/70 from Harold Friedman, URC Staff Counsel)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under URC COMMITTEE

- (15) Letter, dated 11/12/70, from Daniel Russbach, 17th District Representative, REQUESTING INVESTIGATION UNDER SEC. 204.2 OF THE CHARTER OF THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE SHOOTING OF PTL. POSSIDENTO BY PTL. CZUPKOWSKI ON May 22, 1970 AND SUBSEQUENT HIRING OF PTL. CZUPKOWSKI AS A FIREMAN

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The above matter was discussed in some detail and it was decided to refer this to the HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE in order that they may receive any and all available information. That portion of the letter which deals with the subsequent hiring of Ptl. Czupkowski as a Fireman, was REFERRED TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE CIVIL SERVICE & PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT, of which Mrs. Pont-Briant is Chairman. It was pointed out that the report of the Police Department is available to any Board Member wishing to examine it.

(16) Proposed Resolution concerning LEASE TO WEST MAIN STREET COMMUNITY CENTER OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED BETWEEN THE CENTER'S PRESENT BUILDING AND WILLOW STREET EXTENSION -

(Requested by Board of Directors 11/17/70 and forwarded to the Board of Representatives by Joyce Yerwood, President and Beverly White, Secretary) NOTE: See Steering Committee report on Page 7421 of Minutes of 9/8/70 - Mayor's letter of 5/11/70, which was not ordered on the October Agenda by action of Steering Committee; also see Page 7468 of 10/5/70 Minutes - #18; also see 10/26/70 Steering Committee Report - Item #13)

Referred to PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE and HOUSING COMMITTEE - Not on Agenda.

(17) Request by Peter Chirimbes at the 11/9/70 Board Meeting for the appointment of an INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE to find out why housing is not being built by the Better Housing, Coleman Corp., and the New Hope Corp., and "to report back to the Board as to their status and date of completion of all sites and programs within 30 days and report as to why the New Hope Parcel #41 should not revert to F.D.Rich for instant housing on which they have an option."

In regard to Item #17 above, it was decided to request the Mayor to furnish Mr. Handy Dixon with a copy of his Monthly Report on the progress of housing, in order that his committee would be informed.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 9.10 P.M.

Charles J. Heinzer, III
Chairman
Steering Committee

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSBACH, Chairman, reported that his Committee met in the Board's Meeting Room on Thursday, December 3, with all Members present with the exception of Mr. Costello and Mr. Exnicios. Voting on the appointments was taken on the Voting Machine and are recorded below:

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WELFARE COMMISSION: (3 yr. terms)Term Expires:

<u>WALTER F. SEELEY (R)</u>	VOTE: 29 yes	12/1/73
59 Long Hill Drive (reappointment)	7 no	
(Present term expires 12/1/70)		

HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COMMISSION: (5 yr. terms)

<u>RICHARD MARTIN (R)</u>	VOTE: 30 yes	12/1/75
49 Belltown Road (reappointment)	6 no	
(Present term expires 12/1/70)		

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: (5 yr. terms)

<u>JOHN A. SEDLAK (R)</u>	VOTE: 29 yes	12/1/75
198 Glenbrook Road	7 no	
(Replacing Chester Lewandowski, whose term expires 12/1/70)		

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: (5 yr. terms)

<u>BOOTH HEMINGWAY (R)</u>	<u>LOST</u> - VOTE 14 yes	12/1/71
353 Old Long Ridge Road	22 no	
(replacing Janet Lanman, who resigned)		

The appointment of JOHN J. HOGAN to a term on the Patriotic & Special Events Commission was held in Committee.

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. EXNICIOS, Chairman, gave his committee report. He said they met on Wednesday, December 2nd, with five members present and in the absence of the Chairman, Mrs. Pont-Briant chaired the Committee. He reported on the following matters:

- (1) \$32,500.00 - Resolution No. 712 amending 1970-1971 Capital Projects Budget by adding Project to be known as "ADDITIONAL LAND FOR RYLE SCHOOL" and appropriation of aforesaid amount therefor - (Mayor's letter of 10/2/70) - (Held in Committee 11/9/70)

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Miller, who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs in approval; and said it is most important that Ryle School remain a school and by acquiring this property we will then have the entire block for the city.

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RESOLUTION NO. 712

AMENDING 1970-1971 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY
THE SUM OF \$32,500.00 FOR PROJECT KNOWN AS
"ADDITIONAL LAND FOR RYLE SCHOOL" AND APPROPRIATION
THEREFOR

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford to amend the 1970-1971 Capital Projects Budget by adding the Project known as "ADDITIONAL LAND FOR RYLE SCHOOL" and the appropriation of \$32,500.00 therefor in accordance with the provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, in order to purchase the property south of Ryle School owned by the Johnny Barton, Inc. Estate, to augment the school site, being located between the School and Homestead Avenue, and extending from Southfield Avenue to Orchard Street, consisting of approximately 13,140 square feet.

- (2) \$22,500.00 - Resolution amending 1970-1971 Capital Projects Budget PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, for item to be known as "STORM DRAINS - CRESTVIEW AVENUE" and appropriation of aforesaid amount therefor - (Mayor's letter of 9/11/70) (Funds deleted from the 1970-1971 Capital Budget for this Project)

MR. EXNICIOS said the above matter is being held in Committee, the reason being that the City Engineer met with the Committee and decided that more information is needed. He said they felt that a months' delay would have no effect on the problem.

- (3) \$16,030.00 - COMMISSION ON AGING, Covering Code 195.5204 - Quintard Center - \$11,530.00 being a Federal Grant and balance of \$4,500.00 for Renovation of Arts and Crafts Room at Quintard Center - (Mayor's letter of 10/29/70)

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Miller, who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee approves. He said he has been over there and anybody who pays a visit there while it is in operation will be very much impressed with how necessary it is. CARRIED unanimously.

- (4) \$1,000.00 - FAIR RENT COMMISSION - Code 198.0901, Professional Services - For employment of Court Stenographer at hearings - (Mayor's letter 11/3/70)

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MR. EXNICIOS explained that this is for the employment of a Court Stenographer to be used at hearings held by the Fair Rent Commission. He MOVED for approval. Seconded by Mr. DeForest and CARRIED unanimously.

- (5) \$374.50 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Code 510.2201, New Equipment Account, for a "Sony Receiver Monitor at \$225.00 and an adding machine for \$149.50 being replacement of items stolen from Health Dept. 2 months ago - (Mayor's letter of 10/30/70)

MR. EXNICIOS explained that this is partly covered by insurance and the City has received a check from the insurance company in the amount of \$145.00. HE MOVED for approval. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

- (6) \$2,000.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Code 510.0902, Gifts & Donations, for furtherance of Drug & Air Pollution Program
(Being a gift from an anonymous donor, half presently received and balance forthcoming after Jan. 1st, 1971)

MR. EXNICIOS said this is a gift of \$4,000.00 from an anonymous donor, and we are being asked tonight to put this money in the Health Department Account. Seconded by Mr. Miller, Chairman of Education, Welfare & Government Committee.

MR. KETCHAM asked if he is correct in the assumption that half of this \$4,000. has been received - namely \$2,000. - and the balance will be forthcoming after January 1st.

MR. EXNICIOS said this is correct.

MR. KETCHAM said it appears that we are appropriating the money before it has been received and it would seem better fiscal policy to wait until after the money has been received. He MOVED it be reduced to \$2,000. and when the balance of the \$4,000. has been received, it can then be appropriated. Second and CARRIED, by a vote of 22 in favor and 14 opposed.

VOTE taken on the main motion of the appropriation of \$2,000.00. CARRIED unanimously.

- (7) \$50.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Code 551.2201 for Housing Code Enforcement Task Force - To purchase a new Anscomatic Slide Projector, being replacement of one stolen from Health Department earlier this year - (Mayor's letter 11/2/70)

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for approval of the above appropriation. He said this also is partly covered by insurance by the same \$145.00 he previously mentioned under Item #5. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

- (8) \$109,232.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Housing Code Enforcement Task Force - To be received from State Department of Community Affairs for year November 1, 1970 through October 31, 1971, to be allocated as follows: (Mayor's letter of 10/27/70)

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Code 513.0101	Salaries -----	\$86,646.00
" 513.0301	Postage -----	500.00
" 513.0401	Printing & Educational Material -----	1,000.00
" 513.0501	Telephone -----	500.00
" 513.0801	Transportation, Travel -----	6,720.00
" 513.0901	Contractual Services -----	3,896.00
" 513.0920	Employee Benefits -----	9,274.00
" 513.2101	Conventions, Dues, Conferences -----	200.00
" 513.2201	New Equipment -----	500.00
		<u>109,232.00</u>

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for approval of the above request.

MR. DURSO asked if these employees are under Civil Service. He was told they are not.

The above motion was seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

- (9) \$1,100.00 - PLANNING BOARD - Code 134.2201, New Equipment, as outlined in Mayor's letter of 10/13/70 and attachment thereto, dated 9/30/70 from Chairman of Planning Board for Computer Summary Tapes and Microfilm for use by Planning Staff in analyzing Governmental data available from the 1970 Census - (Mayor's letter of 9/13/70)
(REDUCED by Board of Finance from \$1,225.00 requested)

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

- (10) \$12,031.77 - POLICE PENSIONS, as outlined below: (Mayor's letter of 10/26/70)
- 2,920.44 - For Vera Malanoski, widow of Patrolman Edward Malanoski, effective 10/31/70, based on annual pension of \$4,362.50 or 50% of his annual salary of \$8,725.00
 - 3,745.95 - For Patrolman George F. Giblin, effective 9/25/70, based on an annual pension of \$4,886.00 or 56% of his annual salary of \$8,725.00
 - 5,365.38 - For Sgt. George J. Reedv, effective 9/12/70, based on an annual pension of \$6,683.34, or two-thirds of his annual salary of \$10,025.00

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for approval of all three of the above pensions individually. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. RUSSBACH said he would like to see the City solve this pension problem for the Police and Fire Departments once and for all, as it has been kicked around and shunned by many Boards over the years. He said he would like to point out one thing and that is that back in the 1930's the City during

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the depths of the Depression, borrowed many thousands of dollars from this pension fund, which was never paid back and never accounted for and the interest which would have accrued on a loan of this basis, was never paid back either. He said this is somewhere in the neighborhood of half a million dollars. He said he would like to see both this Administration and future Administrations make some real gigantic strides in putting the money into this Pension Plan that should have been put in and getting it on a sound fiscal basis, where the Trustees of the Pension Plan will approve the Pensions and not the Board of Representatives.

Re: Salaries for Director and Secretary for the South End Community Center

MR. TRUGLIA inquired as to whatever happened to the above request for funds for these salaries.

MR. EXNICIOS said the Committee is awaiting word from the Corporation Counsel as to the signing of the Lease Agreement, at which time the Committee will be prepared to act on this and bring it out of Committee.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

- (1) Two proposed resolutions: (1) Requiring the display of the Flag of the United States of America in places of assembly within public buildings; and (2) Regulating the Display of flags, banners, posters, signs and other pictorial matter on and within public buildings -
(Proposed by Edward Scofield, 10th District Representative, in letter dated 10/21/70) - (Held in Committee 11/9/70)

The above matter was held in Committee.

- (2) Request in letter from law firm of Maguire, Cole, Bentley & Babson, dated 10/27/70 for Ordinance Granting PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY IN STAMFORD (under the provisions of Section 12-81b of the General Statutes (Public Act No. 311, 1967 Session)

The above matter was held in Committee.

- (3) Concerning MODIFICATION TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT TO EXTEND FULL TIME COVERAGE TO ELECTIVE POSITIONS IN CITY GOVERNMENT

MR. ELLSWORTH MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to reconsider the above matter, acted upon at the September Board Meeting, to provide Social Security coverage for elective City officials. He said apparently we failed to mention the date this takes effect at the September meeting, and the State Commission turned down our request. He said all that is now necessary in order to provide the Social Security benefits is to state the date this takes effect. The motion was seconded and CARRIED.

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MR. ELLSWORTH MOVED for modification to the Social Security Agreement to extend services and coverage to full time elective positions and to continue to exclude services to any class of part-time positions, the compensation for which is on a fee basis and that the effective date for inclusion under Social Security for the Mayor, City and Town Clerk and both Registrars of Voters to be September 8, 1970. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

(4) Ordinance No. 208 - CONCERNING EXCHANGE OF EASEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND THOMAS J. THORPE, ET ALS

MR. ELLSWORTH MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to take up the above matter. Seconded and CARRIED. He explained this easement is necessary in order to pass this Ordinance between the City of Stamford and Thomas J. Thorpe, et als. He said it has been approved by the Board of Finance on November 29, 1970 and approved by the Planning Board on December 4, 1970. He read the following Ordinance and MOVED for final approval, waiving pre-publication under the terms of Sec. 204.1 of the Charter (which specifies a two-thirds vote needed for approval). CARRIED by unanimous vote:

ORDINANCE NO. 208 SUPPLEMENTAL

CONCERNING EXCHANGE OF EASEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND THOMAS J. THORPE, ET ALS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

In conformity with Section 488 of the Stamford Charter and notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 2, Sections 2-24 through 2-27 inclusive, of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford, the exchange of easements for storm water sewers between the City of Stamford and Thomas J. Thorpe and Marie T. Thorpe, Paul T. Callahan and Veronica B. Callahan and Daniel R. O'Sullivan and Anne B. O'Sullivan all of Stamford is hereby approved, viz:

Easement for storm water sewers to be granted to the City of Stamford by Thomas J. Thorpe and Marie T. Thorpe, Paul T. Callahan and Veronica B. Callahan and Daniel R. O'Sullivan and Anne B. O'Sullivan:

"15-foot Sewer Easement" through, under and across Lots Number 1, 2 and 3 as shown on map entitled, "Map Showing Subdivision of Property of Jessie E. Gorton, Stamford, Conn." (certified "Substantially Correct", Edward J. Frattaroli, Surveyor, March 23, 1964, which map is on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the City of Stamford as Map #7837, reference thereto being had.)

Easement to be released by the City of Stamford to Thomas J. Thorpe and Marie T. Thorpe, Paul T. Callahan and Veronica B. Callahan and Daniel R. O'Sullivan and Anne B. O'Sullivan:

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Easement for storm water sewers through, under and across those certain tracts of land known as Lots Number 1, 2 and 3 as shown on the map entitled, "Map Showing Sub-Division of Property of Jessie E. Gorton, Stamford, Conn." (certified "Substantially Correct", Edward J. Frattaroli, Surveyor, March 23, 1964, which map is on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the City of Stamford on Map #7837, reference thereto being had).

and is hereby authorized.

The Mayor of the City of Stamford is hereby authorized and empowered to act for the City of Stamford and to execute and deliver all documents necessary to transfer the right, title and interest of the City of Stamford to the hereinabove described premises.

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

- (5) Concerning Request for WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE for the LUDLOW STREET TOWNHOUSES (Stamford Development Corp.) - (Requested in letter dated 11/30/70)

MR. ELLSWORTH MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to bring the above request before the Board. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. ELLSWORTH MOVED for approval of the Waiver of Building Permit Fee for the Ludlow Street Townhouses, as requested by the Stamford Development Corp. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

- (6) Request for TAX ABATEMENT on TRINITY CORPORATION for Projects to be known as "TRINITY APARTMENTS" and "TRINITY GARDENS" in order to provide rent reductions for low and moderate income tenants under provisions of Ordinance No. 147, enacted 6/27/68 and as provided by Public Act 522 (1967 Session) - (Requested in Mayor's letter of 12/7/70)

MR. ELLSWORTH MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to bring the above matter on the floor. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. ELLSWORTH said this item is an Ordinance for tax abatement for the above properties. He said it has been properly reviewed by the Tax Abatement Committee which is comprised of the Corporation Counsel, Commissioner of Finance and the Tax Assessor, which is standard procedure under the provisions of Ordinance No. 147. He said one of these Projects is to get underway next month, providing they have approval of funds from the Federal Government, which they cannot get unless this Board provides the tax abatement. He said this tax abatement is, in turn, rebated to the City.

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THE PRESIDENT asked the Speaker when this request was received and was informed it came to his attention tonight. The President said the Charter provides that this must be in our hands not less than 72 hours before the meeting if it is a written Ordinance - otherwise it will have to be read into the Minutes in its entirety. He quoted from the Charter, Sec. 204.1:

".....The final reading of each Ordinance shall be in full, unless a written or printed copy thereof shall have been furnished to each member of the Board at least eight hours prior to meeting"

THE PRESIDENT said this will require a two-thirds vote to waive prior publication and then the Ordinance will have to be read in full, unless the speaker just wants to move for prior publication only.

MR. ELLSWORTH said he hates to delay this Project, but he does not have an Ordinance to read at this time, and that all he has is a copy of the Agreement between the parties concerned and the City.

MR. KETCHAM objected to proceeding in this fashion - to the continuation of the suspension of rules and putting through matters of which the Members are not fully cognizant. He said he believes this is in variance with the purpose of this Board, and is not good legislation, and not good government or good practice.

THE PRESIDENT said he does not think this has anything to do with our Rules at this point, but is contained in the Charter. He said he must also point out that we do not have an Ordinance before us, so nothing can be done.

MR. SCOFIELD said at the Housing Meeting last week they heard a report from all the non-profit sponsors and it is his understanding that Trinity is not in a position to start construction. He said he does not think it will hurt to hold this up for another month.

THE PRESIDENT said this entire debate is out of order, as there is nothing before the Board.

MR. ELLSWORTH said there is one more thing he wishes to announce - that his Committee is scheduling an Open Hearing on the proposed revisions to the Housing Code, and if Members will contact him he will notify them of the date of that Hearing.

Concerning the elimination of abuses by certain Towing Contractors

MR. KETCHAM said sometime ago it was informally presented that there are certain excess charges being levied against the residents of this City. He asked if the Legislative & Rules Committee has had any success in following this thing through on an informal basis.

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MR. ELLSWORTH said there have been reported instances of abuse by towing contractors and the committee has considered the possibility of investigating this. He said they did draft proposed legislation at one time restricting the towing contractors, but found that their proposal was contrary to the State Statutes. He said the problem still exists and the Committee intends to look into the matter further and hope to come up with a workable answer to the problem.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. SCOFIELD, Chairman, said his Committee met on Wednesday, December 2, 1970 at 8 P.M. in the Municipal Office Building with Representatives Bitetto, Dombrowski, Morabito, Rybnick and Scofield present, along with Deputy Commissioner of Public Works Canavan and City Engineer Sabia.

He reported on various matters in connection with other Committees of the Board, one being Item #2 under the Planning & Zoning Committee report.

He said omission of the metal beam guard rail along Washington Avenue at the River Walk and along Scalzi Park Roadway at Riverside, was brought to the attention of the City Engineer and was informed this work was included in the contract and should be done before winter.

He said he also brought to the attention of the Commissioner of Public Works that two months ago they were promised a guard rail at the corner of Toms Road and this has not been installed either. He said before our first ice storm he would hope that they would get out there and complete this work.

Concerning follow through on recommendations of Special Committee on the RAPIDS ROAD investigation

MR. TRUGLIA asked if anything is being done on following through the recommendations of the above Special Committee.

MR. SCOFIELD said they intend to bring this up at the meeting next month.

SEWER COMMITTEE::

Petition (signed by property owners - received 9/4/70) REQUESTING SEWERS ON OLD BARN ROAD, because of serious health hazard caused by overflowing septic systems and suggesting a tie-in with the new trunk line on Cold Spring Road - (Held in Committee 11/9/70)

MR. BITETTO, Chairman, said he talked with the Mayor in the presence of the Sewer Commission and the Mayor said that as soon as possible he would try to get the City Engineer to work on trying to sewer all the areas so they could be put in at the same time the new trunk line is put in.

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Petition (dated 11/9/70) signed by occupants of 10 River Street concerning DANGEROUS PEDESTRIAN CONDITION AT CORNER OF MAIN AND RIVER STREETS due to public negligence in using the "WALK - DON'T WALK" lights at intersection

MR. RUSSELL said that due to the rearrangement of the traffic lights at this intersection, due to the widening of River and Main Street, this control unit will not be installed for at least another 60 to 90 days.

Complaint concerning the Stamford Water Supply

MR. RUSSELL said his Committee has set Tuesday, December 15th at 8 P.M. for an open meeting for the public in this room. He said anyone who cannot attend this meeting should send a letter to the office of the Board of Representatives. He said this meeting is being called to hear any complaints in regard to problems concerning the drinking water.

Fact-Finding Committee concerning the Possidento Shooting

MR. RUSSELL said he has a progress report and they have received a summary of facts supplied to the Mayor as well as personal interviews with the Chief of Police, Kinsella and the Chairman of the Police Commission, Thomas C. Mayers. He said after studying all the facts, the Committee, although not completely satisfied with the whole situation, could not find anything wrong with the general handling as has been published in the daily newspaper. He said Officer Possidento has reiterated that the shooting was accidental.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

MR. HORNER, Chairman, reported that his committee has met twice recently, the first time on December 2nd and again this evening at 7 P.M.

(1) Acceptance of RIDGE TREE LANE

MR. HORNER MOVED for acceptance of the above named street, as recorded in the City and Town Clerk's office on Map No. 8772 and described as follows; seconded and CARRIED unanimously:

Extending Easterly from Rock Rimmon Road to a permanent turn-around as shown on Map No. 8772 - length, approximately 388 feet.

MR. HORNER said he is in receipt of another letter from the City Engineer and we will have to change the name of this road legally by the adoption of an Ordinance at the next Board Meeting.

(2) Proposed Resolution No. 713 - AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CITY STREETS TO BE TAKEN INTO THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM (Being portions of Courtland Avenue, Glenbrook Road, West Main Street, North State Street and South State Street- (Mayor's letter 10/16/70) (Held in Committee 11/9/70)

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MR. HORNER MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. 713

AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CITY STREETS TO BE TAKEN INTO THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM (Being portions of Courtland Avenue, Glenbrook Road, West Main Street, North State Street and South State Street)

WHEREAS, the State Highway Commissioner if authorized, pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, Sections 13a-42 and 13a-14, to take highways into the state highway system; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Stamford and of the State of Connecticut to take certain city highways into the state highway system;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT SHALL BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the below named streets and highways are offered to the State of Connecticut to be taken into the state highway system pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes; and
2. That the City of Stamford does hereby petition the State Highway Commissioner, pursuant to Section 13a-42 of said Statute, to take the below named streets and highways into the state highway system.

Said streets and highways are:

1. Courtland Avenue, from Main Street (US-1) to Glenbrook Road.
2. Glenbrook Road from Courtland Avenue to the Darien town line.
3. West Main Street (US-1) from High Street to Greenwich Avenue.
4. North State Street, from South Street to Atlantic Street.
5. South State Street from Greenwich Avenue to Atlantic Street.

MR. TRUGLIA said if this affects the West Side, then it affects his District. He said he wants to know just what is contemplated by turning this over to the State. He said it is his understanding that they will then assume the responsibility of any widening, maintenance, etc. He said if we are going to widen West Main Street, just how many businesses will be forced out of business and just what hardships are going to be encountered by some of his constituents in the name of "Progress"

MR. HORNER said he cannot answer Mr. Truglia's question specifically, because all he has is the Mayor's letter which states that by turning over these

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streets (West Main Street) it will make it possible for the State to widen the road and he also mentioned tying in the new Willow Street extension, which will come out from the newly created URC area - additional parking garages, etc., which will also pour out into this section. He said he does not know of any plan, so far, which would indicate any specific widening.

MR. TRUGLIA said he is not against widening West Main Street and when this new bridge is built, you will have six lanes feeding into two, which would certainly create a bottleneck at the bottom of West Main Street and Greenwich Avenue and the arteries feeding into it, so something should be done in that immediate area. He said, to be fair about this, he would like to have more information. He said there are people who would like answers to their questions before we go ahead.

MR. KETCHAM said Mr. Truglia's point is well taken and we have no assurance from what the Chairman has just stated that the State is going to do anything, and if they are going to do anything, we don't know what they are going to do, and it looks like the old situation of buying a "Pig in a Poke". He said he also would like to have more information.

MR. HORNER said at this time he does not know what future proposals will be, but would assume that we would be advised of any contemplated action. He quoted from the Mayor's letter.

THE PRESIDENT said he can clarify this and that during his tenure on the last Board (10th) when he was the Chairman of the Public Works Committee and wanted to see what the State would give us after they took them over and they offered us \$2,500 or \$2,000 a mile and it would cost around \$5,000 and the thinking is now to give them to the State and let them do the maintenance.

MR. SCOFIELD (referring to other roads given to the State) said these roads were turned over to the State by the adoption of Resolution No. 630 on October 6, 1969 and this is a part of the TOPICS report and we excluded Bedford and Summer Streets from that resolution and turned over the streets that required to be turned over in order to get an over-all plan in Stamford. He said as far as he knows, there is no immediate plan to widen the streets and they will not widen them without first giving due consideration to all affected merchants and tenants. He said we have a Traffic Engineer now who is the official qualified to deal with the State officials. He said he thinks we should ask him to report to our various committees of any change reported to be made. He urged adoption of the resolution as it is most necessary at this time.

THE PRESIDENT asked the speaker to explain if these roads were turned over under the provisions of Resolution No. 630, why we have to turn them over again.

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MR. SCOFIELD said there was an agreement attached to that resolution, which had to be signed by the Mayor at that time and for some reason he failed to sign the agreement and now the State has to start all over again from scratch.

MR. RUSSELL said he would like to remind the Board that there may be some serious problems with the state, and can't help but ^{REMEMBER} ~~remind~~ the way the State took care of the lights at North and South State Streets, which turned out to be a nightmare to try and get through that intersection. He said there is always a long time delay in trying to get lights fixed. D.F.

The debate continued for some time.

MR. RYBNICK said there appears to be many questions to be answered and would therefore MOVE TO TABLE for one month until some of the questions can be answered. Seconded by Mr. Truglia. LOST.

MR. TRUGLIA MOVED to delete West Main Street from the resolution. Seconded. LOST.

MR. TRUGLIA requested a ROLL CALL VOTE on his motion to delete West Main Street from the resolution.

THE PRESIDENT asked the speaker if he would be satisfied with a machine vote on his motion, to which he agreed. Machine vote taken and CARRIED by a vote of 16 in favor and 14 opposed.

THE PRESIDENT declared that West Main Street is removed from the resolution.

Several persons objected to the vote. MR. CHIRIMBES said he doubted the vote and requested that another vote be taken.

MR. SCOFIELD requested a recount and a restating of the question.

MR. TRUGLIA objected.

THE PRESIDENT said Mr. Scofield is asking for a recount, which is within his rights, because he thinks people were confused on the vote.

MR. TRUGLIA asked if Mr. Scofield was confused.

MR. TRUGLIA and MR. MILLER objected, saying you can't vote twice on the same matter.

THE PRESIDENT said the vote is doubted and if he will read the rules,

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under Machine Voting, he will find that Mr. Scofield is entitled to a new vote. He said, in order to clarify what the Board is voting on --

MR. LIVOLSI asked the President to cite the rule he is referring to regarding the machine vote.

THE PRESIDENT read from Rule No. 10: "One-fifth of the Members present may call for a new vote, or a standing division if the machine is doubted." He said we have one-fifth of the Members present calling for a new vote.

MR. LIVOLSI said he may be incorrect, ⁰⁷ but he recalls that we had this problem once before and the President ~~said~~ ^{ruled} that there would not be a new vote taken.

THE PRESIDENT said he is sure that is not so.

MR. LIVOLSI disagreed.

THE PRESIDENT said it was on a secret ballot, and the rule prevails at this point and there will be no more discussion about it. He said in regard to Mr. Truglia's amendment to the resolution by deleting West Main Street - you will vote "yes" if you want to remove West Main Street from the resolution and not give West Main Street to the State, and you will vote "no" if you wish to leave West Main Street in the resolution - he ordered the members to cast their votes on the machine. LOST by a vote of 15 in favor and 16 opposed, with one abstention. The President said there are now 32 present.

MR. TRUGLIA said he doubts the vote and asked if another vote may be taken.

THE PRESIDENT said he may, if enough people wish it. Enough hands showed, so the President said there will be a recount.

A third vote was then taken. The President again explained the vote, and said a vote of "no" means West Main Street stays in the resolution and a "yes" vote means West Main Street is taken out. RESULT: 13 yes votes and 17 no votes. LOST.

MR. TRUGLIA said he thinks this has now become an emotional issue and we are not voting on the facts.

THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on the main motion - approval of the proposed Resolution No. 713. CARRIED by a machine vote of 19 in favor and 11 opposed, with the President not voting and Mr. Russbach abstaining.

- (3) Proposed Ordinance to change name of WASHINGTON AVENUE and streets running into extension of same, from Long Ridge Road to Broad Street, to intersection with Pacific Street at Dyke Lane, to be known in its entirety as "WASHINGTON BOULEVARD" with Ordinance not to take effect until Jan. 1, 1972. (Proposed by President Chas. J. Heinzer, III) (Held in Committee 9/8/70, 10/5/70 and 11/9/70)

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MR. HORNER MOVED for approval for publication of the following proposed Ordinance; seconded and CARRIED:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

TO CHANGE NAME OF WASHINGTON AVENUE AND STREETS RUNNING INTO EXTENSION OF SAME, FROM LONG RIDGE ROAD TO BROAD STREET, TO INTERSECTION WITH PACIFIC STREET AT DYKE LANE, TO BE KNOWN IN ITS ENTIRETY AS "WASHINGTON BOULEVARD"

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

The following roads shall hereafter be known for their entire lengths as "WASHINGTON BOULEVARD"; South Street from its intersection with Dyke Lane northerly to its intersection with Main Street; River Street from its intersection with Main Street northerly to its intersection with Broad Street and the newly constructed road now known as the project Washington Avenue Extension from its intersection with Broad Street northerly to its intersection with Broad Street northerly to its intersection with Cold Spring Road, and

That the City Engineer shall notify all property owners whose property fronts on the above mentioned "Washington Boulevard" of newly assigned numbers prior to July 1, 1971.

This Ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 1972.

- (4) Petition from 2 residents of DERRY STREET (received 10/26/70) asking for road to be brought up to specifications for acceptance as a City street under provisions of Section 640 (Chapter 64) of Charter and Section 29.50 of Code of General Ordinances - (Letter to President Charles J. Heinzer, III, from Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Dagostino and Eileen Brennan) - (Held in Committee 11/9/70)

MR. HORNER said he is in receipt of the above request, and therefore, in accordance with the provisions under Chapter 64 he SO MOVES. Seconded.

MR. TRUGLIA asked how many people were on that street and was told there are only two and that it is a very short street. CARRIED unanimously.

- (5) Proposed Ordinance - Conveyance of City-owned property to the West Main Street Community Center, Inc. - 99 Year Lease - (Requested in Mayor's letter of May 11, 1970 - Also in letter dated Oct. 14, 1970 from Attorney Paul D. Shapero - See Page 7421, Minutes of 9/8/70; page 7468, Minutes of 10/5/70 and Page 7516, Minutes of 11/9/70, item #12); also item #13 on page 7517)

MR. HORNER MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to bring the above

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matter on the floor. He said this property is located at the intersection of West Main Street and will be the newly constructed section of Willow Street, which will come out from the URC area. He said the West Main Street Community Center is interested in leasing this piece of property for a 99 year period in order that they can construct a new Center. Mr. Sherer seconded the motion. CARRIED with a machine vote of 24 in favor and 8 opposed.

MR. HORNER read the following Ordinance and MOVED for a waiver of publication. Seconded and CARRIED to waive prior publication by a vote of 27 in favor and 5 opposed.

MR. HORNER MOVED for final adoption of the following Ordinance. After considerable further debate, MR. SHERER MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously:

ORDER NO. 209 SUPPLEMENTALCONVEYANCE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY TO THE WEST MAIN STREET
COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

In conformity with Section 648 of the Stamford Charter and in accordance with provisions contained in Chapter 2, Sections 2-25 to 2-27 inclusive of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford, a lease to the West Main Street Community Center, Inc. of the property described on Schedule A annexed hereto for a term of Ninety-Nine (99) years, at an annual rental of One (\$1.00) Dollar is hereby authorized.

The approval of the Mayor, the Planning Board and the Board of Finance having been granted, the Mayor is authorized to execute all documents necessary to execute the intent of this Ordinance.

Prior to the execution of said documents, they shall be reviewed and approved by the Corporation Counsel of the City of Stamford, and a survey more accurately describing the property hereby leased shall be made a part of the lease authorized herein.

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

SCHEDULE A

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

NORTHERLY	172 feet more or less, by land of the West Main Street Community Center, Inc.
EASTERLY	38 feet more or less by Mill River;

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- THEN SOUTHERLY 47 feet more or less by land of the City of Stamford
- THEN EASTERLY 10 feet more or less by land of the City of Stamford
- THENCE SOUTHERLY by a line parallel to the northerly line of New Willow Street, so-called, to its intersection with West Main Street;
- THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY by the curved intersection of New Willow Street, so-called and West Main Street;
- WESTERLY 111.54 feet more or less by West Main Street

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS:

MRS. PONT-BRIANT presented her Committee Report. She said the Committee met on Friday, December 4th in the Republican Caucus Room and present were: Mr. George Ravallese, Mr. Robert Costello, Mrs. Pont-Briant and Mr. Eugene Gordon, the Contract Negotiator and Mr. Barker, Personnel Director. She said they went over the changes in the contracts over the prior year and in the Custodians, they find the same conditions that were in the MEA contract - the Dental Plan, changes in the Probationary period, changes in the Pension Plan - the Custodians are getting a 9% and an 8% increment; however they are putting 1% back into a Pension Fund, so they are getting the same 8% and 7% that the MEA got. She said she also went one step further and had a meeting today with Mr. Sullo and Mr. Barker, because of questions raised by this Board in reference to the Custodians in the schools. She said they have been trying to get them to go on a shift differential, so that schools would be covered in the evening hours in order to eliminate vandalism. She said a lot of this was refuted because some of this does not happen during the Custodian's tour of duty. For the benefit of members who have mentioned non-profit organizations using the schools, she said the Board of Education may establish one night in each week at each school as an open schoolhouse night on which the Custodians and the Head Custodians are given a minimum of 3 hours overtime, so it will be possible for non-profit groups to use the schools on this night free of charge, because of the revolving fund. She said if there should be a need for more than one open schoolhouse night in any school, this night may be established with the approval of the Union. She said there are some minor things they would like to see changed, but they have been granted to other employees. She questioned the possibility of getting better salaries rather than so many fringe benefits - such as gasoline mileage, etc., but the Union is split in this, for some of the older members want better salaries so that their pensions would be greater,

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and the younger ones want the fringe benefits because they don't have to pay income tax on them. She said the Dental Plan of \$75 is the same as the MEA contract and they will not pay in excess of \$75 for a Dental Plan. She said we are now giving 12 1/2 holidays - one being the afternoon of Christmas Eve, but municipalities are the only ones that give this amount of holidays.

She said the total of the Custodian's contract will cost us approximately \$134,000. and maybe a little more because there are some fringe benefits that are hard to figure. She said she would like to comment on reclassification for certain particular groups of people, who were reclassified within the reclassification Step Grade, to which they agreed.

Local #1083 - Covering Two Years - From July 1, 1970 to and including June 30, 1972 - BETWEEN CITY OF STAMFORD and the STAMFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION and the CUSTODIANS AND MAINTENANCE WORKERS - (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees - Local #1083 AFL-CIO and Council 4) ----- (Contract signed November 20, 1970)

MRS. PONT-BRIANT MOVED for approval of the above Contract. Seconded.

MR. RUSSBACH said he is not opposed to the increases, in view of inflation, because everybody on fixed incomes have been hurt very badly. However, he said he believes that fringe benefits rather than salary increases can be disastrous. He said he thinks we are setting a dangerous precedent by including this Dental Program in all our contracts. He said you will find that most American companies do not include a dental benefit for the reason that it is a new benefit and extremely expensive and has many deductibles and a lot of things which are not found in a normal contract, and once this had taken hold, it is a fringe benefit which can only go higher. He said he can guarantee that next year you will find the cost of this will go up extremely high as more and more people take advantage of it. He said this item alone cost \$13,500 a year on a first contract and almost \$23,000 a year on a second contract. He said he questions this as being the most expensive of fringe benefits and has the least value to the employee.

He said in the average Pension Plan when a person becomes 62 or 65 and retires on Social Security, the majority of Pension Plans reduce the benefits which is commensurate with the amount of Social Security which is received. He said it is his understanding that the City of Stamford has elected to pay the benefit rather than to have Social Security come in. He said he considers this to be the height of stupidity, because the City is placing an additional burden on its taxpayers by paying this additional money when it can be coming out of Social Security. He said if you take all of these Contracts with this stipulation and the Pension benefits keep going up every year, you have in contracts which do permit employees on Social Security, you have to add several hundred thousands of dollars a year just on this very clause alone. He said he would oppose this contract on the Dental Plan alone, which is highly unusual

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for any type of Municipal employees other than the Teamsters, which have it nationally. He said there is very little gain out of it as opposed to other fringe benefits and he seriously questions why the City does not come in for a reduction of benefits when Social Security comes in.

MRS. SHERMAN said it was her understanding that the City had \$75 per employee with which to negotiate and offered the employees their choice - that they could have bought a great deal more in other fringe benefits, but this was their choice. She said if the employees selected the Dental Plan in preference to any other benefit, it should not make any difference to us.

THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on the question. CARRIED with one "no" vote. (Mr. Russbach).

Contract Covering Two Years - From July 1, 1970 to and including June 30, 1972 BETWEEN CITY OF STAMFORD and TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #145 for DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - (Contract signed 11/23/70)

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said she wishes to make the members aware of one paragraph that the Committee questioned in particular - there is a question in reference to hours, and the contract is based on a 40 hour work week. However, in negotiations, the Teamsters wished a lesser work week, but no agreement could be reached, so there is an item in the contract that notwithstanding the contract, the parties agree to arbitration. She said they questioned this because they did not think the hours should be reduced and neither does Mr. Gordon and the percentage in the Teamsters' Contract is 9% and 8% and there is nothing coming back on the Pension Fund. She said if there is a change by arbitration, it also affects those in the MEA, because there was an open clause in that one also. She said in any event, we have to accept whatever the arbitrators come up with. She said the cost on this is roughly \$262,000 - and there are more employees - 306 in this contract and 180 in the other one.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT MOVED for approval of the above Contract. Seconded.

MR. RUSSBACH said he thinks the taxpayers should be resigned to the fact that they are going to get hit in the pocketbook this year and he would like to point out one other thing - where do you think the money is going to come from to pay for this? He said many of these people live in his District and sure they are going to get a nice raise, but he will guarantee it will come out of their hides when the taxes come due and the average taxpayer in his District will be paying \$1,000 a year in taxes, based on a re-evaluation and what he sees as a Budget increase next year and all you are doing is cutting off your nose to spite your face. He said when the time comes you will be paying \$500 every six months to live in a little house, with no sewers, people are going to start demanding action because it has gone too far and people cannot afford to live in this City. He said there will be people earning \$8,000 a year living in a little home and paying \$1,000. a year in taxes.

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MR. TRUGLIA said he would like to know what are the duties of these Teamsters who are asking for this shorter work week.

THE PRESIDENT said they are listed on the Agenda.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said we are now considering only the Teamsters who work for the Department of Public Works.

MR. TRUGLIA asked on what are they basing their request for a shorter work week.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said the MEA went from a 37½ hour work week to a 35 hour work week, so therefore they also want a lesser work week. He said Mr. Gordon does not feel they should and it cannot be resolved in negotiations, so they both agreed that it go to arbitration.

MR. TRUGLIA said he thinks we are going into a trap that we fell for some years ago and that is if they work long hours we must give them a shorter work week and then afterward this business of overtime came up and it turned out to be astronomical. He said he can see us falling into the same trap again and then it ends up with increased overtime.

MR. RUSSELL said he feels these contracts are very generous and we run into this every year and the negotiators are just about giving away the City. He said we should negotiate fairly, but it should work both ways and there does appear to be a complete unawareness of the economic problems that now exist throughout the country and especially here in Stamford. He said most of the private industries have been laying off people right and left and there are no generous raises being handed out in industry, but if anything, they are seriously cutting it back and there is talk of some of the big ones going on a shorter hour work week. He said he wonders how these home owners are going to pay for it all.

MR. BITETTO said he thinks we can hem and haw this all night long and the hour is getting late - HE MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED with two no votes.

MR. MURPHY objected. THE PRESIDENT said he was out of order - the vote has already been taken.

THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on the TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #145 contract. CARRIED, with several "no" votes.

MR. KELLY was excused at this time.

MR. CHIRIMBES rose on a point of order. He said when there are five people who are waiting to speak on a question and someone moves the question he thought the rules were that everyone is entitled to be heard on a question.

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THE PRESIDENT said the question can be moved at any time and if it is carried, that means that debate is then cut off and you then go on to vote on the question itself.

MR. CHIRIMBES^{V.F.} said then this means that debate can be cut off after hearing only one speaker. THE PRESIDENT said this is correct - that debate can be cut off at any time by simply moving the question.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:HOUSE COMMITTEE:

MR. RYBNICK said the House Committee has been fortunate in getting four parking spaces on Federal Street for Board and Commission Members wishing to come into City Hall on matters concerning City government. However, he said, they have not as yet established any rules or regulations about keeping these parking spaces open. He said he wants to thank Mr. Maguire and Chief Kinsella for their help. He said anyone who has not as yet been given his parking card, to please contact him.

MR. TRUGLIA asked the speaker if the Republicans have paid their share of the refreshments.

MR. RYBNICK said only the Democrats have contributed so far.

THE PRESIDENT said perhaps the Majority Leader should take charge of collecting from the Republican side of the aisle.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE:

Resolution No. 714 APPROVING TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION OF A PORTION OF THE NEW WILLOW STREET FROM URC TO CITY OF STAMFORD IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 144 OF CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCES -

(Requested in letter dated 11/13/70 from Harold Friedman, URC Staff Counsel)

MR. KETCHAM MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded and CARRIED by unanimous vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 714

APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION OF A PORTION OF THE NEW WILLOW STREET FROM THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO THE CITY OF STAMFORD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 144 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford, Connecticut Urban Redevelopment Commission is presently engaged in the execution of the Southeast Quadrant Urban Renewal Project, Project No. Conn. R-43; and

WHEREAS, in pursuance of the execution of the Southeast Quadrant Urban Renewal

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Project, the City of Stamford, Connecticut Urban Redevelopment Commission has acquired certain property for the purpose of making public improvements on the new Willow Street, and said improvements are substantially completed; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 144 of the General Ordinances of the City provides for the transfer of jurisdiction between the City and its agencies; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of jurisdiction is in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT AS FOLLOWS:

The jurisdiction of the following described property is hereby transferred from the City of Stamford, Connecticut Urban Redevelopment Commission to the City of Stamford in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 144 of the General Ordinances of the City;

Willow Street with the additional property acquired and the public improvements made thereon from the intersection with the westerly boundary of Atlantic Street to the easterly boundary of South Street.

Corner of ATLANTIC AND BROAD STREETS

MR. KETCHAM said he would like to bring to the Board's attention the situation as it exists at the corner of Atlantic and Broad Streets. He said as you know, the F.D.Rich Company was given right of entry sometime in April or May in order to expedite construction. He said it is the understanding of the Committee that F.D.Rich Company is still operating under the right of entry and has not taken title to this property, and is not paying any taxes and it is costing the Urban Redevelopment Commission about \$3,000 a month. He said he hates to say it but thinks that the URC is far more unable to pay this than the F.D.Rich Company. He said his Committee hopes that the URC can effectuate a proper legal closing wherein the redeveloper will take title to this property and start paying taxes to the City of Stamford - they have had a "free" ride for six months.

KIWANIS PARK

MR. KETCHAM said the Committee would also like to bring the situation which exists in the above Park to the Board's attention. He said last Spring the F.D.Rich Company was notified by the Commission that the pavement in this Park was sinking in spots and directed them to rectify this condition, which has not been done.

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MR. KETCHAM said the Committee hopes that when the Commission gets some money from the Federal Government they will be in a position to establish priorities and take over the remaining properties there in order to accommodate the merchants on Atlantic Street.

PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE:

MR. DIXON said his Committee met on Wednesday, December 2, at 9 P.M., which was called for the purpose of gathering information relative to low and moderate income housing projects which have been sanctioned by this Board and to get some explanation for the delays in construction. He said those present at the meeting were Mrs. Pont-Briant, Mr. Scofield, Mr. Boccuzzi, Mr. Murphy and himself. He said the invited guests were: Rev. Samuel White of the Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church, sponsor of New Hope and Coleman Towers; Rev. Raymond Johnson of the Trinity Corporation, sponsor of the West Main Street Project and the Spruce Street Project; Mr. Carter Dodd of New Neighborhoods, sponsor of the Henry Street Rehabilitation Project and the King Building; Mr. Sydney Kveskin of Better Housing, Inc., sponsor of the Glenbrook Road Project; Mr. Arthur Cuscuna of the Stamford Housing Authority, sponsor of the Lawn Avenue Project and Mr. Terrance Cooke of the Stamford Development Corporation, sponsors of the Ludlow Street Project. He said each sponsor made a progress report to the Committee on his particular project, which total approximately 650 units of low and moderate income housing, ranging from one to four bedrooms and at a total approximate cost of 16.5 million dollars, which does not include St. John's Towers which contains 352 units, or the 40 units of Turn Key housing for the Senior Citizens of Cove Road.

Because of the length of the report, and because it was given verbally, it is not contained in the Minutes.

THE PRESIDENT requested Mr. Dixon to see that each Member can be given a copy of his Report so that they can study it.

THE PRESIDENT read a note at this time which he received from Mr. Scofield:

Concerning Mr. Dixon's report on housing:

This report has been demanded by Board Members and many Members have, without permission, left the floor, thereby insulting Mr. Dixon and his Committee.

THE PRESIDENT said he will request that another ROLL CALL be taken in order to determine whether a quorum is present at this time. He asked the Clerk to again call the Roll, which she did. There were 25 members at the second calling of the Roll. The following Members were found to have left the meeting:

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William Caporizzo (R)	15th District	
Peter Chirimbes (R)	12th District	
George Connors (D)	8th District	(excused by President)
Edward Dombroski (D)	3rd District	
Armen Guroian (D)	7th District	
Stephen Kelly (D)	4th District	(excused by President)
Frank LiVolsi (D)	7th District	
William Puette (R)	18th District	
Sidney Scherer (R)	16th District	
Edith Sherman (R)	11th District	
Kim Varney (R)	16th District	

MR. TRUGLIA said (referring to Mr. Dixon's report) that he would like to suggest that perhaps in three months, this same body should again hold another meeting in order to compare what progress has been made and in this way the Report would have a true value.

MR. DIXON said he feels that his Committee has a responsibility not only to this Board but to the people of the City of Stamford and if it is assigned to his Committee to repeat the evaluation, they will be happy to do so.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT called attention to the fact that she was the Secretary who took down the Committee Report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE CIVIL SERVICE & PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT:

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said she heard that there had been an appointment to the Sterling Farms, but does not know whether it was the Golf Pro or the Greens Keeper. She said she went to Personnel on this position a few weeks ago upon a request from a constituent and was told that an examination would be given and that the position would be filled. She said she wishes to put Sterling Farms on notice that they intend to look into this to be sure that the proper procedures were followed because there are people who are interested in taking the test.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BOARD OPERATIONS:

MR. KETCHAM, Chairman, said he has no report to give at this time but does have a few observations: We started this meeting tonight one hour late. We had SIX suspensions of the rules. We are now sitting here at a few minutes before midnight and our strength has fallen from 36 present and voting at the beginning of the session to 25 present and sleeping. He said he does not think this is any great commentary on the improve efficiency of this Board over the last 90 days.

OLD BUSINESS:

Expenses of RAPIDS ROAD (A Special Investigating Committee under Section 204.2 of the Charter)

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MR. DeFOREST said his Committee was given permission to investigate the Rapids Road matter and also to expend certain funds, which they did. He said he now is reporting on the total expenses of his Committee, in the amount of \$1,586.47 which was used for a Special Investigator, who was from an outside source, and who delivered what they consider to be a very excellent report, completely objective, and incidentally which seems to be bearing fruit. He said they have already had requests from the Mayor and the Commissioner of Public Works and it looks as though we are getting somewhere. He said he has a feeling that this was a good investment and looks for some results which already seem to be appearing. He said he is presenting the total expenses with the idea in mind that it will be processed.

MR. MURPHY said it seems as if the newspapers are making fun of us in regard to the cost of the investigation - that it was even more than what it cost to fix the street. He said he does not feel that way because it did wake everyone up.

THE PRESIDENT said the fact that this Board has been willing to spend this money may end up saving the City millions.

MR. DeFOREST said he thinks we should consider this not to be just Rapids Road in itself, but a complete investigation of one whole Department and also looking into a few other areas.

NEW BUSINESS:Scheduling of Meetings during holidays

MR. RUSSELL said he would like to note that this being a holiday month, he would hope that the scheduling of meetings when many will be going out of town for the holidays, will be taken into consideration and that we do not schedule meetings during this holiday time and that we keep meetings to a minimum.

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

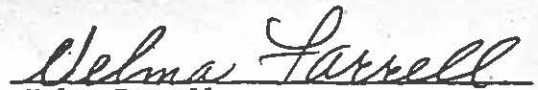
MRS. PONT-BRIANT noted that our January meeting would ordinarily fall on January 4th, which is the first Monday of the month. She said if we do not move this over to the following week, we will be having meetings during the Christmas and New Years season. SHE MOVED the January meeting be changed to the following Monday, the second Monday - JANUARY 11th. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

Packs of Dogs running unleashed

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said the people in her District are being bothered by packs of dogs roaming unleashed.

Minutes of December 7, 1970ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 12 midnight.



Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

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

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APPROVED:



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