

MEETING OF THE 11th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT  
Minutes of January 11, 1971

A regular monthly meeting of the 11th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Monday, January 11, 1971, 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 8.45 P.M. after a Caucus by the respective parties.

Invocation was to have been given by Father Martin J. McDermott, St. Mary's Parish. For the reason that he was unable to be present, the President read "A Councilman's Prayer" instead.

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

ROLL CALL:

The Clerk took the roll call at this time. There were 36 present and 4 absent at the calling of the roll. However, there were two resignations and one member arrived late, resulting in a roll call of 39 present and one absent. The absent member was William Caporizzo, Republican Member from the 15th District.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: In memory of the late THOMAS TOPPING, former Board Member.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of the late Thomas Topping.

PAGES:

THE PRESIDENT introduced the following Pages:

DANNEL MALLOY  
VALERIE ROTHERMEL

SALLY ANNE TRUGLIA  
ANTHONY TRUGLIA, JR.

CHECK ON VOTING MACHINE:

THE PRESIDENT called for a check of the voting machine which was in good working order.

RESIGNATION - JOSEPH T. PENSIERO, SR. (D) 9th District Representative

THE PRESIDENT read the resignation of Mr. Pensiero at this time and called for nominations for replacement in the 9th District.

Many members spoke highly of Mr. Pensiero and voiced their regrets at losing him as a Member of the Board.

Minutes of January 11, 1971

NOMINATION for replacement in above vacancy. ALFRED PERILLO (D), 9th District Representative, 116 West Broad Street.

Mr. Theodore Boccuzzi offered the above name in nomination to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Pensiero. ELECTED by a vote of 31 in favor and 3 opposed.

THE PRESIDENT administered the oath of office to Mr. Perillo and he took his seat as a Member of the 11th Board of Representatives.

RESIGNATION - MATTHIAS J. NAU (R) 20th District Representative

THE PRESIDENT read the resignation of Mr. Nau and called for nominations for replacement in the 20th District.

Mrs. Pont-Briant offered the name of JOHN J. BREESE (R), 77 Cricket Lane, as replacement to fill the above vacancy. ELECTED by a vote of 30 in favor and 8 opposed.

THE PRESIDENT administered the oath of office to Mr. Breese and he assumed his seat as a Member of the 11th Board of Representatives from the 20th District.

REPLACEMENT FOR LEONARD RIVERS (D) ON BOARD OF EDUCATION - (Term was from 12/1/69 to 12/1/72 -- Replacement serves until December 1st following next biennial election, per Sec. 113 of Charter.

THE PRESIDENT called for nominations to fill the above vacancy.

MR. BIEDER rose on a POINT OF ORDER. He said he believes that any person who is on this Board and also in the employ of the Board of Education, should abstain from any discussion and any vote on this matter and since that also includes the President, he would respectfully point out that he feels he should step down from the Chair and allow the Majority Leader to assume the Chair and lead the discussion. He said he considers this to be a very clear case of conflict of interest. He called for a RULING OF THE CHAIR.

THE PRESIDENT said he rules that this has come up many times over the past 20 years and we have had Court cases and rulings from the State on it, and it is not necessary for teachers to abstain from voting and it is not necessary for him to step down from the Chair. He said it is up to the various Representatives themselves to abstain if they so desire.

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI said, being a teacher, he feels compelled to discuss some of the points brought up by Mr. Bieder. He said these points have been brought up in the past and there never has been considered to be a problem in this respect, and that he feels that as a teacher, he is not a second class citizen and has the right to vote.

Minutes of January 11, 1971

MR. LIVOLSI said he would like to know where Mr. Bieder was when this Board voted many times on appropriations for the Board of Education and why is he raising this issue now? He suggested that if Mr. Bieder has any doubts that he refer this matter to the Board of Ethics.

MR. BIEDER MOVED TO TABLE and asked to have this referred to the Board of Ethics. FAILED for lack of a seconder to the motion.

MR. TRUGLIA MOVED for nomination of JOSEPH FRANCHINA to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education. He said he has been requested to do so by the Town and City Democratic Committee.

MR. DIXON MOVED for nomination of ELLEN H. DICKERSON to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education. He presented her qualifications for the appointment.

VOTE taken by secret ballot on the above nomination, with the following result:

JOSEPH FRANCHINA ----- 23 votes

MRS. ELLEN DICKERSON ----- 15 votes,  
1 invalidated

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of December 7, 1970

The Minutes of the above meeting were accepted with one correction on Page 7580 under "Proposed Ordinance" in title, should read as follows:

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

(The correction is underlined above)

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, December 28, 1970

A Meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, December 28, 1970 at 8.00 P.M. in the Caucus Room of the Board of Representatives.

Minutes of January 11, 1971

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (CONT'D)

The Meeting was called to order by the President and Chairman, Charles J. Heinzer, III, and the following Members were present: Alan Ketcham, Frederick Miller, Joseph Bitetto, Charles Heinzer, Stephen Kelly, Daniel Russbach, Thomas Morris, Robert Exnicios and Lois Pont-Briant. Also present were: William Murphy and Gerald Rybnick.

(1) Mayor's Appointments

The appointment of John J. Hogan to the Patriotic & Special Events Commission, held in Committee at the 12/7/70 Board Meeting was ORDERED ON THE AGENDA.

Mayor's letters of December 11th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd, submitting eleven appointments were ORDERED ON AGENDA under APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE.

(2) Resignation of Joseph T. Pensiero, Sr. (D) 9th District

ORDERED ON AGENDA as first order of business, per Sec. 114 and 201 of Charter - Takes precedence over the filling of any other vacancy, per Rule 5, page 3 of Rules of Order.

(3) Replacement for LEONARD RIVERS (D) on BOARD OF EDUCATION (Term was 12/1/69 to 12/1/72) -- (Replacement serves only until December 1st, following the next biennial election, per Sec. 113 of Charter)

ORDERED ON AGENDA

(4) Additional Appropriations

All additional appropriations acted upon by the Board of Finance at their meetings of December 10th and 16th, were REFERRED TO THE FISCAL COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON THE AGENDA. Items in excess of \$2,000 were referred to secondary committees.

(5) \$1,000.00 - TRANSFER to MAYOR'S OFFICE - Code 108.0103 from SUNDRIES ACCOUNT under provisions of Sec. 656 of Charter - (Approved by Board of Finance 11/12/70) - (Requested in Mayor's letter of 12/23/70 to President Charles Heinzer, III)

REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

(6) \$49,000.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Request for a MANAGEMENT STUDY to be conducted by the Arthur D. Little & Company - (See letter from Dr. Porter dated 12/16/70)

The above was NOT ordered on the Agenda - Noted and filed.

Minutes of January 11, 1971

- (7) \$5,261.01 - TRANSFER of aforesaid amount, unexpended in 1970-1971 Capital Projects Budget, New Equipment Account, in order to provide the Mayor with a new automobile - (Transfer approved by Board of Finance on 12/10/70) - (Also see Resolution #707 - Minutes of 11/9/70, pages 7523-24)

There was considerable discussion as to whether or not the above transfer should be acted upon. However, in view of the appropriation made in November under Resolution No. 707 for the purchase of new equipment, it was MOVED, seconded and CARRIED to leave this on the Agenda under FISCAL COMMITTEE.

- (8) \$303,619.00 - Resolution amending 1970-1971 Capital Projects Budget by adding to Project known as "EXTENSION OF SANITARY SEWERS SOUTH OF THE PARKWAY" for the purpose of building a FORCE MAIN SEWER INSTALLATION southerly on Long Ridge Road for connection at General Electric Credit terminal to service the ROXBURY Elementary School and the THIRD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL now under construction and aforesaid appropriation therefor - (Mayor's letter 11/17/70)

The above matter was NOT ordered on the Agenda.

Six other additional appropriations deferred by the Board of Finance were ORDERED NOT placed on the Agenda until AFTER they have been approved by the Board of Finance. It was suggested to the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee that it is his prerogative to move for suspension of the rules in the event any of these may be given approval by the Board of Finance before the January 11th meeting of the Board of Representatives, and are considered to be of an emergency nature.

- (9) 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 and 12/7/70)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (10) Concerning reason for BRAKE FAILURE on school busses on Dec. 23rd

MR. MORRIS asked that the above matter be referred to the Health & Protection Committee. ORDERED ON AGENDA under HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

- (11) Request for TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT between City of Stamford and TRINITY CORPORATION #1 and #2 - Approved by the Tax Abatement Committees on 12/7/70 under the provisions of Ordinance No. 147 adopted by a previous board and enacted June 27, 1968 in conformity with Section 18 of Public Act #522, January 1967 Session - (This was presented at the 12/7/70 Board Meeting under suspension of the rules and failed to get approval for suspension of the rules at that time).

Minutes of January 11, 1971

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (12) Proposed Ordinance - CONCERNING THE PARTIAL ABANDONMENT OF VERNON PLACE (Requested in letter from John E. Smyth, Asst. Corporation Counsel, dated 12/22/70)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE.

- (13) Proposed Ordinance - CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY FOR THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO BE REQUIRED IN ALL CITY CONTRACTS - (Provisions to be included in all contracts, sub-contracts and purchase orders of City, with contractor required to permit access to his books, records and accounts by Human Rights Commission for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with Ordinance; non-compliance requiring termination of contract or cancellation, termination or suspension in whole or in part; contractor may be declared ineligible for further City contracts as provided by law). - (Mayor's letter of 12/14/70, received 12/23/70)

The above matter was NOT placed on the Agenda.

- (14) Concerning DEBRIS AND GARBAGE FEE SCHEDULE - (See Minutes 9/8/70, page 7421; Minutes of 10/5/70, page 7491; Minutes of 11/9/70, page 7516, #10) (Letter dated 12/29/70 to Public Works Commissioner from Walter Flaherty, Jr., requesting a meeting with the Stamford Refuse Collector's Association and Members of various Committees of the Board of Representatives).

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

- (15) Final adoption of Ordinance - TO CHANGE NAME OF WASHINGTON AVENUE AND STREETS RUNNING INTO EXTENSION OF SAME, TO BE KNOWN IN ITS ENTIRETY AS "WASHINGTON BOULEVARD" - (Adopted for publication 12/7/70; published 12/19/70)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

- (16) Resolution, initiating DERRY STREET to be brought up to specifications for acceptance as a City street under provisions of Sec. 640 (Chapter 64) of Charter and Sec. 29.50 of Code of General Ordinances -- (Requested in letter to President from Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Dagostino and Eileen Brennan, undated, received 10/26/70)

For the reason that the above request was not processed properly and requires a resolution to be presented and read by the Chairman, it was again ORDERED ON THE AGENDA and REFERRED TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE.

- (17) Proposed Ordinance (for publication) TO CHANGE NAME OF RIDGE RIMMON LANE to "RIDGE TREE LANE" -- (Accepted as a City street 12/7/70)

REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

Minutes of January 11, 1971

- (18) Request from Park Commission in letter dated 12/10/70 to change name of BEDFORD PARK, bounded by Prospect and Bedford Streets and Walton Place, to "JOHN C. LATHAM PARK" (to honor a long time Bedford Street retail florist and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient)

REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (19) 1971 FACILITY USE FEES, with exceptions, as outlined in letter dated 12/10/70 from Edward A. Connell, Supt., Dept. of Parks & Trees

REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (20) PETITION - From Park Commission, in letter dated 12/15/70 in which they approved a request from the STAMFORD FEIS COMMITTEE OF PHILIP SHERIDAN BRANCH, ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS, to hold the FEIS (a Celtic Cultural exhibition, featuring competition in music and dancing at the COVE ISLAND PARK on SUNDAY, September 12, 1971, with a postponement date of SUNDAY, September 19, 1971.

REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

(21) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

3 Contracts - Covering Two Years - from July 1, 1970 and including June 30, 1972 BETWEEN CITY OF STAMFORD and TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #145 for: DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & TREES: THE HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COMMISSION: and PARKING AUTHORITY (Contracts signed 12/21/70)

(NOTE: Length of work week to be decided by binding arbitration)

Above referred to PERSONNEL COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (22) Proposed Resolution to Investigate under Sec. 204.2 of the Charter, the feasibility of renegotiating the contract between the City of Stamford, City of Stamford Urban Redevelopment Commission and the Stamford New Urban Corporation

REFERRED TO URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (23) Letter from the Mayor dated 12/22/70, submitting STATISTICS ON HOUSING NEEDS FOR LOW, MODERATE INCOME AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Above noted and filed

- (24) Letter dated 12/14/70 from Corporation Counsel stating that there is no need for an Ordinance on TAX ABATEMENT, so that there is no need to hold up approval for the Trinity Corporation properties

Above noted and filed.

Minutes of January 11, 1971

(25) Letter dated 12/9/70 from Mrs. F. X. O'Doherty, 39 Redmont Road,  
concerning ADVOCATE article of 12/1/70 re: Mandi's Auto Body Repair

Above noted and filed.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion,  
duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 9.00 P.M.

CHARLES J. HEINZER, III  
CHAIRMAN  
STEERING COMMITTEE

vf

MR. TRUGLIA asked to have it recorded that he and Mr. Dixon were absent  
from the Steering Committee meeting. The President said it should also  
be noted that Mr. John Boccuzzi was also absent from that meeting.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSBACH, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said his  
Committee met on Thursday, January 7th and again on Friday, January 8th  
because of the length of their Agenda.

Voting on the appointments were taken on the Voting Machine and are re-  
corded below:

<u>PATRIOTIC &amp; SPECIAL EVENTS COMMISSION</u> (5 year terms)		<u>Term Ends</u>
(1) <u>JOHN J. HOGAN (D)</u>	VOTE: 32 yes	12/1/75
59 Tremont Ave.	6 no	
(replacing Max Baron, whose term expired 12/1/70)		

PLANNING BOARD (5 year terms)

(2) <u>JAMES HAGEN (R)</u>	" 35 yes	12/1/75
Wallack's Point	3 no	
(reappointment)		

SEWER COMMISSION (5 year terms)

(3) <u>EDWARD IACOVO, JR. (R)</u>	" 34 yes	12/1/75
307 Silver Hill Lane	4 no	
(reappointment)		

FAIR RENT COMMISSION (5 year terms)

(4) <u>STEPHEN VITKA (R)</u>	" 27 yes	12/1/75
101 Barrett Avenue	12 no	
(reappointment)		



Minutes of January 11, 1971APPOINTMENTS (CONT'D)

		<u>Term Expire</u>
(5) <u>PATRICK QUIGLEY (R)</u>	VOTE: 28 yes	
65 Autumn Lane	8 no	12/1/71
(replacing Arthur Fusaro, who resigned)	3 abstentions	

ZONING BOARD ALTERNATES (terms staggered 3-4-5- yrs.)

(6) <u>JOSEPH NARAJKA (R)</u>	VOTE: 35 yes	12/1/74
27 Silver Street	4 no	
(replacing G. Raymond Bernier, who resigned)		
(7) <u>CARL BECKER (R)</u>	" 30 yes	12/1/74
41 Red Fox Road	9 no	
(replacing Dr. Cosmo Poccograno)		

HEALTH COMMISSION (5 yr. terms)

(8) <u>DR. MICHAEL SABIA (R)</u>	" 37 yes	12/1/75
22 Rambler Lane	2 no	
(replacing Daniel Reback whose term expired)		

WELFARE COMMISSION (3 year terms)

(9) <u>ELEANOR AUSTIN (D)</u>	" 33 yes	12/1/71
32 Coolidge Avenue	4 no	
(replacing Shirley Svedlow who resigned)	2 abstentions	

BOARD OF RECREATION (5 year terms)

(10) <u>CHARLES LOPRIORE (D)</u>	" 33 yes	12/1/75
21 Mercedes Lane	4 no	
(replacing Garland Creighton whose term expired)	2 abstentions	

ZONING BOARD (5 year terms)

(11) <u>STUART KONSPORE (R)</u>	" 24 yes	12/1/75
87 Russet Road	15 no	
(reappointment)		

No action was taken on the appointment of Betty Ann Cookney (R) as a member of the Park Commission, but was held over for the next meeting as she met with an accident, and could not be interviewed by the Committee.

Minutes of January 11, 1971FISCAL COMMITTEE

MR. EXNICIOS presented his Committee report. He said the Committee met on Wednesday, January 6, 1971 and present in addition to the Chairman were Mr. Morabito, Mr. Rybnick, Mr. Boccuzzi, Mr. Puette, Mr. DeForest and Mrs. Pont-Briant. He reported on the following items:

- (1) \$1,000.00 - TRANSFER TO MAYOR'S OFFICE, Code 108.0103, from SUNDRIES Account, under provisions of Sec. 656 of Charter - (Requested in Mayor's letter of 12/23/70 to President)

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for approval of the above request. He explained it was to be used to pay for overtime for the girls who work in the Mayor's office. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

- (2) \$22,500.00 - Resolution #716 amending 1970-71 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 were deleted from the 1970-1971 Capital Projects Budget for this Project) - (Held in Committee 12/7/70)

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for approval of the following resolution. He explained this is in regard to an installation of storm drains by the City approximately 15 years ago - 5 of them - that now empty on the property of seven taxpayers, thus creating a health hazard. Seconded.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said she wants the record to show a "no" vote on this because it could happen again in the future if the situation is slightly different and they could come back and say it was unanimously approved by the Board that such a situation be corrected and therefore does not want the vote to be unanimous.

MR. SCOFIELD said his Committee - the Public Works Committee concurs in approving this.

VOTE taken on the following resolution and CARRIED, with two "no" votes:

RESOLUTION NO. 716

AMENDING 1970-1971 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, BY ADDING THE SUM OF \$22,500.00 FOR PROJECT KNOWN AS "STORM DRAINS - CRESTVIEW AVENUE" 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, Public Works Department, by adding the Project known as "STORM DRAINS - CRESTVIEW AVENUE" and the sum of \$22,500.00 be appropriated therefor, in accordance with the provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter.

\*\*\*\*\*

Minutes of January 11, 1971

- (3) \$36,205.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - For "Career Assessment Program"  
100% Grant to be received from State under Plan for  
Vocational Education, to operate at Stamford High  
School during period from July 1970 to June 1971 --  
 (Letter dated 11/16/70 from Dr. Porter)

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

- (4) \$250,000.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - To cover cost of salaries for  
substitute teachers - (Letter 11/16/70 from Dr. Porter)

The above matter was held in Committee.

- (5) \$190,000.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - For "Special Services Program"  
 (As outlined in Dr. Porter's letter of 12/3/70)

MR. EXNICIOS said the Committee held a lengthy discussion on this item and during this discussion it was pointed out that the Board of Education could get by with a lesser amount than originally requested (\$281,252.00). He said the Committee understands the need for this and REDUCED it to the \$190,000.00 and HE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Miller, who said his Committee - the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs in the recommendation of the reduced amount. CARRIED by a vote of 27 in favor and 8 opposed.

- (6) \$23,631.65 - REGISTRARS OF VOTERS - Primary Account 102.5107 (REDUCED  
by Board of Finance from \$24,136.53) - (Mayor's letter  
of 11/24/70)

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Miller, who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs. CARRIED unanimously.

- (7) \$2,500.00 - COMMISSION ON AGING, Code 195.2201, New Equipment - For  
the purchase of a Minibus to transport the Elderly -  
 (Being a donation from the Soroptomists Club of Stamford)  
 (Mayor's letter of 12/2/70)

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for approval of the above. Seconded by Mr. Russell, who said the Health & Protection Committee concurs. CARRIED.

MR. TRUGLIA said this is a good example of civic interest and feels that the Soroptomists Club should be complimented in their interest in the City and thinks a letter of commendation from this Board would be in order and SO MOVED.

Seconded and CARRIED.

Minutes of January 11, 1971

- (8) \$5,261.01 - TRANSFER of aforesaid amount, unexpended in 1970-1971 Capital Projects Budget, New Equipment Account, in order to provide the Mayor with a new automobile - (Transfer approved by Board of Finance on 12/10/70) - (See Resolution #707 - Minutes 11/9/70, pages 7523-24)

MR. EXNICIOS explained that the above item is not properly before this Board and should not have been placed on the Agenda as it is an intra department transfer and does not need the approval of this Board and the Committee therefore took no action.

- (9) \$4,800.00 - Resolution No. 717 amending 1970-1971 Capital Projects Budget by adding to Project known as "HIGHWAYS" aforesaid appropriation for "IMPROVEMENTS ON RAPIDS ROAD" - (Mayor's letter of 11/18/70)

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for approval of the following resolution. He explained this is in line with a previous resolution directing the City to proceed with the repair of Rapids Road. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 717

AMENDING 1970-1971 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, BY ADDING THE SUM OF \$4,800.00 FOR PROJECT KNOWN AS "HIGHWAYS - IMPROVEMENTS ON RAPIDS ROAD" 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 Project known as "HIGHWAYS - IMPROVEMENTS ON RAPIDS ROAD" and the sum of \$4,800.00 be appropriated therefor, in accordance with the provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter.

\*\*\*\*\*

- (10) \$51,920.00 - Resolution No. 718 amending 1970-1971 Capital Projects Budget by adding to Project known as "STORM DRAINS, MARYANNE LANE" and appropriation of aforesaid amount therefor - (Mayor's letter 11/23/70)

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for approval of the following resolution. He said this was originally approved when we passed on this year's Budget, but through an error it was not approved by the Planning Board. However, he explained it has now been approved by the Planning Board and is once again before us. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 718

AMENDING 1970-1971 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, BY ADDING THE SUM OF \$51,920.00 FOR PROJECT KNOWN AS "STORM DRAINS-MARYANNE LANE" AND APPROPRIATION THEREFOR

Minutes of January 11, 1971

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, to amend the 1970-1971 Capital Projects Budget, Public Works Department, by adding Project known as "STORM DRAINS - MARYANNE LANE" and the sum of \$51,920.00 be appropriated therefor, in accordance with the provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter.

\*\*\*\*\*

(11) \$5,326.70 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - For the following Pensions:  
(Mayor's letter of 12/4/70)

\$2,712.08 - Pension for Julia I. Byrne, widow of  
Fireman Thomas H. Byrne, effective 11/16/70  
based on an annual pension of \$4,362.50 or  
50% of his salary of \$8,725.00; and

\$2,614.62 - Pension for Fireman Arthur T. Betz, effective  
12/24/70 based on an annual pension of \$5,060.50  
or 58% of his annual salary of \$8,725.00

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for approval of the above two pensions. Seconded by several and CARRIED unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. ELLSWORTH presented his committee report. He said his Committee met at 8 P.M. on Wednesday, January 6th and since one item was also of interest to the Public Works Committee, they met jointly with that Committee and a number of guests. He said the members of his Committee present were: Richard Bieder, the Chairman, William Murphy, Frank LiVolsi, Mrs. Sherman and William Puette.

- (1) Two proposed resolutions: (1) Resolution 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 and 12/7/70)

MR. ELLSWORTH said Mr. Scofield had drafted and submitted two resolutions concerning the above and after considerable discussion by the Committee, they combined them and redrafted these resolutions into one. HE MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 719

REQUIRING THE DISPLAY OF THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN PLACES OF ASSEMBLY WITHIN PUBLIC BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives out of respect for and in full accord with the common goals and commitments stated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and

Minutes of January 11, 1971

WHEREAS, other Boards, Commissions, Authorities, Agencies and other groups meet in public buildings owned or leased by the City of Stamford and maintained under the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department, and

WHEREAS, such groups of persons may desire to pledge their allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America,

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives that in all meeting rooms available for public assembly within buildings owned or leased by the City of Stamford, or any agency thereof, the Flag of the United States of America shall be permanently and properly displayed in such manner as prescribed by law. Such flag shall be positioned so as to facilitate the pledging of allegiance by any group or persons occupying the room.

\*\*\*\*\*

- (2) Proposed 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) -  
(Requested in letter from law firm of Maguire, Cole, Bentley & Babson, dated 10/27/70) -- (Deferred on 12/7/70)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY PARSONAGE LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF DOGWOOD LANE AND BRIARWOOD LANE UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 12-81b OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES (1967 Public Act No. 311)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Pursuant to Section 12-81b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, that the property acquired by the Unitarian-Universalist Society, an ecclesiastical society, from the Estate of Dena C. Postley, which property was acquired for the purpose of providing a residence for the Minister of the Unitarian-Universalist Society of Stamford and which property is located at the corner of Dogwood Lane and Briarwood Lane in Stamford, be exempted from taxation from the date of acquisition, namely, August 7, 1970; and

That the Commissioner of Finance be and is hereby authorized and directed to reimburse the Unitarian-Universalist Society in the amount of Five Hundred Thirty-Four and 60/100 (\$534.60) Dollars, for real property taxes paid for the period August 7, 1970 to December 31, 1970.

\*\*\*\*\*

Minutes of January 11, 1971

- (3) Request for TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT between City of Stamford and TRINITY CORPORATION, #1 and #2 - Approved by the Tax Abatement Committee on 12/7/70 under the provisions of Ordinance No. 147 adopted by a previous Board and enacted June 27, 1968 in conformity with Section 18 of Public Act No. 522, Jan. 1967 Session -  
(Presented on 12/7/70 under suspension of the Rules and failed to get approval for suspension of the Rules at that time)

MR. ELLSWORTH said he would like to explain briefly the situation on the above. He said the Trinity Corporation has two sites on which they wish to build housing - one on Spruce Street and one on West Main Street. He said as the members will recall, we had a special Board Meeting on the abatement of taxes on the MARTIN LUTHER KING project and what we are doing tonight is NOT THE SAME THING. He said the procedure which we had to follow on the Martin Luther King project will have to be followed again for the Trinity Corporation on behalf of DCA. However, he said, the FHA will not make any commitments unless they are assured that the Board of Representatives intends to abate the taxes on this project.

He explained that what the Committee recommends for approval is a motion to the effect that the Board of Representatives approves a tax abatement for the Trinity Corporation, as per the agreement dated December 2, 1970 between the City of Stamford and the Trinity Corporation. MR. ELLSWORTH SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Murphy.

MR. TRUGLIA said he is at a loss as to why this is coming up again.

MR. ELLSWORTH said the Board has not voted on this one before.

MR. TRUGLIA said he definitely remembers going on record as being in favor of tax abatement on the Trinity Corporation for some 24 or so units on Greenwich Avenue.

MR. ELLSWORTH said these are two projects - one located on Spruce Street and at West Main Street in the City of Stamford, to be known as "TRINITY APARTMENTS" and "TRINITY GARDENS". He explained that he brought this up at the last regular Board Meeting and at that time Mr. Heinzer ruled that it was not presented to the Board in time for it to be properly considered and would not allow the Board to vote on it at that time and that is why he is bringing it up tonight.

MR. TRUGLIA said he has gone on record as saying he does not think there should be any more high rise housing on the West Side and he still feels that way. He said he is not against housing - just against having it on the West Side. He said he intends to vote in favor of Trinity, but this is the last time he is going to go for tax abatement. He said he believes under the name of "Progress" we are doing a great deal of damage to the City, and also in the name of "Progress" have destroyed the West Side. He said, in bringing more and more people into the West Side and encouraging

Minutes of January 11, 1971

congestion, we are beginning the creation of more and more ghettos.

MR. MURPHY said he agrees with Mr. Truglia and by tax abatement, we are only raising the taxes for others who have to support it.

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI said we are getting to the point where we are saturated with high rise apartments which is creating a very bad situation.

MR. RUSSBACH said all tax abatement is doing is raising taxes for those who are saddled with the bills. He said he agrees that the West Side is definitely over-saturated with high risers.

After considerable further debate, MR. DURSO MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED with one "no" vote.

THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on the question (#3 on the Agenda).

VOTE taken on the machine, resulting in a tie vote - 16-16.

THE PRESIDENT voted "yes" to break the tie, resulting in the motion being CARRIED by a vote of 17 in favor and 16 opposed.

THE PRESIDENT called for a standing vote. RESULT: 21 yes and 9 no votes. CARRIED.

- (4) Proposed Ordinance - CONCERNING THE PARTIAL ABANDONMENT OF VERNON PLACE  
(Requested in letter from John E. Smyth, Assistant Corporation Counsel,  
dated 12/22/70)

The above matter was held in Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. SCOFIELD, Chairman, said his Committee met January 6th in the Municipal Office Building, with the following present: Messrs. Bitetto, Exnicios, Morabito, Rybnick and Scofield present. Also present for part of the meeting were Finance Commissioner Aretakis, Deputy Public Works Commissioner Canavan and City Engineer Sabia.

Concerning DEBRIS AND GARBAGE FEE SCHEDULE - (See Minutes of 9/8/70, Page 7421; Minutes of 10/5/70, Page 7491; Minutes of 11/9/70, Page 7516, #10) - (Also, letter dated 12/29/70 to Public Works Commissioner from Walter Flaherty, Jr., requesting a meeting with the Stamford Refuse Collectors' Assoc. and Members of various Committees of the Board of Representatives)

The above matter was held in Committee.

Concerning Examinations to be given for ASSISTANT CITY ENGINEER and HYDRAULICS ENGINEER

MR. SCOFIELD said it was agreed by the Committee that the Chairman should



Minutes of January 11, 1971

write a letter to the Personnel Director requesting that exams be given as soon as possible for the above jobs as the need is urgent. He pointed out that the salaries for these positions are already incorporated in the Budget, so no appropriation is needed.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:Concerning reason for BRAKE FAILURE on school busses on Dec. 23rd

MR. RUSSELL said his Committee met on December 15th at 8 P.M. in the Board's Meeting Room which was an open meeting, and also held a regular meeting on Friday, January 8th at 8 P.M. He said the first meeting was held in regard to the public water supply.

He said in regard to the failure of the brakes on the school busses on December 23rd, the Committee met with Mr. John Downey, who is responsible for the school bus system and transportation and also with Mr. Leonard Thompson of the bus company, County School Service, Inc. of Danbury.

He said the circumstances surrounding both failures of the brakes was discussed. He said one bus, the failure was caused by the battery cable rubbing against the brake feed line, which caused a hole puncture in the line and allowed the brake fluid to escape. Since that time, he said this fault has been corrected. He said the brake failure on the other bus was caused by a leaking wheel cylinder. He said closer inspection should keep this from happening again.

Complaints regarding condition of the City water supply

MR. RUSSELL said the Committee held an open meeting in order to give the public an opportunity to be heard in regard to complaints about the water supply and the feeling of the general public was unanimous as far as dissatisfaction was concerned, with the complaints ranging from the dark condition of the water and sedimentation to complaints about the taste and odor.

He said the committee heard from Mr. Arthur Bell of the Water Company who said that despite these complaints, the water was safe to drink. He said he also said the Company was hiring a new engineer to look into the various complaints and to recommend what could be done to rectify the situation.

As a result of the Committee findings, MR. RUSSELL MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded and CARRIED (Mr. Ketcham abstained).

RESOLUTION NO. 720CONCERNING THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIED TO THE CITY OF  
STAMFORD BY THE STAMFORD WATER COMPANY

WHEREAS, the Stamford Water Company, a private corporation, operating under regulations of the Public Utilities Commission, is franchised by Special Act of the Connecticut Legislature to provide water service to the citizens of Stamford: and

Minutes of January 11, 1971

WHEREAS, the Stamford Water Company has the obligation to provide an adequate supply of potable water, and such supply should be bacteriologically safe, palatable, and free from obnoxious sediment, organic matter and objectionable taste and odor in order to meet accepted desirable standards for drinking water; and

WHEREAS, Citizens of Stamford have publicly testified and described water supplied by the Stamford Water Company as not palatable, containing sediment and suspended solids; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut State Department of Health has repeatedly advised the Stamford Water Company to install complete water treatment facilities, including flocculation, sedimentation, filtration and disinfection, in order that the supply meet accepted standards; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Health has advised the Stamford Water Company to re-activate its testing laboratory, and institute a new water quality control program for existing facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Stamford Water Company is now asking for a twenty-four per cent increase in the charges for water service without including provisions for expanding the treatment plant in accordance with State Health Department recommendations; and

THEREFORE BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

It is the opinion and judgment of this Board of Representatives that the Stamford Water Company should, in the interest of public health, safety and wellbeing, immediately comply with the recommendations of the State Department of Health by:

1. Reactivating the existing company testing laboratory, and instituting a new quality control program for present facilities.
2. Taking immediate steps to initiate planning and construction of an adequate water treatment plant, including flocculation, sedimentation, filtration and disinfection, that will bring the Stamford water supply up to accepted and desirable standards for drinking water; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Representatives strongly opposes the granting of any increase in water rates of the Stamford Water Company, until positive proof has been presented to the Public Utilities Commission that such necessary treatment plant improvements are under construction or in being; and

Minutes of January 11, 1971

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Representatives requested the Public Utilities Commission that, if a public hearing is held concerning the requested increase that such public hearing be held in Stamford, Connecticut.

\*\*\*\*\*

Proposed Ordinance Establishing a Commission on Mentally Retarded and Handicapped Children

MR. RUSSELL said the Committee considered several proposed Ordinances on this matter and there is no question that this is needed. However, there is a question as to whether or not this requires a Charter amendment and may have to be an amendment to the Charter, which could be accomplished either one of two ways - by a Special Act of the Legislature, or through the Home Rule Act, which requires appointment of a Charter Revision Commission.

THE PRESIDENT suggested that the proposed Ordinance should be given to the Legislative & Rules Committee to ascertain, perhaps by an opinion from the Corporation Counsel, just how this can be done. Referred to Steering Committee.

TRAFFIC LIGHT AT STILLWATER AVENUE AND FINNEY LANE

MR. DURSO asked what was being done about the above matter.

MR. RUSSELL said he supposed it was being taken care of, but he will look into it further.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

- (1) Final adoption of Ordinance No. 210 - TO CHANGE NAME OF WASHINGTON AVENUE AND STREETS RUNNING INTO EXTENSION OF SAME, TO BE KNOWN IN ITS ENTIRETY AS "WASHINGTON BOULEVARD"

MR. HORNER, Chairman, MOVED for final adoption of the following Ordinance. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously:

ORDINANCE NO. 210 SUPPLEMENTAL

TO CHANGE NAME OF WASHINGTON AVENUE AND STREETS RUNNING INTO EXTENSION OF SAME, FROM COLD SPRING 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 streets shall hereafter be known for their entire lengths

Minutes of January 11, 1971

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 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

\*\*\*\*\*

- (2) Resolution No. 721 - DERRY STREET - To initiate bringing this street up to proper conditions for acceptance as a city street under Chapter 64 of the Charter and Section 29.50 of the Code of General Ordinances

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

RESOLUTION NO. 721

CONCERNING IMPROVEMENT OF DERRY STREET FOR ACCEPTANCE  
AS A CITY STREET UNDER CHAPTER 64 OF THE CHARTER AND  
SECTION 29.50 OF THE CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD:

That it is the opinion of the Board of Representatives that the public health, safety, welfare, convenience and necessity require the construction and layout of the highway known as "DERRY STREET" for approximately 300 feet, in conformity with the specifications set forth in Section 29.50 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the intention of the Board of Representatives, with the approval of the Mayor, to construct and layout said highway, together with any curbing, drainage or other incidental installations required to carry out said project pursuant to the powers granted it under Section 640 of the Charter of the City of Stamford; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and is hereby requested to direct the Department of Public Works to do the preliminary engineering work, including preparation of surveys, plans, profiles, specifications, and estimates of the total cost of the improvement and to submit a report thereon to the Commissioner of Finance who shall make estimates of the value of any land proposed to be taken and of the amounts of the benefits or damages which should be assessed against or in favor of each piece of property affected; and

Minutes of January 11, 1971

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be and is hereby requested to submit a report thereon to the Board of Representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all of the cost of the work and improvements as aforesaid, shall be assessed against the properties benefitted thereby; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all necessary and requisite steps be taken toward the construction and layout of said highway, curbing, drainage and installations in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 64 of the Charter of the City of Stamford, and of Section 29.50 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford.

\*\*\*\*\*

- (3) Proposed Ordinance (for publication) to CHANGE NAME OF RIDGE RIMMON LANE TO "RIDGE TREE LANE" - (Accepted as a city street on 12/7/70)

MR. HORNER said the above Item #3 is not necessary, inasmuch as we correctly and properly accepted a street known as "RIDGE TREE LANE" originally. He said he checked this with the Office of the Corporation Counsel and was advised no further action is needed.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

- (1) Resolution No. 722 - Request from Park Commission (in letter dated 12/10/70 to change name of Bedford Park, bounded by Prospect and Bedford Streets and Walton Place to "JOHN C. LATHAM PARK" - (To honor a long time Bedford Street retail florist and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient)

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 722

CHANGE OF NAME OF CITY PARK NOW KNOWN AS "BEDFORD PARK" TO THE "JOHN C. LATHAM PARK"

WHEREAS, the Park Commission of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, has recommended that the Park now known as "Bedford Park" bounded by Prospect and Bedford Streets and Walton Place, be designated as "JOHN C. LATHAM PARK";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Park now known as "BEDFORD PARK" be hereinafter designated as "THE JOHN C. LATHAM PARK".

\*\*\*\*\*

- (2) FACILITY USE FEES FOR 1971, with exceptions, as outlined in letter dated 12/10/70 from Edward A. Connell, Supt., Dept. of Parks & Trees

Minutes of January 11, 1971

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of the above facility use fees prevailing in 1970, with the following additions and exceptions; seconded and CARRIED:

\$5.00 penalty fee for failure to remove boats from public marinas on specified closing date - this to be an addition.

Exception: Public marina dock and mooring fees - these have already been approved for 1971 by this Board.

Boat launching ramp use is to be submitted later, pending clarification of State action on construction of State Board of Fisheries & Game ramp.

-----

MR. KELLY explained the Committee held up one request, which was a charge of \$3.00 a day, per car fee for week-day only non-resident parking in restricted areas, as some of the members wanted this fee for out of towners investigated further. Some of the Members felt there should be no parking allowed to anyone from out of town. This was held in Committee at the request of Mrs. Pont-Briant.

- (3) PETITION NO. 353 - From Park Commission, in letter dated 12/15/70, in which they approved a request from the STAMFORD FEIS COMMITTEE OF PHILIP SHERIDAN BRANCH, ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS, to hold a FEIS (a Celtic Cultural exhibition, featuring competition in music and dancing) at the COVE ISLAND PARK, on Sunday, September 12, 1971, with a postponement date of SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1971

MR. KELLY explained that the Stamford FEIS has previously been held on the grounds of St. Bridget's Church and once on the grounds of the Stamford Museum & Nature Center with contestants coming from throughout the eastern part of the USA. But, with constantly increasing spectator attendance, the parking facilities at both the church and the Museum have become totally inadequate.

MR. KELLY said the FEIS Committee will meet all expenses, such as policing, parking attendants, comfort station attendants, grounds maintenance and total clean-up at the conclusion of the affair. He said the Committee will also provide all insurance coverage required by the Office of the Corporation Counsel and will post whatever bond or guarantee is required by the Department of Parks & Trees, in order to insure that the grounds are restored to condition acceptable to that department.

He said an adult admission fee will be charged, but children will be admitted free. He said the FEIS will be held on the Island part of the park, so that it will not interfere with the use of the Marina, Ball field, Tennis Courts and other mainland facilities.

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of the above petition. Seconded by Mr. Murphy and CARRIED unanimously.

Minutes of January 11, 1971PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said the Personnel Committee met with Mr. Gordon and Mr. Barker on Friday evening and she and Mr. Ravallese asked questions of them. Mr. Ellsworth was unable to attend.

She said it was voted in Committee to bring out the contracts favorably. She said these are as follows:

- (1) Contract Covering Two Years - From July 1, 1970 and including June 30, 1972 - Between City of Stamford and TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #145, and the HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COMMISSION - (Contract signed 12/21/70)
- (2) Contract Covering Two Years - From July 1, 1970 to and including June 30, 1972 - Between City of Stamford and TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #145, and the DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & TREES - (Contract signed 12/21/70)
- (3) Contract Covering Two Years - From July 1, 1970 to and including June 30, 1972 - Between City of Stamford and TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #145, and the PARKING AUTHORITY - (Contract signed 12/21/70)

(NOTE: Length of work week to be decided by binding arbitration).  
-----

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said she would be willing to answer any questions and that the contracts are similar to the MEA contract approved earlier by this Board, and the Public Works contract. She explained that pay increases are on a percentage basis, with the first year \$635 flat increase, with \$640 for the second year.

She said the hours of work are going to arbitration as they are going with the other contracts approved earlier by this Board. She said there is a 10% week end differential when the week end is not an over-time week end. She said they are allowed routine shifts, which is in the Public Works contract. However, she said they are Incinerator and Sanitation workers. She said she voted no on this, as she took exception to this clause as she felt that Hubbard Heights in particular operates on a week end and this would give a 10% differential.

She explained in detail what the contracts contained.

She said the Pension question is not settled and will go to arbitration and will go as of March 1971, to be effective July 1971.

She said Mr. Gordon said the Mayor has stated that the Pension Plans are becoming better funded and he hopes better returns will become available.

Minutes of January 11, 1971

She said the \$75 Dental Plan is also included. The employees now pay half on Group Insurance; the leave of absence which was previously three months is now four months, which is in Public Works but not in the MEA. She said the work week statement which is on all contracts now reads that the work week will be from Monday to Sunday.

She said there was some argument about holding up approval because of the Pension going into arbitration, but because we have already passed this on two other contracts, and these three groups are under the same Pension Plan, and would probably have no bearing if we were to reject it on that basis. She said we can reject a contract, but it must be on a fiscal basis.

She said the Committee voted four to one to accept these three contracts.

MR. CHIRIMBES said he would like to know what has the negotiator saved the City?

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said she can answer that question in two ways. As for the 10% she asked specifically and their requirement was that they wanted time and one-half, so if you want a give and take rather than time and one-half, the 10% differential was granted, which was thought to be less financially. Secondly, she said they went over changes and she had asked the Members if any Member of the Board was interested in sitting in on the Union Meetings that the Committee had with Mr. Gordon, who answered all questions freely. She said she feels she should not have to go through all of that again at this time, when the questions were answered by Mr. Gordon at that time.

She said she feels she should not have to go through all of this, item by item.

MR. RUSSELL asked about the arbitration on the work week, and said if we let this go through tonight, then the arbitration will be mandatory.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said this Board approved that same identical paragraph in the previous contracts that were approved - the MEA and the Public Works.

MR. RUSSEBACH said this Board should be aware of the fact that the trend has been that the average pension was based on the average annual salary over the Pension period, whether it be 25 years or 30 years - whatever the Charter provision was. Then, it was amended to include the best five years of earnings, which increased the cost to the City. Now, he said we are getting in a hole again, because it is being modified in these contracts to make the Pension benefits based on the highest salary which in most cases is the last year of employment. He said this cost can become very high. He said he would rather give an extra 5% pay increase than a liberalization of the Pension Plan.



Minutes of January 11, 1971

There ensued a question and answer period, but inasmuch as Mrs. Pont-Briant did not talk into the mike, her answers could not be heard.

MR. TRUGLIA suggested that it would be in order to ask the employees to increase their donations to the Pension Plan if they want to have their pension benefits increased in order to offset the cost to the City.

MR. ELLSWORTH said he cannot see how an outside Arbitrator can obligate the City of Stamford to an undetermined amount of money.

THE PRESIDENT said there seems to be a legal question here - and that is if we adopt the contract and agree to arbitration, we are bound by it. He suggested that because of the lateness of the hour and the importance of these contracts and the time limit involved, that it would be best for him to issue a "Call" of a Special Board Meeting because it needs a good deal of discussion and we hardly have time for this tonight, as it is now 12.30.

CONCERNING "CALL" of SPECIAL MEETING ON CONTRACTS:

MR. TRUGLIA said he thinks the President's suggestion of a special meeting just to discuss the contracts is a good one and he is in favor of it. He asked if it would be possible to have this negotiator, Mr. Eugene Gordon, attend this meeting?

THE PRESIDENT said it might be a good idea to meet as a Committee of the Whole and a Special Meeting.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said she would like to take exception to the reference to the famous negotiator, because Mr. Gordon has met several times with the Committee - some two or three hours in length - and answering all questions put to him, and without a fee for his services. She said he also told the Committee that he will be available to discuss the Police and Firemen's contracts.

There was some discussion as to when the special meeting would be held, which would have a time limit in order to meet the requirements of the Collective Bargaining Act.

MR. ELLSWORTH said he heartily endorses the idea of a special meeting, but is concerned about the Pension provisions involving the Police and Firemen also and wondered if these questions could not be asked at the same time.

THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on calling a special meeting just to act upon the contracts on the Agenda tonight. CARRIED.

Minutes of January 11, 1971

THE PRESIDENT said the "Call" of the meeting will be for next Monday night at 8 P.M., on January 18, 1971. He said at the same time there will be a meeting at 7.30 P.M. as a Committee of the Whole and will ask Mr. Gordon to be present in order to answer questions.

MR. RUSSBACH said what we are discussing here is Chapter 73A of the Charter, entitled "CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND" and also under Section 748 "Retirement".

THE PRESIDENT instructed Mrs. Farrell to ask both Mr. Gordon and the Corporation Counsel to be present at the special meeting.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE:

MR. KETCHAM said he only wants to say a few things - that 364 days ago on January 12, 1970; this Board discovered that the Urban Redevelopment Commission was broke and at that time this Board asked that HUD conduct a survey of the situation which was denied. Also a quasi-municipal organization was going to make a survey which never materialized. He said he merely wants to point out that we are sitting here a year later and the URC is still broke, and we have not received one cent from the Federal Government to date and have not placed upon the tax rolls a single square foot of dearly purchased land in the URC area. He said he thinks that it is not asking too much that the taxpayers and citizens of Stamford be brought up to date on where we are going in this area. He said what bothers him is that if anyone makes a suggestion that it is in the public interest to have some light shed on the status of the program and as to what is to be projected in the future and what we may expect in the line of future taxation, there seems to be an unfortunate reaction such as "Oh, you're rocking the boat - you're going to ruin the program - you are going to put Stamford in bankruptcy." He said he believes that the citizens of Stamford have a right to know. He said it is his understanding the URC has projected a budget to the Planning Board of over Twelve Million Dollars for the next four years, which will mean that they will want a Capital Projects expenditure of Three Million Dollars at least, for the coming fiscal year.

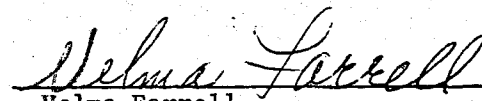
He said he believes there is room for exploration and it is not necessary to conduct these negotiations sub-rosa and can't allow the public to know about it, but the fact remains that the people in this City are going to have to foot the bills. He said we know that from what has been happening in Hartford that the State is broke and he is hopeful that the Federal Government will come to the rescue, but after a year we in Stamford are still in doubt as to the status and having listened for 364 days the answer has been always, "Next week we are going to hear".

Minutes of January 11, 1971

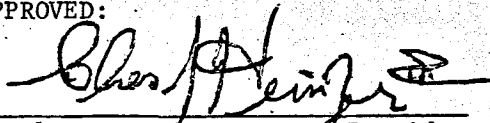
He said he thinks this Board and the citizens it represents has the right to a look at the URC program as it is now projected. He said it has come to his knowledge that the scope of the program has been changed. He said what bothers him is that we are offering from \$2.00 to \$8.00 a square foot for public housing in residential areas and we are selling business and industrial land for \$1.02 a square foot, which seems like insanity.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 12.40 A.M.



Velma Farrell  
Administrative Assistant  
(Recording Secretary)

APPROVED:

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

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

VF