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MEETING OF THE 11th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT
Minutes of June 7, 1971

A regular Monthly Meeting of the 11th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Monday, June 7, 1971 in the Board's Meeting Rooms, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, 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 given by Rev. Harry L. Peatt, Jr., Congregational Church.

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

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 32 present and 8 absent at the calling of the roll. However, Mr. Bieder arrived later in the meeting, changing the Roll Call to 33 present and 7 absent.

The absent members were:

Alphonsus J. Donahue, III (D) 1st District
Edward P. Dombroski (D) 3rd District
Frederick E. Miller (D), 3rd District
George V. Connors (D', 8th District
L. Reed Clark (R), 14th District
Sidney M. Sherer (R), 16th District
George E. Russell (R', 17th District

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LINDA ANNE MARINO, Sacred Heart Academy
WENDY ANN MURPHY, Stamford High School

MRS. SHERMAN rose on a point of personal privilege. She said she was absent from the Special Meeting called for May 24th simply because she was never served with a "Call" of the Meeting.

THE PRESIDENT said he had the notices sent out by the police and evidently for some reason two or three were not delivered and should have been. He said she would be considered as having a perfect attendance record as it was not her fault that she was not notified of the meeting.

MR. CHIRIMBES said he received his notice about 9 o'clock on a Friday night and he had made a committment to go away Monday and Tuesday.

THE PRESIDENT said the same thing applies to him as to Mrs. Sherman.

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CHECK OF VOTING MACHINE - The President conducted a check of the voting machine, and one (#9) was found not to be in good working order. This was the one at Mr. Puette's desk where the switch was in good working order.

SUSPENSION OF RULES to take up Item #3 under FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. HORNER MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to take up the following item under the Fiscal Committee. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously:

- (3) \$1,500.00 - Transfer to Code 110.0101, Salaries, DEPARTMENT OF LAW, from BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES, Code 106.0901, Professional Services, to assist in giving legal help to Board of Representatives - (Mayor's letter of 4/26/71)- (REDUCED by Board of Finance from \$4,350 being balance left in account)

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

REPLACEMENT FOR FRANK LIVOLSI, Jr. (D), 7th District Representative:

THE PRESIDENT read Mr. LiVolsi's resignation as Member of the Board from the 7th District.

NOMINATION OF REPLACEMENT TO FILL VACANCY IN 7th DISTRICT -
RICHARD F. COMERFORD, JR., Democrat, residing at 79 River View Drive.

MR. GUROIAN offered the name of the above man in nomination to fill the vacancy in the 7th District, created by Mr. LiVolsi's resignation.

Mr. Comerford was elected by unanimous vote, the Clerk casting one ballot in favor.

THE PRESIDENT administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Comerford and he assumed his seat as a Member of the Board from the 7th District.

THE PRESIDENT announced the appointment of Mr. Comerford as replacement for Mr. LiVolsi on the Legislative & Rules Committee and the Civil Service Investigating Committee.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of May 3, 1971
Meeting of May 13, 1971

There being no corrections, the Minutes of the above meetings were accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT
Meeting held Monday, May 24, 1971

A meeting of the Steering Committee of the Board of Representatives was held on Monday, May 24, 1971, in the Republican Caucus Room of the Board, directly after adjournment of a Special Meeting of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and President, Charles J. Heinzer, III. The following representatives were present: Daniel Russbach, Jack Horner, Charles Heinzer, Steve Kelly, Gerald Rybnick, Handy Dixon, George Russell, Robert Exnicios, Edward Scofield, Thomas Morris, Lois Pont Briant, Joseph Bitetto, Reed Clark, Frederick Miller, William Murphy, John Roos, Anthony Truglia, Frank LiVolsi, John Breese and John Boccuzzi.

- (1) Replacement for Frank LiVolsi, Jr. (D) 7th District Representative, who is to be Attorney for the Board)

ORDERED ON AGENDA as first Order of Business.

- (2) Appointment:

Appointment of Peter Paspalis (D) as a Member of the Southwestern Regional Planning Agency

REFERRED TO APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (3) Additional Appropriations:

All fiscal items previously approved by the Board of Finance, were REFERRED TO THE FISCAL COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON THE AGENDA, with a couple of exceptions which will be noted later. Items in excess of \$2,000 were referred to secondary committees.

- (4) \$112,000.00 - To provide CTE Summer Help - Code 108.0107 - (Stipulated by Board of Finance that representatives from other community groups aid in selecting part-time summer employees to work in Public Works Dept., Park Dept., Recreation Dept. and Tax Collector's Office)

The above matter was NOT ordered on the Agenda for the reason that funds have already been cut from various salary accounts in the City and if they are to be restored, they should be given to the departments from which they were deleted rather than to the CTE over which they have no control as to the allocation.

- (5) \$43,450.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - For Intrusion Alarms at 21 schools and boiler alarms at 23 schools - (Letter from Dr. Porter, Supt. of Schools, dated 3/12/71 - Also, see Mayor's letter of 3/17/71) - Recommitted at 5/3/71 Board Meeting

ORDERED ON AGENDA under FISCAL COMMITTEE

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- (6) \$334,275.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Code 606.0609, Snow Removal and Flood Emergency Account (Mayor's letter, undated, received 3/9/71 with breakdown attached to letter)

The above matter was held in the PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE at the 5/3/71 meeting - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (7) Concerning Extension of Group Life Insurance, Hospitalization and Major Medical Insurance to INTERNAL AUDITOR - (Approved by Board of Finance on 5/13/71)

The above item was NOT ordered on the Agenda.

- (8) Proposed Resolution CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES FOR RIVER WALK, WATERFORD LANE VICINITY, TO BE KNOWN AS "WASHINGTON BOULEVARD RIVER WALK" -- (Mayor's letter of 1/7/71) (Held in Committee 4/5/71 and 5/3/71 -- See page 7800 of Minutes.

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (9) Proposed Ordinance requesting PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC OF GREATER STAMFORD, INC., and a rebate of real property taxes paid on certain property for the period from Sept. 1, 1970 through June 30, 1971 in amount of \$235.17 - (Submitted in letter dated 4/12/71 from firm of Cross, Brodrick & Chipman and signed by Richard G. Brodrick) (Held in Committee 5/3/71)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (10) Proposed amendment to Code of General Ordinances in regard to MAINTENANCE OF ANIMALS AND FOWL AND PERMITTANCE OF ACCUMULATION OF OFFAL OR MANURE IN SUCH MANNER AS TO CREATE CONTAMINATION OF WELLS AND LAKES - (Submitted by John L. DeForest, 19th District Representative on 1/18/71; ordered NOT placed on Agenda by order of Steering Committee on 2/16/71; ordered on Agenda 4/19/71 - Held in Committee 5/3/71)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (11) Proposed Legislation ESTABLISHING SAFETY CODES FOR BOATS & MARINAS - (Submitted by 15th District Representatives - May require State legislation) (Held in Committee 5/3/71)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (12) Proposed amendment to STATE BUILDING CODE entitled: "REQUIRING THE SILL OF A WINDOW IN PRIVATE DWELLINGS TO BE MAXIMUM OF 3-1/2 FT. ABOVE FINISHED FLOOR, WITH FINISHED UNOBSTRUCTED OPENING OF NOT LESS THAN 2 FT. x 2-1/2 FT." (Note: Adopted as an amendment to the

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Stamford Building Code on 1/12/70 - See Minutes, Pages 7091 and 7092 - May require the endorsement of our State Representatives in the Legislature) - (Held in Committee 5/3/71)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (13) Proposed Resolution CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A FIVE MAN COMMISSION ON MENTAL RETARDATION for the City of Stamford - (See Minutes of 5/4/70, page 7272; 7/6/70, page 7376; 10/5/71, page 7495 and 1/11/71, page 7612) (Held in Committee 4/5/71 and 5/3/71)

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

- (14) Proposed Ordinance DECLARING IT A HEALTH HAZARD WHEN VACANCY RATE IN HOUSING FALLS BELOW A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE POINT AND THAT ANY PERSON BECOMING A STAMFORD RESIDENT DURING THIS TIME SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR WELFARE BENEFITS NOR SHALL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE SUCH BENEFITS - (Proposed by Thomas Morris, 15th District Representative- Held in Committee 5/3/71)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (15) Letter dated 4/19/71 from James J. Sotire, Building Official and Zoning Enforcement Officer, submitting an amendment to Ordinance No. 199 Supplemental "CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRE DISTRICTS FOR THE CITY OF STAMFORD" (enacted Sept. 26, 1970)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (16) Letter from Stamford Fair Housing Committee, dated 5/21/71, submitting "PROPOSED HOUSING ORDINANCE FOR STAMFORD TO PREVENT THE DEMOLITION OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS CONTAINING SOUND HOUSING UNITS"

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (17) Proposed Ordinance "TO DEFINE PARENTAL NEGLECT OF MINORS AND PENALTY THEREFOR" (Proposed by Robert Exnicios, 1st District Representative- Held in Committee 4/5/71 - See page 7745 of Minutes)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (18) Concerning firm doing Tax Assessments and refusal of some housewives to allow them in home - (Brought up by Mr. Truglia, 5th District Representative)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (19) Concerning TOWING AWAY OF VEHICLES INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS - (See #14 Page 7750 of Minutes of 4/5/71)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

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- (20) Request from PARKING AUTHORITY (letter dated 5/12/71) to acquire property located on Atlantic Street for the sum of \$68,000.00 and more fully described in said letter

ORDERED ON AGENDA under HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

- (21) Proposal submitted at last Board Meeting on 5/3/71 entitled: "PROPOSAL FOR INCREASED POLICE PROTECTION IN STAMFORD" outlining the use of Stamford's Auxiliary Police Corps - (Printed in 5/3/71 Minutes on page 7806-07-08)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

- (22) Letter from Dr. Gofstein dated 5/6/71, concerning possible legislation regulating refuse and rubbish collectors rates

The above was NOT ordered on the Agenda

- (23) SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION - (Mayor's letter of 1/6/71) - (Also see Mayor's letter 4/7/71, attaching list of properties and Planning Board's recommendations for disposition of same, approved 3/18/71 - Also see Sec. 2-24 and 2-25 of Code of General Ordinances)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

- (24) Proposed Resolution APPROVING TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION OF A CITY-OWNED TRACT OF LAND FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, CITY OF STAMFORD, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & TREES - (Mayor's letter of 2/19/71 - Returned to Committee at 4/5/71 meeting - See page 7757 of Minutes for details)

NOT ordered on the Agenda

- (25) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTRACT - CAFETERIA WORKERS, BOARD OF EDUCATION - (Signed May 11, 1971 - To take effect 7/1/70 to and including 6/30/72)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- (26) Re-submission of TEACHER'S AIDE CONTRACT (if ready in time)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- (27) Police Protection Parking Lot during Board Meetings

REFERRED TO HOUSE COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (28) Request in Mayor's letters of 5/21/71 submitting two proposed resolutions: (1) CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF THE FILING OF APPLICATION TO STATE OF CONNECTICUT COUNCIL ON AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES FOR GRANT TO ACQUIRE LAND FOR PARK AND OPEN SPACE, LOCATED ON 9.7 ACRES, LEVINE TRACT (FORMERLY FINCH'S ESTATE) and

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(28) CONTINUED:

- (2) AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR GRANT TO ACQUIRE LAND FOR PARK AND OPEN SPACE (same location)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under CDAP COMMITTEE

- (29) Proposed Resolution CONCERNING USE OF MOBILE HOMES (Presented by Handy Dixon, on 5/3/71 and referred to Steering Committee)

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

- (30) Request from Robert Durso, 5th District Representative for INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS ON STILLWATER ROAD, BETWEEN PALMER HILL AND BRIDGE STREET

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, but NOT ordered on Agenda

- (31) Letter from Stamford Commission on HUMAN RIGHTS dated 5/18/71, requesting the Board of Representatives review the salary cut made on salary for the Executive Director or, at least restore the amount previously granted, which salary reduction was made at the May 13, 1971 Board Meeting, when the 1971-1972 Budget was adopted

Above noted and filed (any restoration of funds would have to be initiated by direct request to the Mayor)

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 10 P.M.

Charles J. Heinzer, III
Chairman, Steering Committee

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSEBACH, Chairman, presented his Committee Report. He said his Committee met this evening at 7 o'clock to consider the following appointment:

SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY:Term Ending:

PETER PASPALIS (D)
389 Glenbrook Road
(Replacing Rosalind Ash,
whose term expired)

VOTE: 26 yes
6 no

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SUSPENSION OF THE RULES - Re-submission of TEACHER'S AIDE CONTRACT
Between BOARD OF EDUCATION and STAMFORD AIDE ASSOCIATION, effective
July 1, 1970 through June 30, 1972, ratified on June 4, 1971 and
REJECTED by Board of Representatives at Special Meeting held 5/24/71

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to discuss the above contract. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. ROOS reported that the Personnel Committee met June 4th and in attendance were the following members: Mrs. Pont Briant, Mrs. Varney, Mr. Ravallesse, Mr. Costello and himself. He said they considered the Teachers' Aide Agreement since it has been re-negotiated. He said Section 3, Item (b) eliminates the cost-of-living clause for 1971-72 and increases the per diem rate by \$1.00. Also, Section 3, Item (d) now grants salary increases based on merit. He said all other items remain the same and the Committee considered the agreement to be acceptable.

MR. ROOS MOVED for acceptance of the above contract. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MRS. PONT BRIANT said the Fiscal Committee met June 2nd with the following in attendance: Mr. Puette, Mr. Exnicios, Mr. Springer, Mr. John Boccuzzi, Mr. Gerald Rybnick, Mr. William Caporizzo, Mr. Joseph Morabito, and herself.

- (1) \$43,450.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - For Intrusion Alarms at 21 schools and boiler alarms at 23 schools - (Letter from Dr. Porter, Supt. of Schools, dated 3/12/71 - Also see Mayor's letter of 3/17/71 - Recommitted to Committee on 5/3/71)

The above matter was held in Committee.

- (2) \$334,275.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Code 606.0609, Snow Removal
45,878.00 and Flood Emergency Account - (Mayor's letter undated,
\$380,153.00 received 3/9/71, requesting \$334,275.00 and Mayor's
letter, dated 5/17/71, requesting \$45,878.00 being
final request, which is on the Board of Finance Agenda
for their Thursday, JUNE 10, 1971 meeting)

MRS. PONT BRIANT said she would also like the Board to consider both appropriations at the same time - the one for \$334,275.00 and the second one for \$45,878.00 making a total appropriation of \$380,153.00 which represents the total snow removal expense for this fiscal year.

SHE MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to consider the entire amount. Seconded and CARRIED.

MRS. PONT BRIANT MOVED for approval of the entire amount of \$389,153.00.

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Seconded by Mr. Breese, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, who said his Committee concurs in agreement. CARRIED unanimously.

(3) This item was previously taken up under suspension of the rules and approved earlier in the meeting.

(4) \$23,736.26 - DEPARTMENT OF LAW, Code 110.0901, Professional Services - (To pay Attorney Eugene Gordon, Labor Negotiator) - (Mayor's letter of 5/7/71)

MRS. PONT BRIANT said her Committee deleted \$5,000.00 from the above amount, leaving \$18,736.26. She explained the reason for the deletion, saying it included an estimate for the Negotiator's salary for the period April 1st through June 30th and they thought they would rather wait until the bill came in. She said the \$18,736.26 included actual bills incurred for the Negotiator and some miscellaneous appraisals for the Law Department. SHE MOVED for approval of the REDUCED amount of \$18,736.26.

MR. RUSSBACH said it seems that a city with a \$78,000,000 a year Budget is a full time business and he feels we should have a full time labor negotiator. He said he cannot see why we must resort to part-time help in negotiating these labor contracts with 13 municipal unions and Associations. He said you cannot run a business such as the City of Stamford with a part-time labor negotiator any more than you can run it with a part-time legislative body. He said he would like the Board to go on record in support of the retention of a full-time labor negotiator. He said when the Board of Finance knocked out the appropriation for this position, he felt it was deplorable. He said the Board should go on record as being in favor.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Roos, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, if he has a report from his Committee, as this matter was also referred to his Committee.

MR. ROOS said his Committee did not consider this matter.

THE PRESIDENT asked him if he is holding it in Committee, and if this is so, then the matter is not properly before the Board.

MR. ROOS said it is being held in the Personnel Committee.

MR. BITETTO said he wishes to second the motion that Mr. Russbach made - that it is the sense of this Board that we hire a full time labor negotiator.

THE PRESIDENT said Mr. Russbach did not make such a motion. Mr. Bitetto said he heard him make such a motion.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he believes the Administration is proceeding along these lines right now. He said he received a letter to attend a meeting

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on this matter and perhaps the other members of the Fiscal Committee have also received such a letter, where they are going to discuss the possibilities of hiring a full time Negotiator for the City.

MR. TRUGLIA reminded the Members that when Mr. Gordon appeared before this Board to answer questions and he informed the Board that he was not responsible to this Board, but only responsible to the Mayor, he changed his opinion about him and also because of the fact that he has given away a great part of the City's coffers. He said he is not pleased with this man's work and hopes that in the future, this gentleman not be retained for any kind of legal advice to the City.

MRS. SHERMAN objected to this line of reasoning. She said it took a lot more than Mr. Gordon to accomplish this - that he had the help of the Administration as well.

MRS. PONT BRIANT said she is against voting for this resolution if it would bind us to it, only because the Board of Finance in refusing the funds requested that the Mayor meet with them and with the Fiscal Committee of the Board of Representatives to come up with the best thing to do about hiring a Negotiator. She said she would not like to be bound by this Board if something better came out of the meeting with the Mayor.

MR. CHIRIMBES said he had occasion to meet with professional negotiators in this area who do nothing else but negotiate labor contracts with Teachers and City employees. He said this is a professional group of lawyers out of Hartford. He said he spoke with them about our problems and they said they would be glad to come down and talk with us. He said it is his intention to recommend the name of this firm for the Fiscal Committee to possibly consider.

MR. TRUGLIA said he repeats that he hopes we never make the mistake of hiring this gentleman again (Mr. Gordon).

MR. RUSSBACH said we have a negotiator who negotiates these contracts for us and yet we have absolutely no control over the negotiations, and when the contracts are put into our laps we have not had an opportunity to review them until the negotiations are over. He urged that we try and get some control over what kind of contracts are being negotiated, because we have to pay the bill for the City of Stamford. He said we would like to know what is going on and be in on these negotiations when they transpire so we won't be left holding the bag as before. He again urged that we get a full time labor negotiator to really represent management instead of having a part time man who works at very odd hours who is responsible to only the Executive branch of the government and not to the Legislative branch. He said it is very silly for us to receive a contract and throw it out because we have never seen it before.

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MR. MURPHY said he would like to back up Mr. Gordon a bit. He said when he appeared before this Board he made it quite clear to all the members that he was only the "second" in command and there was one man above him and that man was the Mayor. He said if anyone wants to complain about Mr. Gordon, why not get back to the Mayor instead?

THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on the resolution. CARRIED with several "no" votes.

MRS. PONT BRIANT said she asked Mr. Roos to poll his Committee so that he can present his report and bring this out of Committee.

THE PRESIDENT said he strongly disapproves of Committee meetings being held by taking a poll on the floor of this Board and does not feel that we can do this - never, in a million years. He asked Mrs. Pont Briant to go on to the next item on her Committee's agenda.

(5) \$1,205.19 - TAX DEPARTMENT for the following: (Mayor's letter of 5/5/71)

Code 146.0101 - Salaries -----	\$240.00
Code 146.0103 - Overtime -----	965.19
	<u>\$ 1,205.19</u>

(Note: Board of Finance DENIED \$345.23 for Code 146.0102; Part-time account)

MRS. PONT BRIANT MOVED for approval of the above appropriation. Seconded, and CARRIED.

(6) \$3,150.00 - TOWN CLERK - Code 112.0901, Special Professional Services to complete comparison of this year's indices to the land records - (Mayor's letter of 4/28/71)

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

(7) \$100.00 - BOARD OF FINANCE - Code 150.0102, Salaries - Part-time help - (Mayor's letter of 5/6/71)

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

(8) \$79,155.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, for the following: (Mayor's letter, undated, received 4/28/71)

Code 620.0103 - Incinerator & Sewage Treatment Plant,	
Overtime -----	\$24,361.00
" 624.0103 - Division of Collection-Overtime -----	54,794.00
	<u>\$79,155.00</u>

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MRS. PONT BRIANT said her Committee voted to hold this in Committee until the Board of Finance reassesses the over-expenditures of some of the Public Works Department's accounts as of June 30, 1971. She said her Committee will act upon these items at their July meeting so they can then properly reflect the correct figures of the Public Works Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971.

MR. TRUGLIA said does this mean that there is to be absolutely NO overtime at the Incinerator and Sewage Treatment Plant?

MRS. PONT BRIANT said it is her understanding that overtime will be paid if it is needed.

MR. TRUGLIA said this may be necessary as the Sewage Treatment Plant is forever breaking down.

(9) \$12,427.94 - Resolution No. 758 - NEW CENTRAL FIREHOUSE - Amending 1970-1971 Capital Projects Budget in order to meet lowest bid and additional sum of \$48,000 for purchase of additional land from URC on which the building is to be located - (Mayor's letter of 5/11/71)

MRS. PONT BRIANT MOVED for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 758

AMENDING 1970-1971 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET - NEW CENTRAL FIREHOUSE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$12,427.94 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 to the Project in said Budget, known as NEW CENTRAL FIREHOUSE, in accordance with the provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter and appropriation of \$12,427.94 therefor.

MR. SCOFIELD said the URC Committee concurs and he seconded the motion.

MRS. PONT BRIANT said in addition to the above resolution they also wish to make the following recommendation in order to complete the land acquisition for the Firehouse:

In addition, we concur in the recommendation of the final settlement of the land transfer from and to the Urban Redevelopment Commission for the purpose of building a Central Firehouse, and that the City of Stamford will receive an amount representing the difference between the Urban Redevelopment Commission's approved payment to the City and the agreed upon price for the transfer of the property to the City for Fire Department use in the amount of \$48,000.00.

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VOTE taken on the above resolution and recommendation and CARRIED unanimously.

(10) \$237,377.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Various Accounts -
(Mayor's letter of 4/12/71) - REDUCED by Board
of Finance from original request of \$470,044.00
as follows:

Code 602.0501 - Administration - Telephone & Telegraph --	\$3,758.00
Code 606.0601 - Highways - General Materials & Supplies -	39,000.00
Code 616.0000 - Street Lighting -----	39,000.00
Code 620.0620 - Incinerator-Sewage Treatment Plant, Removal of Sludge & Ashes -----	45,000.00
Code 620.1201 - Incinerator-Sewage Treatment Plant, Maintenance of Equipment -----	5,911.00
Code 621.1201 - Multi-Purpose Incinerator, Maintenance of Equipment -----	2,933.00
Code 622.1501 - Pumping Stations - Light, Heat & Power --	5,715.00
Code 624.0617 - Collection-Fill for land Reclamation ----	48,000.00
Code 625.1401 - Dyke Park Landfill-Rental of Equipment---	18,000.00
Code 653.0000 - Repairs -----	30,000.00
	<u>\$237,377.00</u>

MRS. PONT BRIANT said the above was held in Committee for the same reason they were holding Item #8.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES - To take up Item #2 under Health & Protection Committee

MR. MORRIS MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to take up the above matter. Seconded and CARRIED.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

(2) Proposal submitted at Board Meeting of May 3, 1971 entitled: "PROPOSAL FOR INCREASED POLICE PROTECTION IN STAMFORD" outlining the use of Stamford's Auxiliary Police Corps - (Printed in 5/3/71 Minutes under Health & Protection Committee Report - See Pages 7806-7808

MR. RYBNICK who was acting as Vice Chairman of the Health & Protection Committee, said he is turning the matter over to Mr. Morris to report on.

MR. MORRIS said as the Board knows, he and Mr. Caporizzo had presented the above recommendations at the May 3, 1971 meeting as a result of the many crimes and muggings on City streets. He said at the Committee meeting, Mr. Lickson, who is in charge of the Auxiliar Police, is very enthused about this and tonight they are holding a training session and have 8 new volunteers besides the regular men in the neighborhood of 40 and others have put in applications. He urged the Board adopt the recommendations which were presented at the 5/3/71 meeting. He said in the

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Civilian Defense part of it, they are protected by insurance and Workmen's Compensation by the State of Connecticut. He said there is a State Act which covers the volunteers and for a small amount they have added protection, the details of which can be worked out later. HE MOVED for approval of the recommendations as printed in the 5/3/71 Minutes. Seconded.

MR. TRUGLIA said he wholeheartedly endorses this proposal.

MRS. SHERMAN said she also endorses the proposal, but feels their forces should be augmented by including the Special Police in this who have very generously offered their services. She MOVED to amend by adding the Special Police in the recommendations. Seconded.

MR. HORNER said a request for a Corporation Counsel's opinion has been requested and he believes that in his opinion these men were not entitled to Workmen's Compensation benefits. He said that being the case, we might have a serious situation on our hands in the event a serious injury or death occurred in their course of active duty. He asked Mrs. Sherman to reconsider her amendment in order to get more information on this point.

After considerable debate, Mr. Caporizzo MOVED THE QUESTION.

VOTE taken on Mrs. Sherman's amendment and CARRIED with one "no" vote.

VOTE taken on the main motion and CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT said we will now return to the regular order of Business

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. HORNER presented his Committee report. He said his Committee met on May 26, 1971 at 8.15 P.M. here in the Republican Caucus Room of the Board, with the following present: Peter Chirimbis, Frank LiVolsi, Fred Miller, William Murphy, Edith Sherman and himself. He explained that because of the complexity of many of the matters referred to his Committee, that they have been referred to the Corporation Counsel for his advice and will not be reported out tonight by his Committee.

- (1) Proposed Resolution (No. 759) CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES FOR RIVER WALK, WATERFORD LANE VICINITY, TO BE KNOWN AS "WASHINGTON BOULEVARD RIVER WALK" - (Mayor's letter 1/7/71) -
(Held in Committee 4/5/71 and 5/3/71 - See Page 7800 of Minutes)

MR. HORNER MOVED for approval of the following Resolution. Seconded and CARRIED with one "no" vote:

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RESOLUTION NO. 759

CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES FOR RIVER WALK, WATERFORD LANE VICINITY TO BE KNOWN AS "WASHINGTON BOULEVARD RIVER WALK"

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford, Connecticut, desires to acquire and develop certain properties owned by the individuals set forth on "Schedule A" annexed hereto, which properties are located on Riverside Avenue in the vicinity of Waterford Lane, and which land is to be used as a river walk; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the Washington Avenue Project account for the acquisition of the aforesaid properties; and

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, that the acquisition of the aforesaid properties is desirable and necessary for the welfare and general well being of the citizens of this City; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Stamford is herewith authorized to acquire in the name of the City of Stamford the said properties for the sum of \$13,300.00 plus \$1,200.00 appraiser's fees, for a total of \$14,500.00; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Corporation Counsel of the City of Stamford is herewith authorized on behalf of the City of Stamford to institute and file condemnation proceedings, if necessary, to acquire title to said real properties.

SCHEDULE A

RIVERWALK, WATERFORD LANE VICINITY

<u>PROPERTY OWNER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>APPROXIMATE SQ. FOOTAGE</u>	<u>APPRAISAL</u>
Mario Cappabianca	37 Riverside Avenue	9,367	\$ 2,300.00
Carl Fauci	19 Riverside Avenue	13,431	3,200.00
Benjamin V. Molday	27 Riverside Avenue	11,812	2,900.00
Woodside Partnership	47-53 Riverside Ave.	19,808	4,900.00

- (2) Proposed Ordinance requesting PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC OF GREATER STAMFORD, INC., and a rebate of real property taxes paid on certain property for the period from September 1, 1970 through June 30, 1971, in amount of \$235.17 -
(Submitted in letter 4/12/71 from firm of Cross, Brodrick & Chipman, and signed by Richard G. Brodrick) -- (Held in Committee 5/3/71)

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The above matter was held in Committee.

- (3) Proposed amendment to Code of General Ordinances in regard to MAINTENANCE OF ANIMALS AND FOWL and PERMITTANCE OF ACCUMULATION OF OFFAL OR MANURE IN SUCH MANNER AS TO CREATE CONTAMINATION OF WELLS AND LAKES - (Submitted by John L. DeForest, 19th District Representative on 1/18/71; ordered NOT placed on Agenda by order of Steering Committee on 2/16/71; ordered on Agenda 4/19/71 - (Held in Committee 5/3/71)

The above matter was held in Committee.

- (4) Proposed Legislation ESTABLISHING SAFETY CODES FOR BOATS AND MARINAS - (Submitted by 15th District Representative - May require State Legislation) - (Held in Committee 5/3/71)

MR. HORNER said we have been advised by Counsel that we must submit a written request to our Representatives in Hartford in order for this to be considered. HE MOVED that we officially write our Representatives requesting this change in legislation. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (5) Proposed amendment to STATE BUILDING CODE entitled: "REQUIRING THE SILL OF A WINDOW IN PRIVATE DWELLINGS TO BE MAXIMUM OF 3-1/2 FT. ABOVE FINISHED FLOOR, WITH FINISHED UNOBSTRUCTED OPENING OF NOT LESS THAN 2 FT. x 2-1/2 FT."

(Adopted as an amendment to the Stamford Building Code on 1/12/70 - See Minutes, Pages 7091-92 - May require endorsement by our State Representatives in Legislature) - (Held in Committee 5/3/71)

MR. HORNER said this is one that has been submitted by Mr. Morris. He said again we have been advised by Counsel that we must also submit this to our State Representatives. HE MOVED that we write our State Representatives requesting this change in legislation. Seconded.

MR. MORRIS said he inquired around and was told that under the BOCA CODE which this Board adopted sometime ago, if there is anything unique to your City that you can pass legislation correcting it. He explained the dangers inherent in allowing builders to continue the practice of installing small windows high up in order to allow the placement of furniture around the room, and in the event of a fire, it is almost impossible to escape through these windows. He said he wants to know why the City cannot put through health laws that affect the City of Stamford.

MR. HORNER said he sees nothing wrong with going ahead with the motion and if necessary, reconsidering it next month. He said he is willing to meet with anyone and re-hash this to see what can be determined.

MR. SCOFIELD said it is his understanding that this does not go to our State Representatives, but instead goes to the State Building Standards Committee, who are going to hold public hearings very soon and have about

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70 proposed pages of amendments to the State Building Code. He said if this is proposed through them, that it will be taken up and probably adopted for the entire State. He said he attended five sessions of the Seminar and it is his understanding that this is the action that has to be taken. He suggested that the Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee contact the Building Inspector on the best method to proceed.

MR. HORNER said he did not ask Mr. Sotire but did ask Counsel on it.

MR. SCOFIELD said he thinks it would be in order for us to pass this as a proposed amendment to the State Building Code tonight and then send it on to our State and Building Officials.

THE PRESIDENT said he would assume that if this legislation is approved that would be the route it would take.

MR. MORRIS said no matter who passes the legislation - the State or the Board of Representatives - it is law until someone takes it to Court and tries it. He said he tried to put this under the health standard because there is quite a bit of longitude in the Health Codes. He said we can say this is the law and if someone does not like it, then they can take it to Court and try it.

There being no further discussion, a VOTE was taken on the motion as presented by Mr. Horner. CARRIED.

- (6) Proposed Resolution "CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A SEVEN (or 5) MAN COMMISSION ON MENTAL RETARDATION" for the City of Stamford - (See Minutes of 5/4/70, page 7272; 7/6/70, page 7376; 10/5/71, page 7495 and 1/11/71, page 7612) (Held in Committee 4/5/71 and 5/3/71)

The above matter was held in Committee.

- (7) Proposed Ordinance DECLARING IT A HEALTH HAZARD WHEN VACANCY RATE IN HOUSING FALLS BELOW 3% AND THAT ANY PERSON BECOMING A STAMFORD RESIDENT DURING THIS TIME SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR WELFARE BENEFITS NOR SHALL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE SUCH BENEFITS - (Proposed by Thomas Morris, 15th District Representative - (Held in Committee 5/3/71)

The above matter was held in Committee.

- (8) Letter dated 4/19/71 from James J. Sotire, Building Official and Zoning Enforcement Officer, submitting an amendment to Ordinance No. 199 Supplemental "CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRE DISTRICTS FOR THE CITY OF STAMFORD" - (Enacted Sept. 26, 1970)

The above item was held in Committee.

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- (9) Letter from Stamford Fair Housing Committee dated 5/21/71, submitting "PROPOSED HOUSING ORDINANCE FOR STAMFORD TO PREVENT THE DEMOLITION OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS CONTAINING SOUND HOUSING UNITS"

The above matter was held in Committee.

- (10) Proposed Ordinance "TO DEFINE PARENTAL NEGLECT OF MINORS AND PENALTY THEREFOR" - (Proposed by Robert Exnicios, 1st District Representative) - (Held in Committee 4/5/71 - See Page 7745 of Minutes)

The above matter was held in Committee.

- (11) Concerning firm doing Tax Assessments and refusal of some housewives to allow them to enter homes

The above matter was held in Committee

- (12) Concerning TOWING AWAY OF VEHICLES INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS - (See #14 on Page 7750 of Minutes 4/5/71)

The above matter was held in Committee.

- (13) Proposed Ordinance in Mayor's letter of 6/2/71 - "CONCERNING CURFEW AT CITY LAND ON THE EAST END OF FAIRVIEW AVENUE"

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

MR. EXNICIOS explained the need for the Ordinance. He said there is a rocky ledge going down to the water on the East end of Fairview Avenue and for many years it has been a nuisance to the neighbors living in the vicinity because of the crowds of young people who congregate there after hours from 9.30 P.M. all night long and create a nuisance, with loud talking, fires and unseemly behavior.

He said last week a meeting was held with the neighbors, the Chief of Police and the Park Superintendent and it was agreed by all parties that a curfew similar to the ones we now have in effect in Springdale and Belltown to restrict the use of this property between the hours of 9.30 P.M. and 5.30 A.M. would be in order and the Police could then enforce it and stop the nuisance.

MR. EXNICIOS presented the following Ordinance and MOVED for adoption, waiving prior publication because of the urgency. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously:

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ORDINANCE NO. 215 SUPPLEMENTAL

CONCERNING CURFEW AT CITY LAND ON THE EAST END OF FAIRVIEW AVENUE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Section 21-9 of the Code of General Ordinances is amended by adding thereto the following:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to come on to, to congregate or to use for any purpose whatsoever, any part of the land now owned by the City located on the East end of Fairview Avenue, adjacent to the waters of Long Island Sound, between the hours of 9.30 P.M. and 5.30 A.M. Each violation of this Section shall be deemed a separate offense and shall be punishable by not more than thirty (30) days in jail, a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or both.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

MR. MORRIS asked to go back to Item #7 under Legislative & Rules Committee:

- (7) Proposed Ordinance DECLARING IT A HEALTH HAZARD WHEN VACANCY RATE IN HOUSING FALLS BELOW 3% AND THAT ANY PERSON BECOMING A STAMFORD RESIDENT DURING THIS TIME SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR WELFARE BENEFITS NOR SHALL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE SUCH BENEFITS - (Proposed by Thomas Morris, 15th District Rep.)- (Held in Committee 5/3/71)

MR. MORRIS said when there is a lack of suitable, decent housing in the City and people are allowed to come in and go on relief, it creates a health hazard. He said we are attempting to find housing for the people who live in Stamford and what bothers him is the fact that the State of New York is putting in a one year residency clause before they are eligible to go on relief. He said when this goes into effect, the next stop will be Stamford, Connecticut and the other nearby towns on the way. He said if we fail to act on this we are not going to help the people we are now trying to help find housing and it is going to get out of hand. He said housing is now at a critical stage - something like 3/10ths of 1%. He said only a couple of weeks ago there was a case of a family moving in as squatters in an abandoned building and became sick and were immediately put on relief. He said we try to find housing for people like this when we don't have housing. He said this is definitely a health hazard and if we are going to attempt to house all of these people that just keep coming and coming, it is an impossibility.

THE PRESIDENT asked the Speaker if he wishes to bring this out of Committee and adopted for publication.

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MR. MORRIS MOVED to bring this item out of Committee. Seconded and CARRIED, with one "no" vote.

MR. MORRIS MOVED for publication of the following Ordinance. Seconded by many.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

DECLARING IT A HEALTH HAZARD WHEN VACANCY RATE IN HOUSING FALLS BELOW 3% AND THAT ANY PERSON BECOMING A STAMFORD RESIDENT DURING THIS TIME SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR WELFARE BENEFITS NOR SHALL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE SUCH BENEFITS

BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Whenever the vacancy rate in housing, as reported by the Director of Health, shall fall below three per cent (3%), it shall be deemed to constitute a health hazard; and that any person who shall become a resident of the City of Stamford, during the time that such health hazard persists, shall not be eligible for welfare benefits nor shall he receive any.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

MR. BITETTO spoke in favor of the Ordinance.

MR. DIXON spoke in opposition, saying he feels the Ordinance is very definitely unconstitutional and infringes on a person's rights to free travel and to live where he chooses. He said Mr. Morris talks about housing and also talks about welfare. He said if he wants to change the welfare law, then the Ordinance should deal with welfare and if he wants to do something about the critical housing shortage, there is plenty that has to be done right here in Stamford. He said he believes that if this is acted upon at all that the two items should be separated.

MR. RUSSBACH spoke about the laws in New York State and said he is sure that the New York State legislature is well aware of the Supreme Court decision. He said he does not believe the State of New York is going to adopt legislation that is unconstitutional and is sure that they have full knowledge of the Supreme Court decision. He said the important thing is the fiscal responsibility of the State, while right here we have (or will have) an acute health problem. He said in New York City approximately 12% to 15% of the entire population of the City of New York is on welfare and we are only 35 miles from New York City, and if we don't do something to protect ourselves in this area, we will find ourselves in a very bad predicament very soon and will be overwhelmed by the influx of those seeking relief. He said it is about time we started looking out for the people in Stamford and start providing housing for them.

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MR. TRUGLIA asked what would be the penalty. The President said they would not be able to go on welfare.

MR. BIEDER said he would like to clear up a few matters. He said we should not try to lightly dismiss the constitutionality of the Ordinance. Also, he said he wished to stress the fact that we can have absolutely no control over State welfare and those who receive it. He said if the Members of the Board are not aware of it, they should be, and that is that City welfare is a mere "rain drop" in a thunderstorm when you compare it with State welfare. Another point he said he wants to bring out is the fact that we have a Corporation Counsel to whom we turn for rulings on matters that are affected by the Constitution or by the laws of the State. He said the Legislative & Rules Committee in this case has done what is proper, by holding it until we can get some kind of a ruling. He said he does not wish to be a part of any legislation about which he has doubts as to its constitutionality. He said he wants the benefit of a ruling from the Corporation Counsel before proceeding any further.

MR. CAPORIZZO MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on the main question - the publication of the proposed Ordinance as presented by Mr. Morris. CARRIED, with several "no" votes.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

- (1) Request from PARKING AUTHORITY (letter dated 5/12/71) to acquire property located on Atlantic Street for the sum of \$68,000 (more fully described in letter)

MR. RYBNICK MOVED for approval of the above request concerning the following described property, subject to a stipulation (as moved by Mr. Morris) that AT SUCH TIME AS THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL REQUEST IN WRITING, THE PARKING AUTHORITY SHALL DEED TO THE APPROPRIATE CITY BOARD, AGENCY OR COMMISSION, TO BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE AIR RIGHTS OF SAID PREMISES FOR ANY PUBLIC USE, INCLUDING HOUSING:

NORTHERLY:	200 feet, more or less, by land of Anthony J. Koproski and Vera V. Koproski;
EASTERLY:	50 feet, more or less, by land of Victoria Dombrosky and Mary J. Poltorok;
SOUTHERLY:	200 feet, more or less, by land of Mary J. Bakes; and
WESTERLY:	50 feet, more or less, by Atlantic Street

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VOTE taken on above motion, as amended by Mr. Morris, and CARRIED unanimously.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

- (1) SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION - (Mayor's letter of 1/6/71) (Attached to Mayor's letter of 4/7/71, giving list of properties and suggested disposition of same - approved by Planning Board 3/18/71 - (Under provisions of Section 40 (1) and Section 488 of the Stamford Charter, also in accordance with Chapter 2, Section 24 through 27 of Code of General Ordinances) -- (Not yet acted upon by Board of Finance; also requires their approval)

MR. DeFOREST MOVED for approval for sale of these properties. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (2) Acceptance of City Street - WEST HAVILAND LANE

MR. DeFOREST MOVED for acceptance of the following described street, as certified for acceptance by the City Engineer in his letter dated June 7, 1971:

WEST HAVILAND LANE: Extending northerly from Chestnut Hill Road to the already accepted portion, as shown on Map (Extension) No. 8720 on file in the City & Town Clerk's Office - LENGTH: approximately 1,294 ft.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI asked Mr. Kelly, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee if he would be able to get together with Mr. Connell and the Corporation Counsel and possibly come out with a "blanket" Ordinance regarding some of our City parks, similar to the one just passed tonight, containing a curfew. He said if they would make a list of all the parks that are giving them trouble, perhaps we could pass a blanket Ordinance which would cover them all rather than adopting them one at a time. He asked him to please look into this and he said he would do so.

MR. RYBNICK said he thinks it might be impossible to get a "blanket" Ordinance, as these parks do not all close at the same time.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Kelly to look into it.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- (1) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTRACT - CAFETERIA WORKERS, BOARD OF EDUCATION - (Signed May 11, 1971 - To take effect July 1, 1970, to and including June 30, 1972)

MR. ROOS said his Committee met on June 4, 1971 with the following present: Mrs. Pont Briant, Mrs. Varney, Mr. Ravallese, Mr. Costello and himself.

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MR. ROOS said they studied the above contract and Mr. Barker, Personnel Director, was present. He said the contract is retroactive back to July 1, 1970 and a vast majority of these workers are paid on an hourly basis and reductions in hours and working days are reflected in their pay. He said the work force consists of: One Kitchen Worker and two Utility Servicemen. Also, on an hourly basis are 64 full time and 56 half-time workers and 17 people went from Cook to Food Service and 32 went from Food Service, full time to part-time.

He said the questionable items were:

Reduction of the probation period from 6 months to 3 months, the explanation being that this was a routine job requiring less trial time, to which change the Committee opposed, on the basis that it established a precedent.

Vacation policies are in line with other contracts, but are overly generous. However, this only applies to 3 employees.

Payment of accumulated sick time at age 60 sets a precedent and the Committee objects to this.

Sick leave accumulations of 30 days full pay and 90 days half pay, payable to the estate of the deceased is a new item, to which some Members of the Committee objected.

Bereavement leave of 5 days also seemed excessive, except in some circumstances, involving travel.

MR. ROOS said, on a mixed vote, the Committee voted to REJECT the Contract for the following reasons and so MOVED, which was seconded and CARRIED with several "no" votes:

- (1) The three month (90 days) probation is too small, setting a precedent,
- (2) The accumulated sick leave, payable at age 60, also sets a precedent,
- (3) Sick leave accumulations of 30 days full pay and 90 days half pay, payable to the estate of the deceased.

CDAP COMMITTEE:

MR. MURPHY said his Committee met tonight and disapproved the two resolutions referred to his Committee in the Mayor's letters of May 21, 1971, by a mixed vote, he being one of the minority who disagreed with the decision of the Committee.

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- (1) Proposed Resolution in Mayor's letter of 5/21/71 - "CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF THE FILING OF APPLICATION TO STATE OF CONNECTICUT COUNCIL ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR GRANT TO ACQUIRE LAND FOR PARK AND OPEN SPACE, LOCATED ON 9.7 ACRES, LEVINE TRACT (FORMERLY FINCH'S ESTATE)"
- (2) Proposed Resolution in Mayor's letter of 5/21/71 - "AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR GRANT TO ACQUIRE LAND FOR PARK AND OPEN SPACE"- (The former Finch property at the intersection of Long Ridge, Stillwater and Roxbury Roads.)

MR. MURPHY said when the Agenda was prepared the second resolution was inadvertently left off. He said they are both for the same piece of property and one resolution if applying for State funds and the other for Federal funds.

THE PRESIDENT suggested that he take the two together.

MR. MURPHY said the majority report opposed approval of the resolutions and the minority were in favor and for the reason that he voted in favor, he would have to present a minority report.

MR. HORNER asked if Mr. Murphy is simply proposing a minority report or is he proposing approval of the resolutions.

MR. MURPHY said he is just presenting his minority report and spoke in favor of the adoption of the resolutions. HE MOVED for approval of the resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Truglia.

MR. RYBNICK said since the majority of the Committee voted in opposition to the resolutions, Mr. Murphy would have to request it be brought out of committee because the committee has rejected this particular matter.

THE PRESIDENT said they did not hold it in Committee, but rejected it and the members who voted in opposition will have to present their side. He said in spite of the Committee's recommendation Mr. Murphy has moved for approval and it is properly on the floor.

MR. MORRIS said if some members of the committee voted against, he would like to know the reason why they voted against.

THE PRESIDENT asked for a majority report as to why this was rejected.

MRS. PONT BRIANT said she was one who voted in opposition to this in Committee, because when it comes time to go into condemnation for this, the amount will be more than what appears in the resolution - something over \$350,000 and if we wanted to back out of it at that point, we might not be able to do so.

MR. BIEDER said he is in doubt as to what we are getting into. He said

he wants to know with whom the negotiations were conducted on this piece of property - was the City involved in negotiating with the owners of this property - is the Federal or State government aware of any negotiations - and are any Members of the Board, aware of whether any negotiations were conducted which were open and whether this piece of property has been on the market for a long time. He said he is tempted to vote against this for the reason that he has no information about it.

MR. MORRIS said here we go again in a bind for State and Federal funds and getting into condemnation proceedings. He said who is going to be responsible for this if the State and Federal government fail to come across with a grant? He wanted to know if we then have to pick up the tab.

THE PRESIDENT explained that this is merely authorizing the Mayor to file with the State and Federal governments for a grant and if the grant fails to materialize then that is the end of it and if it does come through, at that time this Board can proceed with condemnation proceedings.

MR. MORRIS said that's what they said in the beginning about Urban Renewal - they were going to pay their share and now all of a sudden we find out that they can't or won't and we are stuck with the bill. He said it worries him because we are always going in for State and Federal money which they don't have.

MR. HORNER spoke against this acquisition and said the land in question is some 8 to 10 feet below the road level and would cost a fortune in fill. He said he wants a further study made. He said every spring it is under water and now we hear that it is supposed to be used for park land and furthermore the price is quite high.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said he found out that the owner of this property is not even aware that the City is interested in buying it until they read it in the paper on May 25, 1971. He said on May 27th the owners of the property received an apology from the Office of the Corporation Counsel referring to this "error" and he fails to see how it could be explained as an "error" because if you are trying to buy a piece of property, the least you should do is contact the owners of that property and negotiate with them. He said he also found out that the price the City is offering is not going to be acceptable to the owners and the City would then be forced to go into condemnation. He said some of the older Board Members won't forget the 77 acre Benenson tract when we had to pay a great deal more for it, after going through the Courts than we ever expected to pay in the beginning. He said after all this time the Benenson tract is practically unused and undeveloped and here we go again. He said if the City wasn't in such a bind for money at this time, it might be a different situation, but under the present conditions, he does not think we should go in for park land and on the other hand cut down in order to save money on services to the public.

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MRS. VARNEY said the Castlewood Association has asked her as a Representative, to endorse this proposal and the nearby residents of this particular area would like to have this land purchased by the City for a park, and as their Representative, she does endorse this proposal.

MR. BITETTO spoke in favor of acquisition of this land.

MR. CHIRIMBES spoke against it, saying it would create a traffic problem, as they now have a terrible time getting in and out of there and you also have a new school up there which will add to the problem.

He said he also fails to see how we could vote last month for an austerity budget and then turn around a month later and advocate buying park land which will have to go to condemnation and cost us a fortune to obtain. He said we take it away one month and then the next month give it right back again.

MR. EXNICIOS said he recommends we do not file this application for several reasons, and so far he has heard nothing from the Park Commission or the Conservation Commission as to whether or not they think it's a good idea for the City to get involved in this property acquisition. Furthermore, he said last month we cut the budget drastically and now we are sitting here talking about spending more money - perhaps not spending it at this time, but showing our willingness to spend it. He said by the time the State and Federal government decide to give us this money, perhaps it will be another Board by that time and going back into our Minutes will see that the sense of this Board was to buy and there will be very little research done and the money will be expended on the strength of the fact that this Board was in favor of it.

MR. DURSO said he sure would like to have the contract for the fill that will go into this park land. He said he happens to be working up there now on septic systems for some of the houses and is sure that most of the residents up there would like to have this land for a park close by their houses, but more important than having a park, they would like to have sewers up there. He said considering the austerity programs being instituted this year by both the State and Federal government, he is definitely opposed to voting any money for park land at this time.

MR. RUSSBACH MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED, by a machine vote of 19 in favor and 12 opposed.

MR. BIEDER MOVED to RECONSIDER. Seconded and LOST.

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VOTE on the main motion to approve the resolutions. LOST.

PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE:

Proposed Resolution CONCERNING USE OF MOBILE HOMES

MR. DIXON, Chairman, said the intent of the resolution is to ask the Mayor to reconsider his decision to return fourteen mobile homes back to the manufacturer at a time when the City is at a peak in its housing crises. He said the resolution was read at our last Board Meeting and he believes everyone is familiar with it. HE MOVED for approval of the resolution, after giving the background for his reasons, saying the lease will expire during the month of June, which means that this Board must act tonight. Seconded by Mr. Truglia and Mr. Bieder.

MR. EXNICIOS spoke in opposition. He reminded the Members that last year this Board voted to lease these mobile units for ONE YEAR and only for one year which was made absolutely clear as a mandate to the Mayor. On the other hand, he said it will cost \$50,000 or more to make these habitable and will not be ready for occupancy for at least a month or more in order to take time to install sanitary facilities and other utilities. He said the area mentioned where these are to go had to put up with Quanset Huts for a long time - 10 years or so, which did much to depress the property values in that area. He said we can't ignore these taxpayers again by putting up some more temporary housing which will once again drive the value of their property down, because it is not permanent housing, but temporary.

MR. GUROIAN said earlier we closed the front door with the help of Mr. Morris' ordinance and now we are opening the back door. He said if we approve this we are just creating another "way station" for the influx of additional families looking for homes in this town.

MR. HORNER asked Mr. Dixon if any sites have been selected or considered for these mobile homes.

MR. DIXON said it has been discussed in Committee and there are some 61 various sites around the City which are owned by the City and any one or any number of these parcels could be used or might be proposed. He said they have not thought too much about a site at this time as they have concentrated on trying to get these mobile units retained and the site location would have to be the next issue.

MR. SCOFIELD said as late as last Wednesday, a meeting was held to try and find desirable location for the mobile homes and there is more than one site under consideration at the present time.

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MR. COSTELLO said he agrees with Mr. Dixon and thinks we should try to keep these mobile homes.

MRS. SHERMAN said even if we put a fence around the whole City of Stamford, we still need housing for the people who have been living here for years. She urged approval of the retention of the mobile homes, which could be used for temporary housing.

MR. RUSSBACH asked what happens if we vote to keep the trailers and then the Board rejects all the suggested sites. He said if we don't come up with a specific site, this Board has nothing to vote on because the location is of paramount importance.

After some further discussion, MRS. VARNEY MOVED THE QUESTION.
Seconded and CARRIED.

VOTE taken on the proposed resolution to retain the MOBILE HOMES.
LOST by a vote of 18 opposed and 13 in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

MRS. SHERMAN MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to place the following proposed resolution on the floor:

\$112,000.00 - Appropriation for the specific purpose of employ-
ing young people in need of jobs during the summer
months.

MRS. SHERMAN said if this is approved, it will be earmarked for young people only.

MR. CHIRIMBES asked if this was considered by the Steering Committee. He was told it was not ordered placed on the Agenda by the Steering Committee and has not been referred to any committee.

VOTE taken on the motion to suspend the rules to consider the above matter. LOST.

MR. BIEDER called for a division, and asked for a standing division.

THE PRESIDENT took a machine vote, saying it requires a two-thirds vote to carry. LOST by a vote of 8 in favor and 23 opposed.

PETITIONS

MR. RYBNICK said Mr. Connors has asked him to deliver a petition from BOAT OWNERS IN CUMMINGS PARK, COMPLAINING OF VANDALISM - (Petition lost)

The above matter was referred to the Steering Committee.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Actuarial Evaluation on Pensions

MRS. PONT BRIANT said sometime ago Mr. Russbach requested an actuarial evaluation on the pensions through the Fiscal Committee. She said she has received a letter from Mr. Aretakis in which he states that all personnel information has not been forwarded to the Martin Segal Co., but it has now been done and the actuarial evaluation will be available on June 28th and will be forwarded to the Fiscal Committee and the key people interested in putting the pension funds on an actuarially sound basis. She said it will be transmitted when received.

Concerning Police Protection in Parking Lot

MR. EXNICIOS asked if anything has been done about getting Police protection in our parking lot. He said it was on the Agenda, but he heard no report.

MR. RYBNICK said he would like to have a letter sent to Chief Kinsella thanking him for providing the Board with police protection during meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Investigation of Mill rate in City of Stamford

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said he would like to have the above matter either referred to a Standing Committee, or given to a Special Committee appointed for that purpose. He said the following information should be furnished to this Committee - he said he thinks that the base rate for the last fiscal year, with the listings of all departments and all amounts charged to the base rate and how much the mill rate was for the last year and also the base rate for this year with the amount of money that's in the base rate and what the mill rate is in the base rate. He said he would also ask that this Committee receive all expenditures that are charged to each Tax District above the base rate, and the mill rate that is involved. Also, he said this Committee should receive the Grand List for each Tax District, the total Budget for last year and for this year that goes into figuring the base rate.

He said it would seem to him after all the reductions in the Budget that were made by this Board, the A District still came up with a five point nine mill increase. He said last year there was a District that was hit heavy and the Representative complained and he noticed that this year that same District got the smallest tax increase. He said in the Charter there is a set way and set appropriations for each District setting the tax rate. He said he is wondering if the Board of Finance and the Commissioner of Finance are abiding by the Charter. He said this Committee, if appointed, or if the duties are assigned to a regular Committee, at least we could find out how the A District got a 5.9 in-

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crease. He said he looked at the Budget and tried to get some figures from last year and there was no way in which he could arrive at exactly how much was assessed to each District - it is always a percent or a mill rate.

THE PRESIDENT suggested that it might be appropriate for the Fiscal Committee to look into this.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he does not care how it is done, or who it is referred to, as long as it is done.

THE PRESIDENT said he would ask the Fiscal Committee to look into this and if they don't get suitable results by next month, then we can appoint a Special Committee with investigative powers.

MR. BOCCUZZI said this is all right with him.

THE PRESIDENT said the Fiscal Committee should immediately look into this, and report back their findings.

Concerning complaints about firm doing Tax Assessments (#11 under Legislative & Rules Committee)

MR. TRUGLIA asked the Chairman of the Legislative & Rules Committee to report on the above matter.

MR. HORNER said if there are any complaints from the Members of this Board, or they have received any, will they please transmit that information to him and he will look into the matter. He said he has yet to receive any pertinent information, but upon receipt of such, he will take action.

MR. HORNER said for Mr. Boccuzzi's edification, he would like to state that the Tax District that received the smallest increase this time also receives the smallest amount of services, and secondly, he is very much in favor of a revision of the base tax rate which he thinks would benefit all of us and to know just how they arrive at their deductions and exactly how the services are applied as well.

Concerning Reapportionment of Voting Districts:


MR. RUSSBACH said several months ago we had some discussion on forming a Committee on Reapportionment of which certain members of this Board were supposed to have been selected. He asked for more information on this.

THE PRESIDENT said the State has not given us the Senatorial Districts or the Congressional Districts so that we can apportion to have the same voting districts as near as possible, and until this information is forthcoming from the State, we can do nothing.


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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the Meeting was adjourned at 11.30 P.M.


Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

APPROVED:


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

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

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