

MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 1972  
12th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A regular Monthly Meeting of the 12th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Monday, January 10, 1972, in the Board's meeting rooms, Municipal Office Building (2nd floor), 429 Atlantic Street.

The Meeting was called to order by the President, George V. Connors, at 8.25 P.M., after a Caucus by the respective parties.

INVOCATION was given by Rev. William J. Tingley, North Stamford Congregational Church.

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE: In memory of the sister in law of George Ravallese, 8th District Representative.

MR. RAVALLESE requested that a prayer be said for Mr. David O'Keefe, who is being operated upon today, for his speedy recovery.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 39 members present and one absent.

The absent Member was JAMES P. BOYLE (R), 18th District.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of December 6, 1971

The Minutes of the above meeting were accepted with a correction on Page 8067 in reference to the South End Community Center. Mrs. Pont Briant said she raised the question that she could not find anything in the Lease which stated that the Center should be open to all residents of Stamford, which was later resolved by an amendment. She said she would like the Minutes to show that she made this request.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT  
Meeting held Monday, December 27, 1971

A Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Board of Representatives was held on Monday, December 27, 1971 in the Democratic Caucus Room of the Board.

The Meeting was called to order by the Chairman and President, George Connors at 8 P.M.

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The following people were present: George Connors, Chairman; George Russell, Anthony Truglia, Thomas Morris, Marilyn R. Laitman, John Boccuzzi, Gerald Fox, Jr., Joseph Morabito, Matthew Rose, Stephen E. Kelly, Frederick Miller, John Colasso, Lois Pont-Briant, Edith Sherman, Handy Dixon, and Daniel Russbach. Absent were Theodore J. Boccuzzi and John Roos.

The following matters were acted upon:

(1) Appointments:

There was one appointment submitted by the Mayor:

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

ROBERT BERMESTER (R)

(replacing Sigurd Medus, who resigned)

Term Ending:  
Aug. 7, 1973

It was announced two additional appointments, now under consideration, will be forthcoming from the Mayor's Office.

THE ABOVE WAS ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- (2) \$4,282.60 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Code 628.0802, Division of Building Inspection, Car Allowance - (Mayor's letter of 10/14/71)

ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER FISCAL COMMITTEE

- (3) \$2,375.00 - BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - Salary Code 106.0101 - To Put part time Permanent Secretary on full time basis - (Mayor's letter of 11/10/71)

ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER FISCAL AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- (4) \$24,896.05 - REGISTRARS OF VOTERS - Code 102.5105 Primary Expense - (Mayor's letter of 11/16/71)

ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER FISCAL & EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVT. COMMITTEE

- (5) \$5,700.00 - SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY - Code 135.2102, Dues & Subscriptions - (Mayor's letter 11/16/71)

ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER FISCAL & EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVT. COMMITTEE

- (6) \$2,882.71 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - To be received by City from the State as 100% reimbursed Federal Funds for "Consumer & Home Economics Education Program" for fiscal year 1971-72 to cover cost of teaching equipment & supplies & travel to approved conferences to be applied to the following schools:

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Burdick Middle School -----	\$454.81
Cloonan Middle School -----	458.51
Dolan Middle School -----	416.86
Turn of River Middle School -----	451.21
Rippowam High School -----	299.50
Stamford High School -----	202.32
Westhill High School -----	299.50
Travel - all schools -----	300.00

(Letter from Miss Helen Tobin, Acting Supt. of Schools, dated 10/29/71)

ABOVE NOT ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (7) \$6,691.44 - RESOLUTION amending 1971-1972 Capital Projects Budget by adding to Project in said Budget known as "URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION" the above named sum which represents the City's one-third share in relocation costs in excess of \$25,000.00 for moving of the AMERICAN LINEN SUPPLY and appropriation of aforesaid amount therefor - (Mayor's letter of 11/12/71) - (As per our Resolution #637 adopted by the 10th Board on 11/10/69)

ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER FISCAL COMMITTEE AND URC

- (8) \$46,674.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Code 606.0609 - Bureau of Highways & Maintenance, Snow Removal & Flood Emergency - Additional appropriation (Approved by Board of Finance on 12/9/71)

ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER FISCAL AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- (9) \$50,000.00 - CTE REVOLVING FUND - Code 108.0901 - Resolution adopted by Board of Finance on 12/9/71 - (Mayor's letter of 5/5/71)

ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER FISCAL ALSO REFERRED TO EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVT. COMMITTEE AND LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

Mr. Russbach suggested to the Board that it would be well to get in touch with legal counsel as to the legality of this transaction. It was also suggested that it might be well to ascertain through the Commissioner of Finance, what this money is to be used for.

- (10) Proposed Ordinance - AUTHORIZATION OF EASEMENTS FROM THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO THE HARTFORD ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY AND THE STAMFORD WATER COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ELECTRICAL AND WATER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2 (DAVENPORT RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL), NEWFIELD AVENUE, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT - (Mayor's letter dated Nov. 23, 1971 - Approved by Board of Finance on 12/9/71)

ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

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- (11) LEASE FOR BELL STREET PROPERTY FOR PARKING LOT - (Letter dated Nov. 11, 1971 from Max Friedman, Chairman of Stamford Parking Authority, concerning lease from St. John's Church of old school property on Bell Street in order to construct additional 175 car spaces for shoppers and all day parking, consisting of approximately 63,000 sq. ft. - (Has been approved by the Planning Board)

ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE AND ALSO REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

- (12) Proposed Ordinance - APPROVING SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF LAND FOR PRIVATE REDEVELOPMENT TO THE SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE CO. BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT - (Letter dated 12/6/71 from Corporation Counsel Robert Bromley, Jr.)

ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE & REFERRED TO URC COMMITTEE

- (13) TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE FROM SEVENTEEN TO TWENTY MEMBERS (Proposed by Thomas A. Morris (R), 15th District Representative

With reference to the above Mr. Morris made a motion to change the ruling of the Board to extend the Steering Committee list to twenty (20) members instead of seventeen (17), unless someone might wish to get off the Board. The leaders of both political parties agreed to the increase. This action was taken because three more members were named to the Steering Committee than should have been.

- (14) Proposed Ordinance CONCERNING HUBBARD HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE AND STERLING FARMS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE - (Mayor's letter dated 12/21/71 - received 12/23/71)

ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER LEGISLATIVE & RULES AND REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

- (15) Proposed Resolution AUTHORIZING MAYOR OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A LEASE BETWEEN SAID CITY OF STAMFORD AND THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT - (Mayor's letter of 12/21/71 - received 12/23/71)

ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER LEGISLATIVE & RULES

- (16) Resolution CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 204.2 and 206 OF THE CHARTER TO INVESTIGATE THE STAMFORD WATER COMPANY - (Referred to Health & Protection Committee by action of Board taken on 12/6/71)

ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Mr. Matthew Rose informed the Board he had been in contact with Mr. Bell, of the Stamford Water Company and asked for a report as to what has been done to improve the water conditions. Mr. Rose said further he will

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present such report at the next regular meeting of the Board.

- (17) Letter dated 12/15/71 from Daniel R. Russbach (R), 17th District Representative to George Connors, President, re: HIGH RISE APARTMENTS AND OFFICE BUILDINGS IN OTHER THAN URC AREAS

Mr. Russbach asked that this be placed on the Agenda. Referred to Health & Protection Committee.

- (18) Request from Mrs. Marilyn Laitman (D), 20th District Representative with regard to the subject of salt infiltration into drinking water in the Hunting Ridge area. Both Mrs. Laitman and Mrs. Pont-Briant asked that this be held for an open meeting under Health and Protection Committee. Mrs. Pont-Briant stated that Dr. Golfstein of the Health Department had investigated this matter and was giving it his attention. The Health Department is now experimenting with devices to see what can be done to eliminate the cause for salt infiltration.

- (19) Letter from Mr. Louis J. Casale, Jr., dated 12/6/71 re: Proposed Sub-division of ANNE B. PORCELLI

Above NOT ordered on Agenda

- (20) Copy of letter to Mayor Wilensky from Miss Helen Tobin, Acting Supt. of Schools dated 12/17/71, requesting approval of acquisition of the 3 acre parcel from St. Leo's R.C. Church Corp. for the sum of \$108,000.00 or by friendly condemnation if necessary, for the Westhill High School Site, to be used for additional parking.

Above NOT ordered on Agenda

- (21) Copy of letter to Mayor Wilensky from Miss Helen Tobin, Acting Supt. of Schools dated 12/20/71, to initiate request with the proper City boards for an emergency appropriation to the 1971-1972 Capital Projects Budget in amount of \$50,000.00 for architectural study to be made for the re-furbishing and rehabilitation of Rogers School

There was quite some discussion on this matter. Mr. Morris and Mrs. Pont-Briant were in accord to give the \$50,000.00 if the Board would be permitted to audit their books. The item to be given further thought and consideration.

Above NOT ordered on Agenda

There being no further business, on motion duly seconded and carried, the Meeting was adjourned at 9.45 P.M.

GEORGE V. CONNORS  
Chairman, Steering Committee

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI, Chairman, reported that his Committee met on Thursday, January 6, 1972 in the Municipal Office Building with the following Members present: John Boccuzzi, Armen Guroian, Barbara Forman, George Ravallesse, Michael Tresser, Sidney Sherer and the Chairman. Absent were: Frederick Lenz and Daniel Russbach. He explained that Mr. Lenz was out of town and Mr. Russbach failed to receive his notice of the meeting in time. He reported on the following appointments:

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONTerm ending:ROBERT BERMESTER (R)

100 Mountainwood Road  
(Replacing Sigurd Medus,  
who resigned)

VOTE: 23 in favor    Aug. 7, 1973  
16 opposed

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI read the qualifications of the above man. However, he reported that the appointment did not meet with the approval of the Committee and MOVED for approval of the action taken by the Committee, resulting in a reversal of the vote taken, there being 23 votes opposed to the recommendation of the Committee and 16 votes in favor of the Committee's recommendation.

MR. EXNICIOS asked what was the reason for the rejection by the Appointments Committee.

MR. BOCCUZZI said basically the reason was that the majority of the Committee felt it was due to the short time this man has lived in Stamford, being a year and one-half which did not give him a good enough background in the problems of the URC.

Two other appointments which did not appear on the Agenda were brought up under suspension of the rules and voted upon. They were as follows:

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW:Term ending:WILLIAM LANGE (R)

27 Bonair Avenue

LOST by VOTE of:  
25 opposed  
14 in favor

Dec. 1, 1976  
(Full term)

JOSEPH P. SCHMELZEIS (R)

568 Hunting Ridge Rd. VOTE: 27 in favor  
(Replacing Everett Neimi, 12 opposed  
who resigned)

Dec. 1, 1974

Both of the above appointments to the Board of Tax Review were discussed at a meeting of the Appointments Committee held this evening before the Board Meeting, one of which was not approved by the Committee - namely, the appointment of Mr. William Lange. He gave as the Committee's reasons for not recommending this appointment that they felt this man was not entirely in sympathy with the needs of the homeowner in the City and it

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was in the best interests of the taxpayers to deny this appointment.

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI, Chairman, reported that his Committee met on January 5th at 7:30 P.M. and present were: Mrs. Pont-Briant, Joseph Morabito, Warren Knapp, Gerald Rybnick, Marilyn Laitman, Robert Exnicios, Bertram Friedman, Jeremiah Livingston and Kim Varney as well as the Chairman. Absent: James Boyle, who is out of the country. He reported on the following matters:

- (1) \$4,282.60 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Code 628.0802, Division of Building Inspection, Car Allowance - (Mayor's letter of 10/14/71)

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said the Fiscal Committee DENIED this appropriation. However, he said because the Charter requires an affirmative motion (requires a two-thirds vote for approval) he must MOVE for approval of the request. Seconded.

Mr. Boccuzzi explained the reason why the Committee denied approval. He said they understand that the contract allows all mileage over 7,200 miles at 10¢ a mile, to be paid to the driver for the use of his car. He said in checking the amount of money requested by some of the drivers, the Committee came to the conclusion that some of them drove 5,632 miles above the 7,200 miles or approximately 12,800 miles a year on city business. He said others came in for mileage overage of 5,000 miles, 5,600 miles, etc. and the Fiscal Committee felt that this was rather high and since they had no documentary reports to substantiate any of this, they did not approve it.

He turned this over to Mr. Robert Exnicios, who has some further remarks to make.

MR. EXNICIOS said he believes Mr. Boccuzzi has covered most of the points. He said he would like to call the Board's attention to the fact that in addition to this mileage payment, these people do receive free gas and oil for their cars. He said in questioning the chief enforcement officer of the city he finds that these people are on the road for an average of five hours per day, and either spend the morning or the afternoon in the office, averaging approximately 4 hours on any given job site when they are inspecting, which means that they are in their car about one hour per day and at 5,000 miles over the 7,200, this approximates about 50 miles per day, so they must be driving that one hour at 50 miles an hour through the streets of Stamford. He said the Committee felt it was somewhat over-stated, but there is no way of checking this at the present time and if this does go to grievance and becomes public we might find out a little more detail as to how these gentlemen are spending their time in their cars.

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MR. HEINZER spoke in favor of the appropriation. He said he spent many years in the construction business in Stamford and doing the same kind of thing running from one job to another and it wasn't unreasonable for him to put from 15 to 20 thousand miles a year doing that. He said he thinks that four hours on an inspection site is a little over-estimated and if you have an inspector going out to look at five or six jobs, he might spend 20 minutes on each one and 10 to 20 minutes in traveling time. He said it does not seem to be an unreasonable amount of mileage for traveling around Stamford and in fact, it seems to be very reasonable. He said the question is, since it happens to already be a part of the contract, and free gas and oil are not --- how are we going to check on it to see if it is valid or not. He said he heard someone mention a voucher system and about having someone check the mileage on the cars when they came in and out. He said none of this will work and if we are going to ask for a checking system, then we will have to hire personnel just to check mileage. He said he can see no point in denying this mileage which is really part of their contract, when we have no way in which to check on it, and will have to rely on the people who are running up this mileage. He said in his estimation, these figures are reasonable - very reasonable.

MR. TRUGLIA said it looks as if we are trying to put a cloud over these City workers and in this day and age if we cannot trust our workers and perhaps we are allowing our thinking to be clouded by emotion. He asked if we are now trying to say that all these people are not to be trusted. He said he feels this is a very serious charge to be labeling on these people. He said what bothers him is that the Board of Representatives, as a body, agreed to this when they approved the contract and legally and morally we should stand by it. He said if there is something wrong with the methods, then perhaps these should be checked and perhaps put the department heads on the carpet and not the individual workers. He said if there is anything wrong with the system, then the department heads should be held responsible.

He urged approval of the request.

MRS. LAITMAN said what is involved here is about 12 city workers and the committee felt this was an exploitation of the contract and they felt something would have to be worked out in terms of a voucher system. She said she has done some arithmetic and at the rate of 7,200 miles a month times 12 months, comes to about 86,000 miles per year and one man, in addition to the 7,200 miles, drove in a month, 5,600 + miles.

MR. TRUGLIA said he fails to see how these statements can be backed up when it has not even been in operation for one year.

MRS. LAITMAN said this contract will run through June and will involve a great deal of money for the taxpayers of Stamford.

MR. GUROIAN said Mrs. Laitman had stated previously that these men had been asked to account for the extra mileage and they had refused. He said he does not think it is asking too much to ask these individuals to account for their mileage. He said if they did accumulate all this mileage, then they should be paid for it and if they cannot account for it, then punitive action is in order.



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MRS. PONT-BRIANT said when this item came up under the contract, the Personnel Committee had many questions on it and they were told there would be kinks in it, and that a system of controls would be kept which would be mutually agreeable, but was not stated in the contract. She said the department head is the one who is raising these questions and feels it is putting an unfair burden on his employees because he does not believe his men are being unfair. She said out of the 12 men in the department, one did not ask for any additional funds at all. She said the department head favors some kind of a memorandum be kept and so do the men, but the Union says "No" and the contract says you shall pay it, so take it to grievance. She said the Committee feels the taxpayers have a right to the keeping of some sort of simple records, but these men should furnish a memorandum stating the approximate number of miles traveled each day and the Supervisor can question it if he feels it is too high. She said they would like to see a meeting held both ways - between the employees and the department head and the Union, in order to come up with a simple solution which will satisfy everyone concerned and not to place a stigma on any employee.

MR. RUSSELL said he just hopes we are not picking on one small group of employees, particularly one that is hard pressed because it is a rather undermanned department. He said he himself puts on nearly 20,000 miles a year and works eight hours a day and does not drive a car during the day - it is just what he puts on during the extra hours beyond the regular working hours. He said he would suggest this whole matter be looked into properly at budget time.

MR. ROOS said he thinks it is inconceivable where we have a situation where we cannot check the mileage. He said he is a State employee and does not feel it is any question of his integrity when they ask him to make out a statement which states the mileage before a trip and the mileage after the trip. He said they are allowed ten cents a mile and have to buy their own gas, and use their own cars. He said he does not object when they ask him to make a statement as to how many miles he traveled.

MR. FRIEDMAN said Mrs. Laitman said there were 12 inspectors involved; however, only 11 have claimed extra car allowance.

MR. TRESSER said he agrees with Mr. Heinzer and the Majority Leader.

MR. SCHADE said he does not know of any private company that does not ask their men to present a statement of their mileage. He said he does not believe this should be interpreted that we are questioning anyone's honesty; we are simply trying to set up a systematic financial procedure which they should all be cognizant of, recognize and agree to.

MR. RUSSBACH said he has to account for every mile he travels and it must be specifically entered into a book every day for the company's records. He said he knows of no one in private industry who does not have to account for his travel time.

MR. MURPHY asked for a report of the secondary committee - the Public Works Committee.

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MR. MORABITO, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, said they met and concur with the Fiscal Committee on this and also recommend denial. He said the vote was 6 NO and 3 YES, one abstention and one absent.

MRS. LAITMAN asked Mr. Boccuzzi what the vote was on the Fiscal Committee.

MR. BOCCUZZI replied the vote was unanimous - in favor of denial.

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instance, Stevens School has 27, Murphy 15, Dolan and Springdale, 9 each and Hart School 8. She said it costs a lot more to move 27 machines out of Stevens to other schools than it would if certain machines were allowed to be kept within a school, if it were possible. She explained in great detail what the problems are.

MR. TRUGLIA said he sees no reason why Stamford has to be so unique. Why can't these primaries be held the same day? He said it is done in other States, so if we want to save money, let's have our legislators do something - such as, insist on this being done on one given date.

There being no further discussion, a VOTE was taken on the question. CARRIED unanimously.

(4) \$5,700.00 - SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY - Code 135.2102, Dues and Subscriptions - (Mayor's letter of 11/16/71)

MR. BOCCUZZI said the Fiscal Committee DENIED this appropriation. HE MOVED for approval (under Charter provisions which requires an affirmative motion (Sec. 619). Seconded.

MR. MILLER said this was also referred to the Education, Welfare & Government Committee and they met with Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Rodriguez and the Committee voted to approve this item and he seconded the motion.

MR. FRIEDMAN said, for the record, the vote of the Fiscal Committee was a vote of 4 yes and 6 no and he would like to speak for the minority. He said upon questioning Mr. Rodriguez he found that the City of Stamford has been a dues paying member of SWRPA since the inception of this organization 7 or 8 years ago and it is only since last July when the 1971 dues were to be paid that we have withheld this yearly payment. He said apparently it was felt at that time and during a subsequent meeting of the 11th Board of Representatives, to maintain our membership and take a "wait and see" attitude relative to payment of dues. He said by maintaining our membership in this organization, but by refusing to meet our obligation to pay dues, there is no question but that Stamford's position will suffer in getting our fair share of Federal Grants which SWRPA is instrumental in arranging, and greatly hindering SWRPA. He urged approval of the appropriation.

MRS. LAITMAN spoke in favor of the appropriation.

MRS. SHERMAN also spoke in favor, saying we should pay what we owe.

MR. TRESSER spoke in favor of the motion to approve.

MR. RUSSBACH spoke in opposition saying that Stamford has only 4 votes on SWRPA as against 2 votes for other towns with a population of only 20,000, which is very inequitable, and Stamford bears the entire housing problem for the region, while neighboring towns do nothing about it and yet have more representation on SWRPA. He urged repeal of the Ordinance that got us into it in the first place. He said further, if it is as good as they say it is, why is our affluent neighbor, Greenwich, still not a member?

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MR. GUROIAN said it is his understanding that Mr. Rodriguez has circulated amongst us a memorandum encouraging us to vote for SWRPA dues. He said this enticing "carrot" of receiving State and Federal funds, is the same which has been dangled before us again and again and will leave us holding the bag.

He said in fairness to Mr. Rodriguez, he informed them that they can still receive funds without having to pay dues. He said as far as SWRPA to date is concerned, it has been an impotent agency from the viewpoint of Stamford, and is the reason why this Board on several occasions has seen fit to deny an appropriation.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said it does not seem right to him that we have people sitting as members of SWRPA without paying our dues and he would not like to be put in their position - to be asked to vote on these matters without the City being a dues paying member of the organization.

MR. EXNICIOS said he is one of the majority of the members of the Fiscal Committee who voted to reject this appropriation. He said in questioning them he found out they have never had a request for a grant that they have turned down and have always "rubber stamped" it and said "yes".

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said she believes we should make a decision to either pay our dues or get out of SWRPA, but according to the State Statutes we have to go on record if we want to get out and it will take six months; we have to show intent and then it is six months before that takes effect. She said she thinks we should have a Committee to study the ramifications of joining SWRPA and according to the 1963 Statutes - Sec. 8-35a it says that the Regional Plan Agency shall formulate a plan for an area and hold a public hearing on it and shall then approve it by an affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the representatives of the Agency and then shall assist the local town in implementing this and the Statute does not say it is a must or who decides whether the town shall or shall not and it also does not say a town must be a member of SWRPA in order to get Federal funds. She said the letter from the Mayor says that SWRPA is Tri State's referral agency and some of these items she finds are not clear as to why she feels that we need to make a study. She said she voted with the majority to disapprove SWRPA.

MR. FOX suggested that some of the Board members look at the reality of political movement today and presently the State is taking a very active interest in regional planning and any attempt on our part to ignore agencies that they set up to demonstrate this interest would be foolhardy.

MR. RUSSELL said we have been a member of SWRPA for many years and feels it is about time we paid our dues. He said we must remember they are only an advisory group and despite our past fears, have proven to be just that - a necessary advisory agency.

MR. MURPHY reminded the members that this requires a two-thirds vote of the Board to put this through but he would like to make a motion to table when everyone has finished speaking.

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MRS. FORMAN said she can see no reason why we should exclude ourselves from being a part of an agency which looks into matters within our area and it doesn't make sense.

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI MOVED the question. Seconded and CARRIED.

VOTE taken on the question to approve \$5,700.00 for dues for SWRPA. LOST by a vote of 20 in favor and 19 opposed. (Requires a two-thirds vote to carry).

- (5) \$6,691.44 - RESOLUTION No. 797 - amending 1971-1972 Capital Projects Budget by adding to project in said Budget, known as "URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION" the above named sum which represents the City's one-third share in relocation costs in excess of \$25,000.00 for moving of the AMERICAN LINEN SUPPLY and appropriation of aforesaid sum therefor - (Mayor's letter of 11/12/71) - (As per our Resolution No. 637 adopted by the 10th Board on 11/10/69)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 797

AMENDING 1971-1972 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET TO COVER CITY'S ONE-THIRD SHARE OF RELOCATION EXPANSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 637 (ADOPTED 11/10/69) FOR URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AND APPROPRIATION OF \$6,691.44 THEREFOR FOR MOVING OF THE AMERICAN LINEN SUPPLY COMPANY - (Mayor's letter of 11/12/71)

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford to amend the 1971-1972 Capital Projects Budget, Urban Redevelopment Commission, by adding the appropriation of \$6,691.44 therefor in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 611.5 of the Stamford Charter and Resolution No. 637 adopted on November 10, 1969, to be allocated to the AMERICAN LINEN SUPPLY COMPANY, representing the City's one-third share in the cost of relocation expenses in excess of \$25,000.00 for aforesaid company.

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- (6) \$46,674.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Code 606.0609 - Bureau of Highways & Maintenance, Snow Removal & Flood Emergency - (Approved by Board of Finance 12/9/71) (Requested in Mayor's letter of Oct. 8, 1971)

MR. BOCCUZZI MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Norabito, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, who reported that his Committee also approves this appropriation. CARRIED unanimously.

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- (7) \$50,000.00 - CTE REVOLVING FUND - Code 108.0901 - Resolution adopted by Board of Finance on 12/9/71 - (Mayor's letter of 5/5/71)

MR. BOCCUZZI said this is being held in Committee.

MR. MILLER said his Committee - Education, Welfare & Government - approved this item. However, he said he realizes this Board would not approve this appropriation without a recommendation and report from the Fiscal Committee and out of deference to the other two committees he will not move for approval.

THE PRESIDENT called for a report from the Legislative & Rules Committee, and MR. FOX said his Committee was also holding this in Committee, pending an opinion from the Corporation Counsel's office as to the legality of the loan.

- (8) \$278,593.00 - Resolution No. 798 - Concerning Acceptance of Grant of \$278,593.00 under Emergency Employment Act of 1971 and City's Contribution in kind of \$30,954.00 -  
(Mayor's letter of October 26, 1971 - Approved by Board of Finance on Sunday, January 9, 1972)

MR. BOCCUZZI MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to take up the above matter.

MRS. PONT BRIANT objected to bringing this up under suspension, saying it had been approved by the Steering Committee to go on the Agenda if it was approved by the Board of Finance.

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MR. BOCCUZZI said the Board of Finance met yesterday (Sunday) morning, and voted to approve this request. He said this differs from the previous Grant approved a few months back, which was a two year Grant. He said this is a one year Grant and is independent from the previous Grant and requires no appropriation by the City. He said the Committee discussed the fundamentals of the Grant with Mr. Canning and understand that those people hired under the Grant would not have Civil Service standing, would not be eligible for any retirement plan, but would be eligible for benefits that other City employees receive, such as vacation, sick pay, etc., but the expenditure is all included in the Grant and there is no liability to the City. He said the "target areas" for this particular Grant is the South End, East Side and West Side and the jobs involved would be 36, which are listed in the brochure attached to the Mayor's letter of transmittal. He said there has been expressed a fear by some people that these employees would be taking over city jobs presently filled by Civil Service people, but this is not the case. However, he said it is possible for these people to eventually get on the City payroll permanently under certain conditions - No. 1, if they fill a vacancy that's in a department - take the test and meet the job specifications - in other words, they would have the same opportunity to work for the City that anyone else has, but would still have to meet the job specifications and pass the Civil Service test, and no job specifications will be downgraded in order to give them a job with the City.

HE MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mrs. Laitman and CARRIED with one "no" vote (Mr. Russbach).

RESOLUTION NO. 798

TO ACCEPT FEDERAL GRANT OF \$278,593.00 UNDER EMERGENCY  
EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 1971 AND CITY'S CONTRIBUTION IN-KIND  
OF \$30,954.00

WHEREAS the Congress and President of the United States passed, signed and appropriated the Emergency Employment Act of 1971; and

WHEREAS municipalities throughout these United States have been invited to accept funds according to the numbers of their unemployed and to place within municipal services skilled and unskilled unemployed workers and professional people, and

WHEREAS the City of Stamford is suffering from 8.8% unemployment and witnesses many of its Vietnam veterans, minority workers, its older skilled workers and its professionals searching in vain for gainful employment, and

WHEREAS appropriate dispatch has been requested by the Regional Manpower Advisor of the Department of Labor of the United States who is administering these grants,

Be it hereby resolved that the Board of Representatives and the Board of Finance:

- (1) Approve the Mayor's compliance with the Department of Labor's request
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for Application for Contract.

- (2) Accept the \$278,593 from the Federal Government.
- (3) Approve in-kind services of supervision and in service training equivalent to \$30,954 of matching funds.
- (4) Appropriate the funds according to designation of the Application for Contract.
- (5) Request the Department of Labor to accept the Application for Contract and make the Contract applicable as swiftly as possible.

The above resolution was adopted subject to the following stipulations:

- (a) No person receiving employment under this Grant is to have civil service status, rights or privileges, nor is he to be included to the contractual agreements negotiated by the City of Stamford;
- (b) No person employed under this Grant is to be given any pension rights;
- (c) Each person employed under this Grant shall be required to sign an affidavit releasing the City of Stamford of any obligations, as specified under paragraphs (a) and (b), above, beyond salary-connected benefits incurred and paid as fringe benefits; and
- (d) At the termination of this Grant, application for renewal is not to be submitted without the Board of Finance having first reviewed the same.
- (e) There shall be no lowering of qualifications for any position upon testing where a job description exists.

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LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. FOX, Chairman, reported that a meeting of his Committee was held on January 5, 1972 at 8 P.M. and those present aside from the Chairman, were Messrs. Walsh, Connors, Schade, Mrs. Sherman, Mr. Miller, Mr. Knapp; Mr. Heinzer and Mr. Murphy being excused with cause.

He reported on the following matters:

- (1) Proposed Ordinance - "AUTHORIZATION OF EASEMENTS FROM THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO THE HARTFORD ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY AND THE STAMFORD WATER COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ELECTRICAL AND WATER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #2 (DAVENPORT RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL), NEWFIELD AVENUE, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT -  
(Mayor's letter dated 11/23/71) - (Approved by Board of Finance 12/9/71)

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

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ELECTRICAL AND WATER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES FOR ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL 2 (DAVENPORT RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL) NEWFIELD  
AVENUE, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

In conformity with Section 488 of the Stamford Charter and notwithstanding any provisions of Chapter 2, Section 2-24 to 2-27 inclusive of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford, the following easements:

To the HARTFORD ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY - map entitled

"Easement Covering - Electric Underground Facilities on the Property of the City of Stamford for Davenport Ridge Elementary School, Newfield Avenue"

To the STAMFORD WATER COMPANY - map entitled

"Site Plan - Utilities Elementary School 2  
Stamford, Connecticut"

which maps are to be filed in the office of the Town Clerk of said City of Stamford, are hereby authorized for the purpose of providing electrical and water distribution facilities for Elementary School 2 (Davenport Ridge Elementary School).

The Mayor of the City of Stamford is hereby authorized and empowered to act for the City of Stamford and to execute and deliver all documents necessary to grant the easements aforesaid.

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

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- (2) LEASE - FOR BELL STREET PROPERTY FOR PARKING LOT - (Letter of 11/11/71 from Max Friedman, Chairman of Stamford Parking Authority) - (Concerning lease from St. John's Church of old School Property on Bell Street in order to construct additional 175 car spaces for shoppers and all day parking, consisting of approximately 63,000 sq. ft.) - (Has been approved by Planning Board)

MR. FOX said the lease is for a five year term and calls for no payment of rent by the Parking Authority until Capital expenditures are regained by them and thereafter it pays only at the rate of one-third of the net profit from the lease.

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He said it was approved unanimously by the Committee and HE MOVED for approval of the lease. Seconded.

MR. FLANAGAN said although he is in favor of this lease, he feels that the Parking Authority showed an utter disregard for the merchants in the Bell Street area when they called a public hearing on this matter three days before Christmas when it would be virtually impossible for the people most affected by this lease to attend. He said it was brought out to him that there was no over all plan in existence to solve the parking problems of the City of Stamford in a business-like manner. He suggested that this Board investigate the workings of the Parking Authority to determine how a master plan for parking can be formulated and intends to make a formal request to the Steering Committee to this effect. This request was ordered held for the Steering Committee.

THE PRESIDENT called the members' attention to the motion on the floor, as made by Mr. Fox - to approve the lease.'

MR. ROSE said this had been referred to his Committee - the HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE. However, they did not meet during the holidays and therefore has no report at this time.

MR. ROOS wanted to know where we are - do we have a motion on the floor, or don't we?

THE PRESIDENT said there is a motion to approve the lease, but we will vote on Mr. Flanagan's motion first, which motion was CARRIED.

VOTE taken on Mr. Fox motion to approve the lease. CARRIED.

- (3) Ordinance No. 230 Supplemental - "APPROVING SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF LAND FOR PRIVATE REDEVELOPMENT TO THE SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT - (Letter dated 12/6/71 from Corporation Counsel J. Robert Bromley, Jr.)"

MR. FOX MOVED for WAIVER OF PUBLICATION on the above proposed Ordinance, which was seconded and CARRIED.

MR. FOX MOVED for adoption of the following Ordinance. Seconded and CARRIED with two abstentions: (Mr. Roos and President)

ORDINANCE NO. 230 SUPPLEMENTAL

APPROVING SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF LAND FOR PRIVATE REDEVELOPMENT TO THE SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford, Connecticut, is engaged in an Urban Renewal Project designated as the "Southeast Quadrant (Extended) Urban Renewal Project, Conn. R-43" as more particularly set forth in an Urban Renewal Plan dated March 4, 1963, as amended from time to time thereafter; and

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VOTE taken on Mr. Fox motion to approve the lease. CARRIED.

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WHEREAS, the agency of the City responsible for said project is the Urban Redevelopment Commission, herein referred to as the "Commission"; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the aforesaid Urban Renewal Project provides that certain parcels of land which are described as Re-use Parcels 36 and 37 shall be disposed of to the Southern New England Telephone Company for the purpose of expanding its office and equipment facility which is located at 555 Main Street, City of Stamford, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has recommended to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development the sale and conveyance of Re-use Parcel 37; and

WHEREAS, the Southern New England Telephone Company and the Commission have, in the interest of expediting the development of Re-use Parcel 37, entered into a right-of-entry agreement permitting the start of early construction; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has complied with all other requirements of State and local law applicable to the disposal of said Re-use Parcel 37 for redevelopment purposes; and

WHEREAS, Section 488 of the Charter of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, provides that any sale of real estate belonging to the City shall be subject to certain local approvals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, that:

In conformity with Sections 488 of the Stamford Charter and notwithstanding any provisions of Chapter 2, Sections 2-25 to 2-27 inclusive, of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford, the conveyance to the Southern New England Telephone Company of Re-use Parcel 37 of the Southeastern Quadrant (Extended) Urban Renewal Project, Conn. R-43.

The approval of the Mayor, the Planning Board and the Board of Finance having been granted, the consideration for the complete conveyance shall be not less than \$140,925.00.

The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to transfer title to said property.

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

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- (4) TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP ON STEERING COMMITTEE FROM 17 to 20 MEMBERS - (Proposed by Thos. A. Morris (R), 15th District Representative) - (Membership increased from 15 to 17 at Dec. 1, 1971 Organization Meeting of 12th Board) - (Membership on 11th Board: 15 Members)

MR. FOX said when his Committee met on this matter, they approved it unanimously, but since that time there has been some discussion as to whether 20 would be sufficient and he understands there is a proposal to increase the membership of the Steering Committee from 17 to 21 members. For this reason, he said he will MOVE for approval to increase the membership of the Steering Committee to 21 from 17, subject to debate.

MR. HEINZER said he does not know who he may be offending (not getting on the Steering Committee) but this means that a majority of this Board will be on the Steering Committee and there is a danger that matters will be decided behind closed doors by 21 members before it ever comes before the entire Board. He said he does not think it is right to have more than half the members of the Board on a Committee, and would seem to be a bad practice.

MR. FRIEDMAN asked if we can properly vote on something on the agenda which does not appear in the form it was presented in the motion as made by the Chairman of the Legislative & Rules Committee.

THE PRESIDENT said it can be amended on the floor of the Board.

MR. FOX said he can present it in the original form, and ask for an amendment, which he is sure would come, so it does not make much difference.

Someone suggested it might be a good idea to expand the Steering Committee to 40 members and in that way no one will be left out.

MR. FOX explained that the original item on the agenda called for an increase to 20, which is what the Committee considered, but his motion was to increase to 21. However, he said he can withdraw that motion if there is an objection and leave it at 20 and then wait for an amendment to increase to 21 (which is sure to come). He said he is making the motion for 21 and will leave it that way.

MR. TRESSER said he thinks it should stay at 20, as proposed originally and as it appears on the Agenda.

MR. SHERER said the way the Steering Committee has stayed at 15 for many years and has done a very good job. HE MOVED to leave the Steering Committee at 17 members, not 20. Seconded.

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MR. HEINZER said as long as we are amending the Rules tonight, we have Rule No. 5 under "Committees" which says any matter referred to a Committee and not reported out may be removed by a majority vote. However, he said there is nothing in our Rules or in Robert's Rules of Order which specify the standing of that motion and would therefore MOVE as an amendment to this change in Rules that this motion, to remove from Committee, be placed under our unclassified motions, needing a seconder, not amendable, debatable, requiring a majority vote and "no" for interrupting the speaker.

MR. MORRIS rose on a POINT OF ORDER. He asked what happened to the motion to change the membership of the Steering Committee.

MR. HEINZER said he is merely amending the original motion.

MR. MORRIS suggested getting back to the Steering Committee membership.

MR. HEINZER objected, saying that he has a motion on the floor.

MR. MORRIS said a half dozen members also think they have a motion on the floor, but to get back to what the Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee was discussing - to change the membership of the Steering Committee from 17 to 21.

MR. HEINZER rose on a POINT OF ORDER, saying he has a motion on the floor.

THE PRESIDENT said if Mr. Heinzer has an amendment to the motion, then a vote will be taken on the amendment first and then we will go back to the motion.

MR. MILLER requested for a re-statement of the amendment offered by Mr. Heinzer.

MR. HEINZER again presented his amendment. Seconded by Mr. Truglia.

MRS. PONT BRIANT said the speaker is "throwing something at us" with several things to it. She suggested that it be put into the Steering Committee and give everyone a copy so that it can be voted on next month.

MR. RUSSBACH said he thinks the amendment is out of order because it is not relevant to the question we are discussing and has separate merit on its own and therefore cannot become an amendment to the present amendment.

MR. MORRIS explained how it all started - to increase the membership of the Steering Committee, which would give a more equal count of both parties on the Steering Committee.

MR. RUSSBACH asked for a RULING from the CHAIR as to whether the amendment as offered by Mr. Heinzer, is germane to the amendment to the Rules



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as proposed by Mr. Fox. He said he thinks it circumvents the question entirely.

THE PRESIDENT said he can't ask the Parliamentarian (Mr. Heinzer) so he is on the spot. He said he was a little confused himself, so that he must agree with Mrs. Pont Briant. He asked Mr. Heinzer if he wished to withdraw his amendment.

MR. HEINZER said "no".

MR. RUSSBACH said he asked for a ruling from the Chair as to whether the amendment as proposed containing seven provisions by Mr. Heinzer is an amendment which is germane to the question. He said he submits that it is not.

THE PRESIDENT said it may be an amendment, but what kind of an amendment he is not sure.

MR. MILLER requested that the President rule Mr. Heinzer's motion out of order, because it deals with a matter so different from the original motion that it does not appear to be at all connected with the proposed size of the Steering Committee and is therefore OUT OF ORDER at this time. He said if Mr. Heinzer wants his proposal considered, he should be advised to submit it to the Steering Committee so that it could be referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee and appear on the next agenda in its own right and not as a rider to a motion entirely foreign to the subject.

MR. RUSSBACH said that is just what he asked for.

THE PRESIDENT said he is afraid that he will have to rule his Parliamentarian out of order.

MR. MORABITO said he wishes to amend the amendment and MOVED TO AMEND that the Steering Committee be reduced to 14.

MR. HEINZER rose on a point of order. He said he must confess that he tried to do something illegal and suggested that some of the members read the Rules of Order, namely, the last rule which appears therein concerning amendments to our Rules of Order which says "These Rules shall not be amended except by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at a meeting in which the notice of said amendment to the Rules contains the text of the amendment. Therefore, he said since it does not include the text of any amendment, this motion cannot be amended and must STAY at 20 as stated in the Agenda for tonight's meeting and MAY NOT BE AMENDED.

MR. FOX said he will withdraw his original amendment and will MOVE instead that the Steering Committee be increased to 20 members, which is as stated on the Agenda.

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After considerable further debate, a VOTE was taken on Mr. Fox's motion. LOST by a vote of 17 in favor and 22 opposed. (Requires a two-thirds vote to carry)

- (5) Proposed Ordinance CONCERNING HUBBARD HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE AND STERLING FARMS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE - (Mayor's letter dated 12/21/71)

MR. FOX MOVED for approval, for publication, of the following Proposed Ordinance. Seconded:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

CONCERNING HUBBARD HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE AND STERLING FARMS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE - (To exempt from City prohibition against the sale or consumption of liquor on City owned property, being Sec. 21-14 of Code of General Ordinances)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

In accordance with Section 21-14 of the Code of the City of Stamford:

BE IT ORDAINED that in accordance with the provisions of said section dealing with the exception from the provisions of the said section relative to intoxicating liquor being sold or consumed on municipally-owned property, the Hubbard Heights Municipal Golf Course and Sterling Farms Municipal Golf Course are hereby specifically exempt and excepted from the provision of said Section 21-14.

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

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MR. FOX explained that the vote of his Committee was 5 to 2 in favor of the proposed Ordinance.

MR. KELLY said his Committee - the parks & Recreation Committee concurs unanimously in favor of the proposed Ordinance.

After considerable debate on the above proposed Ordinance, a VOTE was taken and CARRIED to adopt the Ordinance for publication, with final approval at the next meeting, by a vote of 25 in favor and 12 opposed.

- (6) Resolution No. 799 - AUTHORIZING MAYOR OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A LEASE BETWEEN SAID CITY OF STAMFORD AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT, for 99 YEARS, FOR AN 8 FT. STRIP OF LAND NEXT TO CIRCUIT COURT HOUSE, LOCATED AT 124 HOYT STREET, (In order to expand present facilities by adding an elevator and stairwell to the second floor) - (Mayor's letter of 12/21/71)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 799

AUTHORIZING MAYOR OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO ENTER INTO  
AND EXECUTE A LEASE FOR 99 YEARS BETWEEN SAID CITY OF  
STAMFORD AND THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR AN 8 FT. STRIP  
OF LAND NEXT TO CIRCUIT COURT HOUSE, LOCATED AT 124 HOYT  
STREET

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford is desirous of entering into a lease with the State of Connecticut for an eight (8) foot strip of land for the purpose of expanding the CIRCUIT COURT facilities, First Circuit, at 124 Hoyt Street in the said City of Stamford; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has consented to lease to the City of Stamford said strip of land for ninety-nine (99) years, commencing on the first day of December 1971, for One (\$1.00) Dollar per year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford does hereby authorize the Mayor of said City to execute said lease on behalf of the City of Stamford.

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SEWER COMMITTEE:

MR. COLASSO, Chairman of above Committee, said his Committee met on December 13th with the Sewer Commission and present were: Messrs. Colasso, Knapp, Perillo, Rose, Morris, Boyle and Friedman. He said the Sewer Commission concurred that the Sewer Committee should consider the possibility of drawing up and introducing an Ordinance that would equalize the cost of sewer connections which is now under consideration by the Sewer Committee.

He said the Sewer Committee met again on January 4th in conjunction with the Public Works Committee and present were: Messrs. Colasso, Knapp, Perillo, Rose and absent were: Messrs. Morris and Friedman. Also present were Commissioner of Public Works, Walter Maguire and William Sabia, City Engineer. He said the purpose of the meeting was a letter sent to the Sewer Committee from Mr. Robert Exnicios, 1st District Representative, charging "fraud and incompetency" in relation to the Shippan Sewers. He said the Committee felt that because no representative was present from the firm of consulting engineers, they did not hear his side of the story and could come to no conclusion and should have another meeting with all parties present in order to hear all sides of the question and present a more complete report.

MR. EXNICIOS said he wished to make a correction on Mr. Colasso's mention

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of "fraud and incompetency". He said in his letter, he said that "IT APPEARS" that either incompetency or fraud, or both are involved. He said he wishes to make sure that the words "IT APPEARS" is on the record.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

MR. ROSE, Chairman, presented the following report, in writing, which is entered in the Minutes as follows:

"HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE REPORT"

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The Health & Protection Committee of the Board of Representatives met December 16, 1971 in the Conference Room of the Board of Representatives.

This meeting was held for the purpose of carrying out the duties given by the Board of Representatives 12/6/71 to investigate the Stamford Water Company.

Members that were present is as follows: Philip J. Gambino, William Flanagan, Thomas A. Morris and Matthew A. Rose. Members that were unable to attend were as follows: Michael Tresser who had an earlier engagement, Stephen E. Kelly, Gerald J. Rybnick. Mr. Arthur Bell and Mr. James McInerney, Chief Engineer from the Stamford Water Co. were also present.

These are some of the problems with the Water:

(1) Siscowit Reservoir: Located at the lower part in New Canann and the upper part in Pound Ridge, N.Y. which is not in use at the present time. Leaves fall off the trees and create (atonic acid)

(2) Carroated Pipes

Fire Hydrants that are turned on full blast and turned off fast knock the carogen loose.

(3) Broken Pipes

(4) Broken mains.

These are the corrections that are being made:

(1) Siscowit Reservoir: The swamp and marshland is being cleaned up and a Dam is in the process of construction which will create a 48 ft. depth instead of a shallow swamp.

(2) Re-lining of pipes that were installed before 1930

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(3) A flushing program.

(4) A filter proposal

At this Mr. Bell stated that the (filter proposal) by the PUC would cost too much and the problem is not coming from the Reservoir. (Except for the Siscowit Reservoir which will be corrected).

Letter dated 12/15/71 from Daniel R. Russbach (R), 17th District Representative, to George Connors, President, Re: HIGH RISE APARTMENTS AND OFFICE BUILDINGS in other than URC Areas - Requesting the Board of Representatives DECLARE A MORATORIUM ON NEW CONSTRUCTION OF APARTMENTS AND OFFICE BUILDINGS (OTHER THAN URC) UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE SECONDARY SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT IS COMPLETED AND WORKING PROPERLY AND THAT NO VARIANCES BE ALLOWED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES PERMITTED UNDER EXISTING ZONING

MR. ROSE reported that the above matter is being held in committee.

MR. RUSSBACH said he believed this was improperly referred to the HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE and should have been referred to the LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and to the PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE, and not to appear on the agenda. He said he would like to make the correction.

THE PRESIDENT said the speaker was correct and this will be referred back to the Steering Committee for proper referral.

CONCERNING PROBLEM OF SALT INFILTRATION INTO WELLS IN AREA OF EAST HUNTING RIDGE ROAD

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said the above matter was brought up at the last meeting of the Steering Committee and referred to the Health & Protection Committee. She said she wondered if Mr. Rose has set up a date to discuss this and if it is made known, the residents of the area could be made aware of it.

MR. ROSE said the Committee is aware of the problem and at their next Committee meeting will invite some of the people who have problems to appear and try to bring everyone up to date and see what can be done.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL, Chairman, said the Committee met on Tuesday, January 4th at 7:30 P.M. in one of the Board's Caucus Rooms. He said due to confusion by some of the members who were also assigned to other committees, which also met the same night, the question of bona fide attendance was difficult to determine, since several members, although in the building, were not necessarily in attendance during the meeting of the Committee. He said he hopes that somehow in the future we can avoid this conflict of different committee meetings.

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OF THE TOWN FAIR TIRE CENTER ON HIGH RIDGE ROAD

MR. RUSSELL said the Committee discussed in general how to proceed and schedule the investigation, and it was agreed that all parties both directly and indirectly involved would be heard. He said in regard to the transcript of the Zoning Board's public hearing on this application, this had not been received at the time of the meeting of the Committee and could not be discussed further. Tonight he said the Committee has received the transcript and will now start holding hearings and the first hearing will be held in January 19th at 8 P.M. in one of the Board Caucus Rooms and a second hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 26th at 8 P.M., also in one of the Caucus Rooms. He said further meetings than these will be announced and any Board members who are interested in attending are invited to be present.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

MR. MILLER, Chairman, reported that a meeting was held in January 5th and present in addition to the Chairman, were Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Laitman, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Iacovo. He said he has previously reported on action that was taken on matters referred to his Committee.

He said Mrs. Pont-Briant, at the last Board meeting, questioned as to whether or not the intrusion alarms were being put into the schools with the proper speed. He said he discussed the matter with Mrs. Cosentini, the President of the Board of Education, and also with Mr. Clements, the Administrative Officer in Charge of this sort of thing, and has been advised that the reports in the press were not precisely accurate in every detail, but is true that the alarms have not yet been installed in every school for the reason that the installation is a matter of some complexity and will take some time, but they are working on this every day and are moving along as fast as they can.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:HOUSE COMMITTEE:

MR. RYBNICK, Chairman, inquired if all the members have their parking permit card. He said the I.D. cards for the Board members will be ready by next month and also the desk markers will be here by then.

MR. SHERER MOVED (to be referred to the Steering Committee) that the Finance Committee appropriate \$1,000 to the House Committee for that which they need in order to function. That is, for letters for the desks to conform with the Voting Machine, for binders so that the members can keep their papers that they get from the Mayor, in innumerable amounts, and other items which are necessary for this Board to function.

MR. TRUGLIA said he agrees 100% with Mr. Sherer and seconds the motion. He said he feels.....

MR. RYBNICK interrupted at this point. He said he would go along with Mr. Sherer's motion, but wishes that he would leave the amount out, because we will have to apply for five additional microphones and wiring

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installation, etc. He said he does want to include these and to do so will require a larger appropriation than \$1,000.

MR. TRUGLIA said along with what Mr. Sherer said that we also need two Research people, to assist the Democrats and Republicans in things that they would like done, in addition to the Legal Counsel. He said there are times he needs assistance to work along with our Legal Counsel. He suggested this be incorporated as part of our needs.

THE PRESIDENT suggested this be in our Budget. He said Mr. Rybnick is asking for a separate "House" account, to be separate from the Board of Representatives Budget.

MR. HEINZER, said the President can make this request at will and then it will come before this Board as an additional appropriation.

MR. SHERER said in deference to Mr. Rybnick, he would like to withdraw the amount from his motion, but to let the motion stand as is.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said she concurs with the thought of the motion and would appreciate it if a Secretary can be made available so that the members can dictate letters.

MR. TRESSER said he believes that the members should have a fund and when they need money should not have to go with "their hat in their hand" and have to beg for it, and there should be a fund for the use of the members.

MRS. FORMAN said she understands that Mr. Alan Ketcham, member of the 11th Board from the 18th District, made a study of the modernization of this Board. She said she would like to know if anything has ever been done about that study and could we refer to it and it seems that all of these questions have some relevance to this.

MR. GUROIAN said he is just wondering whether the time hasn't arrived when this Board should appropriate a Sundries account for each and every member of the Board so that they can use, say \$50 per member a year, for this money to be utilized towards stationery, stamps, phone calls, rides here and there. He asked that Mr. Sherer include that in his request - a "SUNDRIES" account for each and every member of this Board in the amount of \$50.00 each per year.

MR. HEINZER MOVED that all of this be referred to the Steering Committee to go to the House Committee for Study. He said this is no place for a discussion of this sort and that it should go to the House Committee.

THE PRESIDENT said the thought is wonderful, but the Board of Finance still says "no".

MR. RUSSBACH said as a member of the House Committee (he has discussed this with the Chairman of the Committee) that he intends to see the Purchasing Agent this week to discuss the possibility of buying new Placques for the cars of the members of the Board of Representatives, because many of the new members do not have them. He said the problem we ran into last time was that when the members left the Board they were

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supposed to turn these in for the use of the newly elected members, which was not done. He said his proposal to the Committee was at this point for each member who does want a plaque, when they become available and they have a price, to pay for it themselves so they can keep them.

RESOLUTIONS:

MR. TRUGLIA presented two resolutions which were ordered given to the Steering Committee for proper referral.

NEW BUSINESS:

Concerning more positive action be instigated by the Fire Department in order to establish better training programs and the erection of a TRAINING TOWER in order to achieve such better training

MR. JEREMIAH LIVINGSTON brought up the above matter and asked that it be considered by the Health & Protection Committee to see if some of his suggestions might be in order, and report back to this Board.

Letter from Mrs. Kim Varney, requesting that she be excused from her duties on the Board for the next 6 to 8 weeks because of impending hospitalization on January 12th, and will need this period of time for recuperation.

THE PRESIDENT read the above letter and said he hopes this is not serious and that the remaining 16th District Representative will have to carry on in her absence.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 12 midnight.

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## APPROVED:

George V. Connors  
George V. Connors, President  
12th Board of Representatives

Velma Farrell  
Velma Farrell  
Administrative Assistant  
(Recording Secretary)

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