

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 22, 197312TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVESSTAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A Special meeting of the 12th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Thursday, March 22, 1973 pursuant to a "Call" from Mayor Julius M. Wilensky, in the Board's meeting room, 2nd floor, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, George V. Connors, at 9:10 P.M.

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

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. At the calling of the roll, there were 34 present and 6 absent. However, two members arrived shortly afterward, changing the roll call to 36 present and 4 absent. The absent members were:

Bertram A. Friedman (R), 13th District
 William P. Caporizzo (R), 15th District
 Robert A. Crosby (R), 16th District
 Kim Varney (R), 16th District

"CALL" OF MEETING:

THE PRESIDENT read the following "Call" of the meeting:

TO: All members of the 12th Board of Representatives

FROM: Mayor Julius M. Wilensky

SUBJECT: "CALL" of Special Meeting for the purpose of passing an Ordinance to form a TRANSIT DISTRICT, and appointing the Directors thereof.

I, Julius M. Wilensky, Mayor of the City of Stamford, pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of said Board of Representatives for

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1973

At the Municipal Office Building, second floor
 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut

At 8:00 P.M.

CHECK OF VOTING MACHINE:

THE PRESIDENT conducted a check of the voting machine which was found to be in good working order.

THE PRESIDENT called upon Mr. Miller.

Ordinance No. 264 Supplemental - THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GREATER
 STAMFORD TRANSIT DISTRICT

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MR. MILLER said he is about to present an Ordinance establishing a Transit District and wishes to speak on behalf of the Democratic members of this Board.

He said throughout the Transit District crisis and throughout the bus strike, the Democrats on both the State and local levels of government have been most concerned over a just solution, and for the best possible solution for the bus riding public, for the bus drivers involved, and for the taxpayers of the community involved.

He said two weeks ago this Board passed a Transit District Ordinance which the Mayor chose to veto. He said as much as they were chagrined over the Mayor's veto, tonight they feel that the passage of that Ordinance was instrumental in bringing out the possibility of getting a Transit District this evening. He yielded at this time to Mr. Fox to read the following proposed Ordinance.

MR FOX said on behalf of the Democratic caucus which unanimously voted in caucus to submit this Ordinance to the Board, HE MOVED for adoption of the following Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Russell.

MR. EXNICIOS MOVED for waiver of pre-publication. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

The following Ordinance was thereupon CARRIED by unanimous vote:

ORDINANCE NO. 264 SUPPLEMENTAL

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GREATER STAMFORD TRANSIT DISTRICT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford determined that the continued existence and improvement of local public transportation within the Greater Stamford Area (hereinafter referred to as the "Stamford Region") is vital to the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives finds that the continued maintenance and improvement of local public transportation is a responsibility delegated to the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut by the Connecticut General Assembly under the Transportation Act of 1969; and

WHEREAS, as a supplement to and not as a substitution for the Department of Transportation's responsibility for the maintenance of local public transportation, the 1972 session of the Connecticut General Assembly passed and the Governor approved Public Act No. 261 which authorizes one or more cities and towns to establish transit districts pursuant to Chapter 103a of the General Statutes of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, certain provisions of the aforesaid Chapter 103a have been amended during the 1973 session of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, transit districts formed pursuant to Chapter 103a, as amended, are eligible to receive capital and operating subsidies, loans and grants-in-aid authorized to be paid to such districts by Section 13b-34 and Section 13b-38 of the Supplement to the General Statutes, as amended by Section 11 and Section 13, respectively, of the Public Act No. 261 and various loans and subsidies authorized to be paid from the Public Service Tax Fund and the General Fund by Subsection (f) of Section 16-33B of the 1968 Supplemental to the General Statutes, as amended by Section 15 of the aforesaid Public Act No. 261; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives finds that in order to operate a transit district successfully it is important that applications to the Federal Government acting by and through the Urban Mass Transportation Administration of the U. S. Department of Transportation, for new capital equipment be successfully completed, that provisions be made for the replacement of capital equipment and that transit districts successfully negotiate an agreement with the State covering operating and related expenses; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has offered to completely subsidize the operation of local public bus service for approximately two years from the date hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives further finds that as the local real property tax has already placed too much of a burden on local property owners and their tenants, that the proceeds of the locally raised real and personal property tax shall not be applied to the operations of the transit district; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford, through the establishment of a transit district in the Stamford Region desires to cooperate with other cities and towns in the Greater Stamford Metropolitan Area, that U. S. Department of Transportation, the State Department of Transportation, the Tri-State Transportation Commission and other transit districts within the State of Connecticut, in order to contribute to a solution of the crisis of local public transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Section 1. A transit district hereby known as the Greater Stamford Transit District is hereby established pursuant to the authority provided in Chapter 103a of the General Statutes, as amended, for the formation of such districts.

Section 2. Any town or city within the Stamford Region may join the Greater Stamford Transit District upon application to said Transit District and approval of such application by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the said Transit District.

Section 3. The boundaries of the District shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the constituent municipalities comprising the District. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, the Transit District may provide service to towns which do not belong to the Transit District by contract approved by the Board of Directors of the Transit District.

Section 4. Except as otherwise limited by this Ordinance, the Greater Stamford Transit District shall have all the powers provided in Chapter 103a as amended, for transit districts established thereunder, including the power to assume the powers of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Connecticut over any transit systems operating within the District, to establish, operate and maintain a new transit system within the District or to acquire the property and franchises any company or companies operating a transit system within the district.

Section 5. The affairs of the District shall be managed by a Board of Directors chosen from among the electors of the constituent municipalities. The membership of the Board of Directors shall be constituted as set forth in Chapter 103a as amended, or such other general or special act regarding representation on the board of directors of a transit district. The persons to serve as Stamford representatives on the Board of Directors of the District shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall be approved by majority vote of the Board of Representatives.

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Section 6. In the event that a municipality shall vote to withdraw from the District, the Board of Directors of the District, including the members chosen from withdrawing City or Town, shall determine the share of the District's expenses and obligations remaining due from the withdrawing City or Town, including repayment of indebtedness or bonds or notes of the District, if any, theretofore authorized to be issued by the District. The withdrawing municipality shall pay or assure such amount to the District at a time of its withdrawal. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its enactment.

CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF TRANSIT DISTRICT, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "GREATER STAMFORD TRANSIT DISTRICT" pursuant to authority provided by Chapter 103a of the General Statutes, as amended, for the formation of such Districts.

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI, Chairman of the Appointments Committee, MOVED to act on the four appointees to the Transit District, as submitted by the Mayor. Seconded and CARRIED. It was pointed out that since this is contained in the "Call" of the meeting, such a motion is not necessary.

MR. BOCCUZZI presented the following appointments for the Board's approval. He said his Committee met this evening with all members present and approved the following appointments for submission to the Board tonight. The vote is recorded below:

TRANSIT DISTRICT:

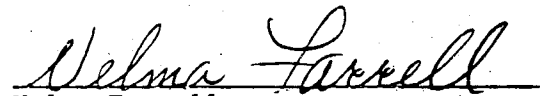
Term:

<u>RICHARD J. TOBIN (D)</u> 1911 Shippan Avenue	VOTE: 27 yes 8 no	4-year term, Ending March 23, 1977
<u>JAMES F. BARON, JR. (R)</u> 236 Stamford Avenue	VOTE: 23 yes 13 no	4-year term, Ending March 23, 1977
<u>MRS. CLARA F. REDFERN (R)</u> (Mrs. Edwin Redfern) 217 Bouton Street West	VOTE: 20 yes 16 no	2-year term, Ending March 23, 1975
<u>ANTHONY MASCIARELLI (D)</u> 31 Bradley Place	D E N I E D ----- VOTE: 15 yes 20 no	2-year term, Ending March 23, 1975


There were two votes taken on Mr. Masciarelli -- the first vote was a tie vote - 17-17 after which the President tested the voting machine, as there were 36 members present and 4 absent. However, when the machine was tested, it revealed that there were 36 members present. He thereupon took a second vote, which DENIED the appointment by the above vote of 15 in favor and 20 opposed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion, duly seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.


Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

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APPROVED:

George V. Connors, President
12th Board of Representatives

Note: The above meeting was broadcast over Radio Station WSTC
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