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STANDING COMMITTEES:

STEERING COMMITTEE:

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

REPORT OF STEERING COMMITTEE

Meeting held Thursday, Dec. 20, 1973

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Thursday, December 20, 1973 at 8:00 P.M. in the Democratic Caucus Room, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut. The following members were present:

Frederick Miller, Jr., Chairman (D)
Marilyn Laitman (D)
John Boccuzzi (D)
Thom Serrani (D)
Alfred Perillo (D)
Matthew Rose (D)
Julius Blois (D)

Jeremiah Livingston (D) John Colasso (D) Robert Exnicios (R) William Flanagan (R) Kim Varney (R) Daniel Russbach (R)

Absent members were: Theodore Boccuzzi (D), Salvan Ross (D), Handy Dixon (D), and Lois Pont-Briant (R).

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

(1) REPLACEMENT - 1st District Representative (D) - Vacancy - To replace John O'Brien (D), who resigned to take position of new Commissioner of Public Works. (under Sec. 201 of Charter)

Ordered on Agenda as FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

(2) Appointment - COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

ORDERED ON AGENDA under APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

(3) Additional Appropriations approved by the Board of Finance at their meeting held on December 13, 1973

All matters approved by the Board of Finance having to do with appropriations were REFERRED TO THE FISCAL COMMITTEE, with items in excess of \$2,000 referred to a socondary Committee and ORDERED ON THE ACENDA. Also, one item which was held in Fiscal Committee on Dec. 10, 1973 having to do with the Police Department, \$14,000 was also ORDERED on the Agenda under FISCAL COMMITTEE.

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ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

(12) Proposed Ordinance (for publication) CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF
EASEMENT FROM CITY OF STAMFORD TO HELCO FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING
ELECTRICAL SERVICE DISTRIBUTION FOR THE BEDFORD STREET PARKING GARAGE (Mayor's letter of Dec. 14, 1973)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

(13) Proposed INLAND-WETLAND ORDINANCE - entitled "CONCERNING INLAND-WETLAND AND WATER COURSES" - (Mayor's letter of 8-13-73)

(Held in Committee 9-10-73, 10-2-73 and NOT ordered on Aganda for 11-13-73)

ORDERED ON ACKNDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

(14) Letter submitted by 17th Dist. Representative Daniel Russbach (R) at Steering Committee meeting of 12-20-73 Requesting a "Sense of the Board Resolution" requesting Mayor Lenz to initiate action by methods of competitive bidding to achieve a complete survey of insulation requirements on all municipal buildings.

Above NOT ordered on Agenda but referred to the PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

(15) Concerning TRAFFIC PATTERN AT THE COLLODEN ROAD, CRYSTAL AND MAIN STREET INTERSECTION - (Presented by Mr. Armen Guroian, 7th District Representative at Dec. 10, 1973 Board meeting)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

(16) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTRACT — BOARD OF EDUCATION - CUSTODIANS & MECHANICS - IOCAL 1083 - Three year Contract — Covering July 1, 1972 through June 30, 1975 - (Received on Dec. 10, 1973) - (Signed on Nov. 28. 1973 - (Mayor's letter of 12/10/73) - All Board members received copies of the above Contract)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under PERSONNEL COMMITTER

(17) Concerning PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR ALL STAMFORD RESIDENTS 65 YEARS
OF ACE OR MORE - TO EXEMPT THEM FROM PAYING TAXES AT A RATE OF ONE—
HALF OF THE NORMAL MILL RATE ON PROPERTY TAXED AND OCCUPIED BY THEM
(Presented by Mr. Vincent Martino, 10th District Representative at
Dec. 10, 1973 Board meeting)

Above NOT ordered on Agenda - Referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE for further study.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

dm Frederick E. Miller, Jr. Chairman

Steering Committee

Re: Item #11 under Steering Committee report - APPEAL - Referral of Zoning Board's Action denying APPL. 73-007 - WILLIAM M. IVLER, ET AL. DR. CHARLES ROSENBERG, ET AL. AND GERTRUDE WEISS

MR. RUSSBACH said he has a clarification of the report of the Steering Committee and wants it entered into the Minutes in regard to the above item. He said at the meeting of the Steering Committee he had moved that it be referred to the Legislative and Rules Committee and also be referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee and would like that correction made.

MR. ROSS, Chairmen of the Planning and Zoning Committee said, due to the fact that he missed the Steering Committee meeting for the reason that he was out of town, he felt this should have also been referred to his Committee and in the future that the Steering Committee refer these items to the proper Committees.

THE PRESIDENT said he advised the members at the Steering Committee meeting that this matter be referred first to the Legislative & Rules Committee. He said we lack anything more specific in the rules or in the Charter, giving us more direction as to that to do when we have these Zoning appeals. He said he consulted with the Administrative Assistant and also with the Corporation Counsel and it did appear that in the past usually when there was a question as to whether or not an appeal was properly before the Board, the appeal was given first to the Legislative & Rules Committee, to first rule whether the appeal was properly before the Board, and then if so ruled, it went on to the Planning & Zoning Committee to pass the merits of the appeal, thus saving the Board time. He said obviously, what goes on the agenda rests with the Steering Committee and any member of that Committee has the right to make a motion.

THE PRESIDENT said, regarding Mr. Russbach's statement, all he can say is that he does not remember anything happening at the Steering Committee which would indicate that its report is incorrect, but the Chair will advise the Clerk and the Administrative Assistant that Mr. Russbach remarks be included in the Minutes of this meeting.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

Appointment of Commissioner of Finence - Dr. S. John Montgomery (R) (See letter from Mayor Frederick P. Lenz, Jr., dated 12-29-73)

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI, Chairman, said the Appointments Committee met this evening here in the Municipal Office Building in the Mayor's Conference Room, with all Committee members present, in addition to Mr. Exnicios, Mr. Flanagan and Mrs. Pont-Briant. He said the Appointments Committee chose to hold the appointment of Dr. Montgomery in Committee.

MR. DAVIDOFF MOVED to remove the above appointment out of Committee. Seconded.

MR. RUSSBACH called for a division.

MR. LOUCHRAN said our Mayor has explored all feasible sources in the area of public finance, has looked at the corporate world, and the world of public accounting, and the academic world and the political and civic world and has chosen a person with excellent qualifications.

THE PRESIDENT reminded the speaker that we are not discussing the confirmation vote itself, but are merely discussing whether or not to take this out of committee.

MR. DAVIDOFF said he considers it very important that we have a Finance Commissioner at this time and called for a ROLL CALL VOIE.

THE PRESIDENT explained that in order to have a roll call vote it is necessary that it be desired by one fifth of the members present and will be determined by a show of hands. He said this will require a show of hands by 8 members. Nine members raised their hands.

The following FOLL CALL VOTE was thereupon taken on the motion to take this appointment out of Committee. IOST by a vote of 11 in favor and 29 opposed, as follows:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

BOCCUZZI, John (D) BLOIS, Julius (D) COLASSO, John (D) DAVIDOFF, Norman (D) LAITMAN, Marilyn (D) LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D) LOUGHRAN, Michael (D) MILLER, Frederick (D) ROSE, Matthew (D) SERRANI, Thom (D) WALSH, Peter (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

| BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D) |
|------------------------|
| CONNORS, George (D) |
| COSTELLO, Robert (D) |
| CROSBY, Robert (R) |
| DeROSE, Joseph (D) |
| DIXON, Handy (D) |
| EXNICIOS, Robert (R) |
| FLANAGAN, William (R) |
| FORMAN, Berbara (R) |
| GAMBINO, Philip (D) |
| GUROIAN, Armen (D) |
| HOFFMAN, Leonard (R) |
| KELLY, James (D) |
| LOWDEN, Lynn (D) |
| MARTINO, Vincent (D) |
| MAYNOR, Frederick (D) |
| MORABITO, Joseph (D) |
| PERILLO, Alfred (D) |
| PERKINS, Billie (R) |
| PONT-BRIANT, Lois (R) |
| RAVALLESE, George (D) |
| ROSS, Salvan (D) |
| RUSSBACH, Daniel (R) |
| RYBNICK, Gerald (D)/ |
| SAINBURG, Richard (R) |
| SANDOR, John (D) |
| TRESSER, Michael (R) |
| TRUCLIA, Anthony (D) |
| VARNEY, Kim (R) |
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SUSPENSION OF THE RULES -

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to present the report of the Personnel Committee at this time. Seconded and CARRIED.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTRACT - BOARD OF EDUCATION - CUSTODIANS AND MECHANICS - LOCAL #1083 - Three Year Contract - Covering July 1, 1972 through June 30, 1975 - (Received on Dec. 10, 1973 - Signed on November 28, 1973) - (Mayor's letter of 12-10-73) - (All Board members received copies of the contract)

MR. RUSSBACH, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said his Committee met on January 4, 1974 in City Hall, with all members present. In addition, he said also present were the following: Dr. Carpenter, Supt. of Schools, Mr. Reed, from the Board of Education, Mr. Bernier, former member of the Board of Education, who negotiated the contract, and Thomas Barrett, the City's Labor Negotiator.

MR. RUSSBACH said he would go over the major and substantial changes and some of the minor ones in the contract. He said the Committee spent about three hours going over the contract minutely. He explained some of the changes in the contract, page by page.

MR. RUSSBACH said the Committee REJECTED the contract by unanimous vote and presented the following reasons for their rejection:

REASONS FOR CONTRACT REJECTION

BLUE CROSS

P-16 Para. 3 - Potential cost impact of this fringe is enormous. A
precedent would also be set which other unions would certainly demand.

There is also a possible legal problem if the retirees remain in the Blue Gross & Blue Shield Group. If they do, the Board of Education must pay 50% of the cost for all employees, active and inactive, or else, be in possible violation of discrimination laws.

- Secondly, if they do not remain in the group and go on individual coverage, the premium to be paid will be far in excess of group premium.
- 3. No cost analysis of this provision is included.

MILITARY SERVICE

1. P-17 Para. 4 - This provision is totally open-ended and its possible ramifications are enormous. Under this provision, the City of Stamford may not have the working services of an employee for unlimited years of which all would be counted towards retirement by paying % of salary for each year.

ARTICLE VI WAGES

1. P-17 Para. 1 and Appendix III. P-17 - The wages and payments agreed to are excessive. Also, they are in direct conflict with Mayor Lenz's cover letter 12-6-73, Para. 2, which specifies an additional \$500 only. However, Appendix III, P-17 which is part of the formal contract, and the verification of Mr. Bernier clearly indicate a \$500 lump sum payment

and a \$500 salary increase or \$1,000 total. This is in addition to the 15th wago increase over a 3 year period.

UNIFORMS

- 1. Page 22, Article XIII, Para. 2 The objection to this is based solely on evidence given to justify its inclusion in the contract. We were told that a problem existed in identifying custodians when assistance was required, and that persons posing as custodians had committed thefts in schools. If this were the case, the Board rejected this item because of cost and suggested security badges with photographs as less expensive than uniform purchases.
- 1. Article XIII, Misc. Para. 1 No cost breakdown of total estimated cost of package concerning car allowance and gasoline.

Number of employees involved is not reflected. In view of energy crisis, which impacted after contract signing this gasoline provision may not be able to be met.

Also, a person who may use his automobile several times in a month is entitled to the same allowances as one using his automobile every working day.

1. Cost Analysis Figures - Last Page of Contract. Also, Para. 4. Cover Letter

Cost figures for 15 new positions are complete. However, cost breakdown of projected additional hiring of 13 other custodians to fill vacancies is not included in cost analysis. Therefore, in view of this item and other cost information lacking which has been previously described, the projected cost of \$481,085 is not a true reflection of total actual cost.

WACES

1. Article VI, P-8 & 9, Para. 6 - It is our understanding that the activities of the Board of Recreation on Sunday's are not included under non-profit youth or school activities, and as such cost double time, rather than 12% times salary. Such additional costs incurred by the Board of Recreation are passed directly to the taxpayers.

The Board of Recreation, as such, is non-profit and does serve youth.

Personnel Committee Report (dated) January 7, 1974

MR. RUSSBACH MOVED to REJECT the contract on the basis of the above report.

THE PRESIDENT asked the speaker to make a positive motion and then the vote for the contract would then be "yes" and the vote in opposition would be "no" which would then make the voting simpler. Mr. Russbach agreed.

MR. RUSSBACH MOVED for acceptance of the Contract. Seconded.



THE PRESIDENT explained that although this is a positive motion, the recommendation of the Personnel Committee is for DENIAL of the contract for the reasons as presented by Mr. Russbach at great length.

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI said he would like the record to show he is abstaining from voting on this contract and from any discussion.

VOTE taken on Mr. Russbach's motion, which was IOST, thereby REJECTING the contract, with one abstention (Mr. Theodore Boccuzzi). With the exception of the one abstention, the vote was unanimous in rejecting the contract.

MR. EXNICIOS said he wished to commend Mr. Russbach's Committee for giving the most comprehensive analysis of a contract that this Board has ever received in his memory of his four years as a member.

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MRS. MARILIN LAITMAN, Chairman, gave her Committee report. She said the Fiscal Committee met on Wednesday, January 3rd with the following present: Marilyn Laitman, Robert Crosby, Norman Davidoff, Handy Dixon, Barbara Forman, Jerry Livingston, Michael Loughran, Lois Pont-Briant, Gerald Rybnick and Kim Varney. (Due to illness, Mrs. Pont-Briant was excused and did not participate in the voting)

MRS. LAITMAN reported on the following items:

(1) \$14,000.00 -

POLICE DEPARTMENT - To provide a complete traffic Control System at intersection of Newfield and Weed Hill Avenues - (Mayor's letter of Oct. 26, 1973) (Held in Committee on 12-10-73)

The above item was held in Committee, pending an opinion from Corporation Counsel concerning the procedure to be adopted by the Fiscal Committee when the Planning Board has rejected an appropriation.

(2) \$20,043.40 -

Resolution No. 924, Amending the Capital Projects
Budget for the 1973-1974 Fiscal Year, by adding to
project known as "WASHINGTON BOULEVARD RIVERWALK &
EXTENSION" (To cover judgments in favor of Benjamin
V. Molday, \$7,050; Mario A. Cappabianca, \$5,660; and
Gaetano Barresi, \$7,165.90; settlement in favor of
Harold Fredrikson, \$167.50) for said project to be
financed by the issuance of bonds - (Letters dated
12-6-73 and 12-10-73 from Mayor - Approved by Board
of Finance on 12-13-73)

MRS. LAITMAN said this represents a Court judgment in reference to the Washington Boulevard Riverwalk and Washington Avenue Extension Projects. She MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Serrani, who said his Committee, the Legislative & Rules, concurs in approval. CARRIED unanimously:



RESOLUTION NO. 924

AMENDING 1973-1974 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING \$20,043.40
TO PROJECT KNOWN AS "HIGHWAYS - WASHINGTON AVENUE EXTENSION" AND
APPROPRIATION THEREFOR

HE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, in accordance with provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, to approve an amendment to the 1973-1974 Capital Projects Budget, Public Works Department, for the addition of funds in the amount of \$20,043.40 for Project to be known as "HIGHWAYS - WASHINGTON AVENUE EXTENSION" and appropriation of aforesaid sum therefor, in order to settle the following claims:

| Benjamin V. Molday | \$7,050.00 |
|----------------------|------------|
| Mario A. Cappabianca | 5,660.00 |
| Harold Fredrikson | 167.50 |
| Gaetano Barresi | 7.165.90 |

(3)\$26,027.58 - REGISTRARS OF VOTERS — Covering Code 102.5105.

Primary Expense - (Mayor's letter of 12/4/73)

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Livingston, who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs. CARRIED unanimously.

(4) \$1,650.00 — <u>COMMISSION ON AGING - Covering the following:</u> (Mayor's letter of 12/4/73)

MRS. LAITMAN said this amount represents funds already deposited in the General Fund or will be forthcoming from non-City sources and there is no impact on the tax rate.

She said the \$850 represents collections and donations from senior citizens and community groups to cover the cost of the "Dial-A-Ride" service, and the \$800 covers collections from the issuance of Commission on Aging identification cards used for the Stamford Senior Discount Plan and is completely self supporting. SHE MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

(5) \$600.00 -- FAIR RENT COMMISSION - Code 198.0301 - Stationery and Postage Account - (Mayor's letter of 12/5/73)

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for approval of the above. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

(6) \$230,284.17 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - Amount required to meet the obligations under recently agreed upon contract for the 1972-1973 fiscal year - (Mayor's letter of 12/5/73) (REDUCED by Board of Finance from \$682,493.61 on 12/13/73)

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Russbach, who said the Personnel Committee concurs and CARRIED with one abstention (Mrs. Varney)

MR. LIVINGSTON asked to be excused and left the meeting at 10:35 P.M., leaving 39 members now present.

(7) \$6,598.40 - BOARD OF RECREATION - For new programming at the YOUTH

CENTER for remainder of the 1973-1974 Fiscal Year
(Mayor's letter of 12/7/73) (REDUCED by Board of Finance on 12/13/73 from \$22,153.40) For the following:

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Blois who said the Parks & Recreation Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED unanimously.

(8) \$48,669 45 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Amount required to carry out the School Health Activities Program (Transferred to the Health Dept. by the Board of Education) to be allocated as follows: (Mayor's letter of 12/7/73) (REDUCED by Board of Finance on 12/13/73 from \$83,516) enveloped

MRS. LAITMAN said an item of \$10,000.00 for Code 502.0101, Health Dept., Salary Account for an Administrative Assistant to coordinate this program, was deleted by the Fiscal Committee. She said based on the information available at this time, it is believed to be an unneeded position. She said the Fiscal Committee voted 8 in favor and 1 abstention to delete this amount.

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for approval of \$48,669.40 as above outlined. Seconded.

MR. ROSE, Chairman of the Health & Protection Committee, said his Committee concurs with the recommendation of the Fiscal Committee.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI MOVED to amend that the \$10,000 for the Administrative Assistant be held in Committee.

THE PRESIDENT said under the normal course of events we would have a denial of the \$10,000 and now Mr. Boccuzzi has moved to amend by holding this in Committee and the results of that action would be that we could act on the \$10,000 at our February meeting. He called for a vote on the amendment as presented by Mr. Boccuzzi.

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MR. RYENICK said he believes this action would have to have the approval of the Fiscal Committee in order to hold this in Committee.

MRS. PONT-BRIANT said she agrees with Mr. Boccuzzi.

MRS. LAITMAN said she will accept the amendment.

THE PRESIDENT said we could take a short recess so that Mrs. Laitman might poll her Committee.

It was decided to VOTS upon the amendment as offered by Mr. Boccuzzi. CARRIED with a few "no" votes.

VOTE taken on approval of Mrs. Laitmen's motion, as amended by holding the \$10,000 in Committee. CARRIED.

(9) \$8,988.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Covering Code 510.0101, Salaries,
Allocated as follows: (Mayor's letter of 12/6/73)

MRS. LAITMAN said the amount shown on the agenda - \$17,976.00 is the yearly salary for these positions and she found out that if we pro rate this over a five month period - 21 weeks - the actual amount we would be voting on would be much less - \$8,988.00 of which \$3,936 would pay for an Account Clerk to the end of this fiscal year and this person would be responsible for accounting of grant funds which the Health Department receives and \$5,052.00 for the Lab Technician. She said the Fiscal Committee approved this and she SO NOVED. Seconded by Mr. Rose who said the Health & Protection Committee-concurs with this item.

MR. RUSSBACH said his Committee - the Personnel Committee does not approve. (His remarks could not be heard - not audible on the recording) He suggested that this be submitted in the operating budget for the next fiscal year.

MRS. LAITMAN said she would like to ask Mr. Russbach if he interviewed anyone from the Health Department before his Committee made this decision and he replied that they did not, because they had all the back up material needed and at the time they were occupied with considering the Custodians contract.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said he remembers this being presented at budget time and were cut out of the budget and told they might come back later if they wished and it could be re-considered at that time. He said he believes these two positions are very much needed.

A machine vote was taken on the question and LOST by a vote of 23 in favor and 14 opposed (a two-thirds vote is needed - 38 now present - requires an affirmative vote of 25 to carry).

(10) \$15,068.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Representing a Great from the Connecticut Regional Medical Program to further work with high blood pressure, screening and monitoring - (Mayor's letter of 12/6/73)

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Rose, Chairman of the Health & Protection Committee, who said his Committee concurs. CARRIED with a few "no" votes.

(11) \$275,000.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT -- Representing a Grant from the Federal Government known as the "Womens, Infants and Childrens Supplementary Nutrition Grant" (Mayor's letter of 12/7/73)

MRS. LAITMAN explained this will begin a food supplement pilot program called W.I.C. and that Stamford was one of 20 sites selected for this 18 month program in order to measure the effect of adequate maternal and child nutrition. She said there will be no impact upon the tax rare and that eventually funds may total one million dollers, to be totally funded by the Federal Government. SHE MOVED for approval of the request.

MR. ROSE, Chairman of the Health & Protection Committee, seconded the motion and said his Committee concurs in approval.

MR. MORABITO opposed this for the usual reason - Federal Grant, Federal Control.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI spoke in favor. After considerable debate, MR. GAMBINO MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

(12) \$13,100.00 - HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COURSE - RESOLUTION NO. 925

Amending 1973-1974 Capital Projects Budget - TRANSFER

from the following Projects: "HUBBARD HEIGHTS
REBUILDING GREENS \$10,000 and HUBBARD HEIGHTS ASPHALT

PATHS ACCOUNT \$3,100" - To Project known as "HUBBARD

HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE - CONSTRUCTION OF CART

STORAGE BARN" - (Mayor's letter of 12-10-73) (Approved by Board of Finance on 12-13-73)

MRS. LAITMAN explained that after due consideration of priorities in connection with the golf course, the Commission felt that the construction of the Cart Storage house and improvements were crucial. Monies in the greens account were inadequate and bids on the cart storage house were higher than anticipated, thus the request for a transfer is made. SHE MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Blois who said the Parks & Recreation Committee concurs.

MR. EXNICIOS asked why all of a sudden the priorities are being changed and wondered if we are being played to get money for one thing and later on make changes. He asked for more of an explenation as to why this is being changed.

MRS. LAITMAN said the Committee asked that of the Golf Commission. She said the original figure of \$20,000 was cut by the Board of Finance to

\$10,000 and you cannot build a Green for that amount of money and if you build three or four at a time, the price is much better. She said the decision to use the money for a cart storage barn was based on the premise that this way the Hubbard Heights Golf Commission could get new golf carts they have been getting old golf carts which have been breaking down considerably. She said they have raised the cost of rental of these golf carts and have assurances from the contractors that they will get new carts once the storage shed is built. She said they have also been getting extra dollars towards the cost of building this shelter and \$12,000 has been accumulating since this began a year and a half ago, so the fees for the golf carts are now \$5.00 and \$9.00. She said the Committee asked that question also.

MR. EXNICIOS said he is wondering if the Commissions are giving us the true story. He said the Capital Projects Budget book for the 1973-1974 - there is an item in there called "Golf Cart storage shelters" and the Commission asked \$24,000 for that shelter, which we gave them and now he is being told that they asked for less than it required to build it at that time and if so, why didn't they tell us that and we might possibly have saved \$24,000 from the Capital Budget. He said also, looking back in the 1972-1973 Capital Projects Budget, the Commission has \$10,000 in their "kitty" for greens and we gave them another \$10,000 and it appears to him that if they really needed greens, they could have built them with the \$10,000. He asked what is the story behind this.

MRS. LAITMAN said the original request was \$24,000 and the bid for the storage barn came in at \$37,700.

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI said he has a question - is the construction of the cart storage barn in any way going to affect the amount of area allowed for the playing of golf itself? He said as he remembers, the physical setup does not give any room for the construction of a cart house, unless they intend to tear down some of the existing structure.

MRS. LAITMAN said they asked that question and were told it would be at the first tee, and would enhance the first tee.

After considerable further debate, a vote was taken on the following resolution and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 925

AMENDING 1973-1974 CAPITAL PROJECTS HUDGET BY TRANSFERRING THE SUM OF \$13,100 FROM HUBBARD HEIGHTS - REBUILDING GREENS ACCOUNT - \$10,000,00 AND HUBBARD HEIGHTS ASPHALT PATHS ACCOUNT - \$3,100.00 TO PROJECT KNOWN AS "HUBBARD HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE - CONSTRUCTION OF CART STORAGE BARN"

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, in accordance with provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, to approve an amendment to the 1973-1974 Capital Projects Budget, Hubbard Heights Golf Course, for the transfer of funds in the amount of \$13,100.00 from Hubbard Heights - Rebuilding Greens Account - \$10,000 and Hubbard Heights Asphalt Paths Account \$3,100 to project known as "Hubbard Heights Municipal Golf Course - Construction of Cart Storage Barn".

(13) \$3,400.00 - COMMISSION ON AGING - Code 195.0101, Salaries - To

Gover salary for Eddie Pettit, Driver for "Diel-A
Ride" service - (Mayor's letter of 12-5-73)

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to bring the above matter on the agenda. She said all members received a communication on their desks tonight in regard to this request, which explains the need for the request. Her motion was seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for approval of the request. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. SERRANI, Chairmen, presented his Committee report. He said his Committee met on Thursday, January 3, 1974 and present were the following: Mr. Serrani, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Maynor, Mr. Morabito, Mr. Davidoff and Mr. Flanagan and absent because of the inclement weather were Mrs. Pont-Briant, Mrs. Perkins and Mr. Sainburg. He reported on the following items referred to his Committee.

(1) Resolution No. 926 - Authorizing Condemnation of Sanitary Sewer Easements through and under certain properties - Soundview Avenue Interceptor-(Mayor's letter of Oct. 17, 1973) - (Approved by Planning Board 10-30-73 and by Board of Finance on 11-8-73 - Held in Committee 12-10-73)

MR. SERRANI MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Colasso who said the Sewer Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 926

AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION OF SANITARY SEWER EASEMENTS THROUGH AND UNDER CERTAIN PROPERTIES - SOUNDVIEW AVENUE INTERCEPTOR

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD that authority be granted empowering the City of Stamford on behalf of the Sewer Commission to condemn easements through and under properties of Aeron Chilewich, Harold H. Burns, John L. Taylor, Jr. and Roberta D. Taylor, Anna M.S. Lombardi, Alphonse C. Jachimczyk, Frank Kurowski and Irene Kurowski, William Bell and Pauline Bell, and Leon R. Noe, Jr. and Pauline C. Noe, which easement is more specifically described in Schedule A annexed hereto, for the purpose of completing the Soundview Avenue Sanitary Sewer Interceptor.

SCHEDULE "A"

Beginning at a point on the division line between land of Leon R. Noe, Jr., Et Al, and land of the City of Stamford, said point being the southeast corner of Leon R. Noe, Jr. Et Al, being shown and delineated as lot number 3 on map number 3920 of the Stamford Land Records, thence in an easterly direction along said land of the City of Stamford S 85° 39' 40" E a distance of 167.579 feet to the westerly side of an existing sanitary sewer easement, thence in a southerly direction along said westerly side of

said easement through land of Anna M.S. Lombardi Et Al. S 330 W a distance of 11.470 feet to a point, thence in a westerly direction continuing through land of Anna M.S. Lombardi Et Al. N 850 391 40" W a distance of 162.374 feet to land of Aaron Chilewich, thence in a westerly direction along said land of Aaron Chilewich N 780 46: 20" W a distance of 1.476 feet and N 74° 53' 40" Wa distance of 291.71 feet to the easterly street line of Wallacks Lane, a private road shown and delineated on map number 3920 of the Stamford Land Records, thence in a southerly direction along said easterly street line of Wallacks Lane through land of Aaron Chilewich S 19° 54' 50" Wa distance of 296.218 feet to a point, thence in a westerly direction continuing through land of Agron Chilewhich being a portion of Elm Way N 70° 29' 30" W a distance of 241.29 feet to a point, thence in a southerly direction continuing through land of Aaron Chilewich and land of Harold H. Burns being a portion of Elm Way S 190 301 30" Wa distance of 14.663 feet to a point thence in a westerly direction through land of Harold H. Burns being a portion of Elm Way N '70° 29' 30" W a distance of 10.00 feet to a point, thence in a northerly direction through land of Harold H. Burns and Aeron Chilewich being a portion of Elm Way N 19° 30° E a distance of 24.663 feet to a point, thence in an easterly direction through land of Aaron Chilewich being a portion of Elm Way S 70° 29' 30" E a distance of 233.361 feet, thence continuing through land of Aaron Chilewich and land of Anna M.S. Lombardi Et al, each in part being portions of Elm Way and Wallacks Lane on a curve to the leftthe radius of which is 8.057 feet a distance of 12.599 feet and N 190 54 50" E a distance of 287.486 feet to a point thence in an easterly direction through land of Anna M.S. Lombardi Et Al, and along land of Leon R. Noe, Jr. Et Al S 74° 53' 40" E a distance of 300.906 feet to the point or place of beginning being more particularly shown and delineated on a certain map on file in the City and Town Clerk's Office, Stamford, Connecticut, reference thereto being hereby hand and entitled "Map Showing Sanitary Sewer Easement Through Properties Of Aaron Chilewich, Harold H. Burns, John L. Taylor, Jr. Et Al., and Anna M.S. Lombardi, Et Al. Stamford, Conn." and certified substantially correct William D. Sabia, City Engineer.

The above described easement lies in Block No. 150 Stamford Land Records.

(2) Request for a WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE - SPRINGDALE FIREHOUSE -- (Letter dated 10-12-73 from Pimpinella Construction Co., Inc.)

The above matter was held in Committee.

(3) Request for Proposed Ordinance (for publication) for PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE SALVATION ARMY, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 12-81b OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES (1967)

P.A. 311) -- (Request from Penfield Mead, Attorney, 41 Bank Stage in letter dated Oct. 17, 1973)

The above was held in Committee.

(4) Request for Proposed Ordinance (for publication) for PARTHUT TAX
EXEMPTION FOR THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX G. C. CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF
ST. MARY, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, INC., IOCATED ON SOUTH SIDE OF DEAN
ROAD - (Requested by Attorney P. Lawrence Epifonio, in lotter of 7-4-73.

also see his letter of 11-16-73)

The Above matter was held in Committee.

(5) Resolution No. 927 - Request in letter dated 12-12-73 from James B.
Hibben, Director of Urban Renewal for Approval to enter into a
Contract for the Sale of Land for Private Redevelopment to the ST.
JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH by the City of Stamford, Connecticut Urban
Redevelopment Commission and the City of Stamford, Connecticut

MR. SERRANI said the Committee approved this request and MOVED for approval of the following resolution:

MR. FLANAGAN said the Urban Renewal Committee met on this matter and also request approval, and seconded the motion. The following resolution was approved by unanimous vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 927

APPROVING CONTRACT FOR SALE OF LAND FOR PRIVATE REDEVELOPMENT TO THE ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 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

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 a certain parcel of land which is described as Re-use Parcel 1 shall be disposed of to the St. John's Episcopal Church for the purpose of expanding its parking area; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development has determined that a price of \$38,400 is a fair and reasonable price for the use intended, and has approved a proposed contract for the sale of land for said Re-use Parcel 1; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has complied with all other requirements of state and local law applicable to the disposal of said Re-use Parcel 1 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 RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT:

- 1. That a contract for the sale of land for private redevelopment of Reuse Parcel 1 may be entered into between the St. John's Episcopal Church and the City of Stamford, Connecticut Urban Redevelopment Commission and the City of Stamford, Connecticut;
- 2. That the Chairman of the Urban Redevelopment Commission and the Mayor of the City of Stamford, Connecticut are hereby authorized to make such steps as may be necessary to implement this determination.

(6) APPEAL - Referral of Zoning Board's action denying APPL. 73-007 - WILLIAM M. IVLER. ET AL. DR. CHARLES ROSENBERG, ET AL. AND GERTRUDE WEISS - (Received on Dec. 5, 1973) - Note: We have not yet received copies of the Transcript of the Public Hearing held on June 25, 1973 and excerpts of Executive meetings held on July 11th, Sept. 5th and Nov. 14th, 1973)

MR. SERRANI said he received an opinion from the Corporation Counsel which stated that this matter is not properly before us and the Committee voted in favor of that opinion. Therefore, he said, there will be no action on this.

(7) Proposed Ordinance No. 281 Supplemental - AUTHORIZATION OF RASEMENT FROM CITY OF STAMFORD TO HELCO FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICE DISTRIBUTION FOR THE BEDFORD STREET PARKING GARAGE - (Mayor's letter of 12-14-73)

MR. SERRANI MOVED for waiver of publication, which was seconded and CARRIED.

MR. SERRANI MOVED for adoption of the following Ordinance. S_{e} conded and CARRIED unanimously:

ORDINANCE NO. 281 SUPPLEMENTAL

CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF RASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO THE HARTFORD ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICE DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES FOR THE BEDFORD STREET PARKING GARAGE ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF FOREST STREET IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD

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 easement:

To the HARTFORD ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY - Map entitled

"Easement covering electric underground facilities for Bedford Street Garage, on the property of Stamford Parking Authority, City of Stamford, Forest Street & Broad Street, Stamford. Sketch K-7345, Scale None, Date 9-17-73"

which map is to be filed in the office of the Town Clerk of said City of Stamford, is hereby authorized for the purpose of providing electrical service distribution facilities to the Bedford Street Parking Garage.

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.

(8) Proposed INLAND-WETLAND ORDINANCE, entitled "CONCERNING INLAND-WETLANDS AND WATER COURSES" - (Mayor's letter of 8/13/73) - (Held in Committee 9/10-73, 10-2-73 and NOT ordered on agenda for 11-13-73)

MR. SERRANI said his Committee decided to hold an open hearing on this item, for the reason that there are many builders, contractors and people whose land this would affect. He said they have set the date for the hearing for Thursday, January 24, 1974, for 8 P.M. at Stillmeadow School.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

Concerning TRAFFIC PATTERN AT THE CULIODEN ROAD, CRYSTAL AND MAIN

STREET INTERSECTION - (Presented by Mr. Armen Gurcian, 7th District
Representative at Dec. 10, 1973 Board meeting and referred to Steering
Committee)

MR. ROSE said his Committee talked to Mr. Weber, City Traffic Director, on this problem and he gave him a letter from the Transportation Eureau stating that they are going to go through with the proposal to have this a two way street but prohibit a left turn of vehicles on Main Street. He said he intends to have another meeting with the representatives of this area and the Mayor to see what can be done about this complaint.

MR. RYBNICK said regarding what the Committee Chairman has just said, there will be a meeting of representatives from the TOPICS program with the Committee tomorrow morning an anyone concerned is welcome to attend. He said the meeting will be held in the Mayor's Conference Room.

MR. CROSEY said, as a member of the Committee, he wished to bring attention to the terrible ice storm of two weeks ago and everyone still bears the scars of this power-out and the streets are still testimony of what happened, with tree limbs, branches, debris, piled high alongside our streets and roadways. He said he would like to recommend that this committee and the Public Works Committee make an objective study of these events with the hope that they could come up with adequate preparations and a plan for the future. Also, he said he would recommend that they find more speedy means to clean up the aftermath, as the present limbs and rubble are causing a very dangerous situation for drivers and pedestrians.

THE PRESIDENT said he would remark that he as President of the Board, has received an invitation to a meeting tomorrow afternoon at 4 P.M. in the Mayor's office and the Mayor will be meeting with the various department heads to discuss emergency measures and any Representatives that wishes to attend that meeting will be welcome.

CONCERNING ENERGY CRISIS

MRS. PONT-BRIANT brought up the above matter and said she wants a sense of the Board resolution sent to Mayor Lenz, Governor Meskill, Senator Weicker and Senator Ribicoff and Congressman McKinney to pursue their research into the energy crisis to determine if it is real or contrived, and to request their immediate investigation into the "energy crisis". She said she is very unhappy with the ontire situation and thinks it is about time something was done.

THE PRESIDENT asked if there is a seconder to Mrs. Pont-Briant's motion. Seconded. and CARRIED.

MRS. VARNEY suggested that with the spring floods not far away, that perhaps they will take this into consideration also.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Concerning Marina Fees

MRS. LAITMAN asked Mr. Julius Blois, the Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee, if he had read any of the correspondence which had been received on the question of marina fees which was raised last month and has he pursued this with Mr. Connell as to the fact that this will not cover the cost of the marina.

MR. BIOIS said he had received one letter from a Mr. Lavich and will take this up with Mr. Connell, and will report at the February meeting his findings.

Concerning Ice Skating Fees at Terry Conners Rink

MRS. VARNEY asked Mr. Blois if he had a chance to look into the question of the fees which had been discussed at a previous meeting.

MR. BLOIS said in answer to that question, three weeks ago he and Mr. Perlllo spent three hours down at the Terry Conners Rink trying to got nome information on the operation of the plant and were promised that this would be forthcoming in the mail, but has not been received by him as yet. He said they intend to pursue this.

PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE:

Concerning New Hope Towers and Lawn Avenue Project

MR. DIXON, Chairman, said he will attempt to give a very limited report on the above projects. He said his Committee met jointly on Friday, January 4th at 8 P.M. with the URC and those present from the Housing Committee were: Mr. Rose, Mr. Sainburg, and himself. Present from the URC Committee were: Mr. Flanagan, Mr. Costello, Mr. Gambino, Mr. Martino and Mr. Exnicios. Also invited to attend and present were: Mr. Cook, from the Cook & Haynes Management firm, Attorney John Merchant, representing the New Hope Corp. Mr. Hibben from URC and Mrs. Johnston from the Mayor's Office. He said the President of the Board and the Majority Leader were also present.

Mr. Dixon said he finds it rather difficult to give a step by step accounting as to what has now resulted in a major problem, and this problem is money. He said instead of going into lengthy details, he will simply confirm what was printed in the Advocate last Friday and Saturday. He said it is now a fact that New Hope Towers which was originally supposed to be a low and middle income housing and a cooperative rental housing project, is now faced with the threat of not ever being used for either, although the construction is complete and the building is ready for occupancy, all of the construction costs have not been met - therefore the final closing and occupancy can take place until the remaining debt to the builder is satisfied or an alternative plan to convert from low and moderate income to limited dividend project is agreed upon in Washington. He said the general feeling of the delegation that met in Washington with HUD officials is that HUD will approve the

conversion, which will then give the builder equity in the corporation and yet retain the status of low and moderate income. He said if the approval is granted by HUD, at an expected early date, it is anticipated that occupancy can then begin in February. He said the original costs for the New Hope contract was six million, twenty seven thousand eight hundred dollars and the cost to date shows increases due to change orders during the construction which amounts to \$250,000, cost increases and materials, etc., mortgage penalty payments and interest paid, all of which adds up to well over \$250,000.

Re: Lawn Avenue

MR. DIXON said about a week after our last months meeting, he had a conversation with Mrs. Wormser, the Housing Authority Director, and she assured him at that time that four families had moved into the Lawn Avenue housing project and that other families would be moving in as soon as the apartments were completed. He said she indicated to him that there were minor detail work to be done in all the apartments and thought that within perhaps 30 days all the apartments would be filled. He said he would expect by this time the Project is filled.

MRS. LAITMAN asked if the Co-op plan comes through will it be abandoned on a rental basis?

MR. DIXON said the Co-op plan would then be abandoned and it will be let on a rental basis and the rents will begin for a one bedroom apartment at about \$160 per month for a 4 bedroom apartment - the rentals will be about \$230 a month.

MR. SERRANI asked if it is correct that there are people now living in the Towers?

MR. DIXON said no one is presently living in the Towers.

MR. GAMBINO said as he understands it, the co-op concept is pretty gone, but it is still going to be left in the contract so that if, in 10 or 12 years, this project bails itself out, it still can be used as a co-op and can still be sold.

MR. DAVIDOFF said he had spoken with an attorney and it seems that there is still hope and that there might be another way of retrieving the building from the lien set on it by the contractor. He said he would discuss this with whoever is interested and put them in touch with the attorney.

MR. FLANAGAN said he had met with Mr. Dixon and his Committee and if there is an alternate way of financing it apparently is not known by HUD officials or by the Attorney for New Hope who is very familiar with these projects, but if there is another and better way, he is sure everyone would be happy to hear about it.

MRS. LAITMAN asked Mr. Flanagan if there has been any progress on the signing of leases for the stores.

MR. FLANAGAN said he heard Mr. Rich say that he hopes to have a store under contract this year, but there is nothing in writing.



PETITIONS

MR. CUROIAN said he would like to forward a petition from the residents at the intersection of Maple Tree Avenue and Courtland Avenue which concerns an unpleasant situation for the tenants and homeowners of the immediate area. He said since December 21st they have been subjected to rowdyism, excessive noise and a general nuisance as a result of a cafe opening at that location. He said for 25 years prior to that, the bar had been limited to a beer license and on December 21st hard liquor was allowed to be served. He said the only recourse that these people seem to have at this particular time is to call on the Board of Representatives, since the calling of squad cars does not seem to be the remedy. He said Section 14-17 of the City Charter gives power to restore tranquility to the neighborhood. He said he would like to submit a cover letter telling the Health & Protection Committee the course to pursue other than expecting the Police Department to handle the situation.

MR. GAMBINO suggested that a letter be written to the Liquor Control Commission. He said when anyone applies for a Liquor Permit it is published in the paper, but they probably missed it. He said a letter to the Liquor Control Commission might possibly be the best way to handle this as they have control over these metters, if it turns out to be a definite nuisance. He said it is unfortunate that the residents did not catch this before when the announcement was made in the paper, which would have been the time to let their views be known and it could have been easily controlled at that point.

NEW BUSINESS:

Accolade to WSTC:

MES. PONT BRIANT said she wants to publicly commend the Radio Station for their fine work during the power shortage the week of the 17th and thinks they should be given a letter of commendation for showing their true community spirit.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 a.m.

Velma Farrell

Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary

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APPROVED: Frederick E. Miller, Jr

Frederick E. Miller, Jr., President 13th Board of Representatives

Note:

The above meeting was broadcast over Radio Station WSTC until 11:00 P.M.