

MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 197413TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVESSTAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A regular monthly meeting of the 13th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Monday, March 4, 1974 in the Boards' meeting room, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Frederick E. Miller, Jr., at 9:30 P.M. after a Caucus by the respective parties.

INVOCATION - Was to have been given by Rev. Robert Everett, Union Memorial Church. However, because of another appointment, he was unable to stay. His prayer was read by the President.

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

CHECK OF VOTING MACHINE:

A check of the voting machine was conducted and appeared to be in working order.

PAGES: Elizabeth Koehn and Margaret Ann Ross from Rippowam High School.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk, Mrs. Marilyn Laitman. There were 39 present and one absent. The absent member was Alfred E. Perillo, who is confined to the hospital.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed at this time in memory of Daniel Baker, a former member of the Board of Representatives and Fire Chief Charles McRedmond.

LATE START OF MEETING:

MR. RYBNICK said the hour is past 9:30 P.M. and he does not think it is fair to the members of the Clergy who are kept waiting for an hour and a half. He said these men are busy people and have other meetings scheduled and are not able to devote so much time to waiting for our meeting to start.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - February 4, 1974

The minutes of the above meeting were accepted with a correction to page 9943, under item #15, which was never voted upon for the reason that a motion was made to bring it up under suspension of the rules and two votes were taken, one was a voice vote and when a division was requested, a second vote was taken on the voting machine and lost for the reason that it takes a two-thirds vote to carry. The paragraph should now read as follows:

"MRS. LAITMAN explained that this money was held in Committee by the Fiscal Committee of the 12th Board, pending verification for the need. She said this is to meet the need under the total obligation of the approved contract, which has been obtained. A division was requested, as suspension of the rules requires a 2/3rd vote. Machine vote was taken and LOST by a vote of 21 in favor and 16 opposed. (Need a 2/3rd vote to carry)".



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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting held Monday, February 25, 1974

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, February 25, 1974 in the Democratic Caucus Room, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 8 P.M. by the President and Chairman, Mr. Frederick E. Miller, Jr. The following members were present:

Frederick E. Miller, Jr., Chairman (D)  
Marilyn R. Laitman, Clerk (D)  
John J. Boccuzzi, Majority Leader (D)  
Theodore J. Boccuzzi (D)  
Thom Serrani (D)  
Salvan Ross, Jr. (D)  
Philip J. Gambino (D)  
Matthew Rose (D)  
Julius J. Blois (D)  
Jeremiah Livingston (D)  
John Colasso (D)  
Handy Dixon (D)  
Kim Varney (R)  
Daniel R. Russbach (R) - (Had to be excused to attend a meeting of Personnel Commission)

The absent members were:

Robert B. Exniclos (R)  
Lois Pont-Briant (R)  
William H. Flanagan (R)

The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

(1) Appointments:

A letter dated Feb. 25, 1974 from the Mayor was presented, containing a resubmission of five appointments, except that one - the name of Patrick Grosso as a member of the Planning Board was submitted for the first time, it having been submitted at the 2-4-74 Board meeting as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and denied at that time. All the other appointments were second submissions, having been denied at the 2-4-74 Board meeting. These appointments were REFERRED TO THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON THE AGENDA.



(2) Additional Appropriations:

Six appropriations approved by the Board of Finance at their adjourned meetings of December 20, 1973 and January 22, 1974 were REFERRED TO THE FISCAL COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON THE AGENDA. They were also referred to other interested Committees concerned.

Twenty-two other appropriations, approved by the Board of Finance at their adjourned meeting held February 21, 1974 were also REFERRED TO THE FISCAL COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON THE AGENDA. They were also referred to various other concerned committees.

- (3) \$100,000.00 - Request for Teachers' Salaries (Under Collective Bargaining Contract for 1973-1975 (2 years)) - (Note: Deferred by 12th Board's Fiscal Committee on Oct. 2, 1973 - See pages 9849-50 of Minutes - Brought up under suspension of the rules on 2-4-74 but failed to carry for reason that this needs a 2/3rd vote.

Above REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE and PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, and ORDERED ON AGENDA.

- (4) 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) --

NOTE: An open hearing was held on 1-24-74 at the Stillmeadow School at 8 P.M. by the 13th Board's Legislative & Rules Committee. No action was taken at the 2-4-74 Board meeting -- held in Committee.

Above REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (5) GASOLINE CRISIS - Recommendations as to solution

Above referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (6) Letter to Board of Representatives dated 1-31-74 from Chairman of Flood and Erosion Control Board, concerning proposed legislation covering Section 7-146 and 7-147 of State Statutes which deals with the setting of encroachment lines -- (Note: Letter refers to Section 146 and 147 of Statutes) -- Permission is granted by the Legislative Body in setting encroachment lines)

Above referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA.

- (7) Concerning PRIORITY LISTS OF SALTING & SANDING OF CITY STREETS IN SNOW-STORMS - (Requested in letter dated 1-21-74 from Salvan Ross, Jr., 15th District Representative) - (Copies made for all Representatives)

Above REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (8) Concerning Property Tax Exemption for all Stamford Residents 65 years or more - To exempt them from paying taxes at a rate of one-half the normal mill rate on property taxed and occupied by them - (Presented by Representative Martino, 10th District on 12-10-73)

Above referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE but NOT ORDERED ON AGENDA



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Above NOT ordered on agenda. President requested to answer letter.

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Above referred to PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE, but NOT ordered on agenda.

- (11) Letter dated 2-15-74 from Handy Dixon, 2nd District Representative, regarding alleged discrimination against minority groups in hiring policy in the Parks and Highway Departments

Above referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE and PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - NOT ordered on the agenda.

- (12) Corporation Counsel's Opinion - Re: VOTE REQUIRED WHEN TRANSFER IS MADE IN THE CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET - (A two-thirds vote of the entire Board membership is required -- 27 votes) -- (Letter dated 2-8-74, attaching opinion in letter from J. Robert Bromley, former Corporation Counsel, dated 3-21-72)

Above noted and filed.

- (13) Copy of letter dated 2-14-74 from J. Ralph Murray, member of Board of Finance to Mayor Lenz - re: GASOLINE CRISIS

No action needed - noted and filed.

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- (17) Two letters concerning drug problems aided by Liberation House and the good work being done by that organization and the need for its continuance

There was some discussion at this point for the need to appoint a Drug Abuse Special Committee and the President said he would take this under consideration after consulting with the Majority and Minority Leaders.

- (18) Copy of letter dated 2-13-74 from Corporation Counsel to Daniel Russbach 17th District Representative, concerning validity of appointments to the Stamford Parking Authority and possible violation of Section 582 of Charter, in which he rules that no violation of the Charter exists.

Above noted and filed.

- (19) Concerning REGULATORY FEES FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Above matter referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE for study and recommendations.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR.  
Chairman, Steering Committee

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**CONCERNING BOARD OF EDUCATION CUSTODIANS AND MECHANICS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTRACT:**

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said instead of waiting all evening until we reach the Personnel Committee on the agenda, and for the reason that there are a lot of Custodians waiting to hear the Committee report on their contract (which was re-submitted this evening, but no copies available for all Board members) he would request that we hear a status report at this time from Mr. Russbach the Chairman of the Personnel Committee.

THE PRESIDENT replied that if there is no objection, Mr. Russbach will be permitted to make an announcement.

MR. RUSSBACH said the Custodian's Contract has been re-negotiated and was signed yesterday by the Mayor. He said he has in his possession a copy of the letter of transmittal from the Mayor dated today - March 4, 1974 - with a copy of the revised Contract. Because of the time factor involved, he said none of the Committee members have seen nor reviewed the contract, nor have the members of the Board. He explained that there is a particular economic problem in connection with the Custodians -- and the Contract is retroactive to 1972, and the time lag has been an economic burden upon them. In view of this, he said he will formally request the President of the Board to call a Special Meeting at his discretion for the purpose of reviewing and approving this Contract.

THE PRESIDENT said if it appears that it might be necessary to have a Special Meeting of the Board, he will consult with Mr. John Boccuzzi, Majority Leader, and Mr. Robert Kxnicios, Minority Leader, and will take that into consideration.



It was decided that a Special Meeting will be held.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said he will assume that all the Board members will receive copies of the contract so that they will have time to look them over.

THE PRESIDENT said he also would assume that fact.

MR. TRUGLIA asked whose responsibility it was to get these contracts to us.

THE PRESIDENT said whoever it may be that gives us the contracts, it will be their responsibility to provide copies for each member.

MR. RYBNICK said he hopes that each member does receive a copy of the Contract.

#### APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI, Chairman, said the Appointments Committee held a meeting this evening with the following Representatives present: Representatives Ravallese, Martino, Dixon, Crosby, Forman and Tresser.

He presented the following appointments which were voted upon, using the voting machine as specified in the Rules of Order. The vote is recorded below:

#### PLANNING BOARD:

#### Term Expires:

(1) <u>PATRICK GROSSO (D)</u> Bend of River Lane (Replacing Canio Santoro, whose term expired)	VOTE: 25 yes 14 no	Dec. 1, 1978
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#### PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATE:

(2) <u>PHYLLIS SINRICH (D)</u> 12 Fernwood Drive (Replacing Edwin Redfern, deceased) (Denied 2-4-74) (2nd Submission)	VOTE: 27 yes 12 no	Dec. 1, 1974
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#### BOARD OF RECREATION:

(3) <u>DAVID O'KEEFE (D)</u> 34 Courtland Hill Street (Replacing Thomas Pia, whose term expired) (Denied on 2-4-74 - 2nd Submission)	VOTE: 23 yes 15 no 1 abstention	Dec. 1, 1978
(4) <u>DOUGLAS TUCKER (D)</u> 151 Dunn Avenue (To complete a term that expired in 1972 and never filled) (Denied on 2-4-74 - 2nd Submission)	VOTE: 32 yes 7 no	Dec. 1, 1977



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PERSONNEL COMMISSION:Term Expires:

- (5) EDWARD MATHEWS (D) VOTE: 25 yes  
 Webbs Hill Road 14 no  
 (Replacing Richard Comerford, Jr.,  
 whose term expired) - (Denied  
 on 2-4-74 - 2nd Submission)

Dec. 1, 1976

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MRS. LAITMAN, Chairman, presented her Committee report. She said a meeting was held on Wednesday, February 27, 1974 with the following members present: Mrs. Laitman, Chairman, Robert Crosby, Handy Dixon, Norman Davidoff, Barbara Forman, Jerry Livingston, Michael Loughran, Mrs. Pont-Briant, Jerry Rybnick, and Mrs. Varney. She reported on the following items:

- (1) \$2,000.00 - COMMISSION ON AGING - Code 195.0101. Salaries - For a Program Coordinator - (REDUCED from \$3,717.00 by Board of Finance and approved on 12-20-73) - Referred back to Committee 2-4-74.

MRS. LAITMAN said this amount will fund through June 30th a Program Coordinator for the South End Community Center. SHE MOVED for its approval. Seconded by Mr. Russbach, who said the Personnel Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.

- (2) \$2,200.00 - COMMISSION ON AGING - Code 195.0102 - Part-time (Stamford Manor Director) - (Referred back to Committee on 2-4-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said this amount funds through June 30th, a Program Director for the Stamford Manor and will provide a program for close to 300 elderly people. She explained that last month we approved \$500 for Senior Services, a Grant which will go toward funding this salary and the Title VII nutrition Grant will pay \$750 toward this worker. SHE MOVED for approval of the request. Seconded by Mr. Russbach who said the Personnel Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.

- (3) \$371,071.94 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - (Amount needed to meet obligations for fiscal year 1973-1974) allocated as follows: (Approved by Board of Finance on 12-20-73) - Mayor's letter 12-5-73

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for approval of the request in the amount of \$452,209.44, which amount appears on the agenda.

MR. ROSE said the Health and Protection Committee concurs with the request and seconded the motion.

MR. RUSSBACH said several questions have been raised and after a re-poll of the Personnel Committee this evening, they are recommending that this be held in Committee. He said they did not have the opportunity to meet with the Police Department as they were not available that night. Therefore, he said, they wish to hold this in Committee pending clarification of several questions.



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THE PRESIDENT explained that this item has received the recommendation of both the Fiscal Committee and the Health & Protection Committee — however, the Personnel Committee recommends that we do not act on this tonight.

MR. EXNICIOS asked if Mr. Russbach's remarks are to be construed as a motion.

THE PRESIDENT said it is merely a recommendation.

MR. RUSSBACH MOVED TO hold this in Committee, pending clarification of several questions that the Committee has. Seconded by Mr. Exnicios.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI asked what questions does the Committee wish to ask?

MR. RUSSBACH said they have questions on two of the items which are part of the entire appropriation — one is Code 530.0112 — Vacations in amount of \$1,537.50 and the other is for Code 530.2502 — Clothing Maintenance Allowance in amount of \$79,600.00.

MRS. LAITMAN said she must explain that this is in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Contract for the Police Department which was previously approved by the Board of Representatives. She explained the breakdown for the Clothing Maintenance Allowance, and said this all appeared in the original Contract approved by this Board.

After considerable further debate, a VOTE was taken on the following items, with the two items mentioned by Mr. Russbach, held in Committee, and CARRIED with one abstention (Mrs. Varney).

Code 530.0101 — Salaries	\$319,821.94
Code 530.0103 — Overtime	13,325.00
Code 530.0109 — Court time	6,150.00
Code 530.0110 — Holiday Time	10,250.00
Code 530.0111 — 5% Salary Differential	3,075.00
Code 530.0113 — Day-Off Slips	9,225.00
Code 530.0114 — 10% Salary Differential	9,225.00
	<u>\$371,071.94</u>

(4) \$65,211.00 — HEALTH DEPARTMENT — Housing Code Enforcement Task Force, Representing a Grant from the Department of Community Affairs — (Mayor's letter of 12-14-73) — to be allocated as follows:

Code 513.0101 — Salaries	\$52,100.00
Code 513.0120 — Employee Benefits	5,828.00
Code 513.0301 — Postage & Stationery	450.00
Code 513.0401 — Advertising & Printing	833.00
Code 513.0501 — Telephones	240.00
Code 513.0801 — Transportation	5,760.00
	<u>\$65,211.00</u>

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for approval of the above request. She explained this represents a full funded Grant from the Dept. of Community Affairs for the above Task Force, who circulate throughout the City, checking compliance with the City Code wherever so authorized. Seconded by Mr. Rose, who said the Health & Protection Committee concurs in approval. Also seconded by Mr. Russbach, who said the Personnel Committee also concurs. CARRIED.



- (5) \$1,950.00 - FAIR RENT COMMISSION - Code 198.0101 - Salaries -  
(To cover salary for Secretary for 15 weeks from cut-off  
date of EEA program in March to end of fiscal year) -  
(Mayor's letter of 12-31-73)

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

- (6) \$9,179.00 - PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT - SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM for the  
following: (Approved by Board of Finance at adjourned  
meeting held 1-22-74.) - (Mayor's letter 12-7-73)

Code 502.0601 - Supplies	\$2,979.00
Code 502.0801 - Transportation	3,200.00
Code 502.2501 - Uniforms	3,000.00
	<u>\$9,179.00</u>

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by MR. ROSE who said the Health & Protection Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.

- (7) \$2,237.95 - DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & NATURAL RESOURCES - Code 710.0101  
Salaries - being amount required for the salary of the  
Mianus River Park Chief Ranger, covering period 4-1-74  
thru 6-30-74, Classification A-01 at \$172.15 per week -  
(Approved by Board of Finance at adjourned meeting held  
1-22-74) - (Mayor's letter of 1-3-74)

MRS. LAITMAN explained this represents a base pay of \$8,952, and that the salary would begin April 1st and that it was REDUCED from \$3,443.00. She said the question has arisen as to whether or not this position was authorized by Personnel; therefore this person will be tested and can be approved, subject to approval by the Personnel Department. She said she met with Mr. Barker this morning. SHE MOVED for approval of the request. Seconded by Mr. Russbach and CARRIED.

- (8) \$2,624.48 - REGISTRARS OF VOTERS - Code 102.5104 - Elections -  
(Mayor's letter of 1-15-74)

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

- (9) \$49,907.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - 100% prepaid FEDERAL GRANT under  
continuation of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary  
Education Act to continue Title I - E.S.E.A. Project  
135-2 ASPIRATION-EDUCATION for fiscal year 1973 -  
(See letter from Dr. Carpenter, Supt. of Schools, dated  
1-25-74)

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



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- (10) \$12,000.00 - RESOLUTION NO. 930 - Approving an amendment to the 1973-1974 Capital Project Budget by adding to Project known as "CLEANING RIVERS AND STREAMS" the sum of \$12,000.00 by the TRANSFER of aforesaid sum from account known as "HURRICANE PROTECTION - 1965 BONDS" - (Mayor's letter of 2-8-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said this is a resolution and MOVED for its adoption. Seconded by Mr. Gambino who said the Public Works Committee approved this item with some reservations - one, that in the future, all appropriations go out to bid and not be done in time and materials and second, if possible, try to seek State Aid to help pay for some of this cost.

THE PRESIDENT suggested that the Public Works Committee put this in writing and see to it that it gets to Mr. Casale (Chairman of the Flood & Erosion Control Board). VOTE taken and CARRIED unanimously. The resolution follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 930

AMENDING 1973-74 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING TO PROJECT KNOWN AS "CLEANING RIVERS AND STREAMS" THE SUM OF \$12,000.00 BY THE TRANSFER OF AFORESAID SUM FROM ACCOUNT KNOWN AS "HURRICANE PROTECTION - 1965 BONDS"

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, Flood and Erosion Control Board, by authorizing the TRANSFER of the sum of \$12,000.00 from Project known as "HURRICANE PROTECTION - 1965 BONDS" to Project known as "CLEANING RIVERS AND STREAMS".

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- (11) \$25,000.00 - CORPORATION COUNSEL - Code 110.5402 - Settlement of Non-Contract Claims - (Mayor's letter of 1-11-74)

MRS. LAITMAN explained this is needed in order to pay a Court Judgment which was entered in the case of Abigail Broderick vs. the City of Stamford. SHE MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Serrani who said the Legislative and Rules Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.

- (12) \$2,900.00 - CIVIL DEFENSE - Code 560.2201 - New Equipment - (Mayor's letter of 2-11-74) - (REDUCED from \$4,100 by Board of Finance)

MRS. LAITMAN explained that this appropriation will pay for a multi purpose station wagon being turned in by the Stamford Police Department. SHE MOVED for approval of the request. Seconded by Mr. Rose, who said the Health & Protection Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.



- (13) \$5,800.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE (Smith House) for the following:  
(Mayor's letter of 2-8-74)

Code 440.1201 - Maintenance of Equipment	-----	\$5,000.00
Code 440.1801 - Maintenance of Building	-----	800.00
		<u>\$5,800.00</u>

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Livingston and CARRIED.

- (14) \$33,000.00 - RESOLUTION NO. 931 - Amending 1973-1974 Capital Projects Budget by adding to Project known as "NORTH END FIRE STATION" the sum of \$33,000.00 and appropriation therefor - (Mayor's letter of 1-21-74)

MRS. LAITMAN explained this is needed to meet the low bid for construction of the North End Fire Station and this bid will hold only to March 15th. SHE MOVED for its approval. Seconded by Mr. Gambino, who said the Public Works Committee approved this with one vote against.

MR. COLASSO said he would like to request a ROLL CALL VOTE on this item.

After a great deal of discussion, MR. COLASSO MOVED THE QUESTION, which was seconded and CARRIED. As he had requested a ROLL CALL VOTE and there being enough (9) members in favor, it was agreed that one be taken. The resolution follows, after which the ROLL CALL VOTE will be recorded, as shown below:

RESOLUTION NO. 931

AMENDING 1973-1974 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING TO  
PROJECT KNOWN AS "FIRE DEPARTMENT - NORTH END FIRE STATION"  
THE SUM OF \$33,000.00 AND APPROPRIATION THEREFOR

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, Fire Department, by adding to Project known as "NORTH END FIRE STATION" the additional sum of \$33,000.00 in order to meet the low bid for construction of the North End Fire Station, and appropriation of aforesaid sum therefor.

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The following is the ROLL CALL VOTE taken on Resolution No. 931 which was CARRIED by a vote of 37 in favor and 2 opposed:



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THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

ELOIS, Julius (D)  
 BOCCUZZI, John (D)  
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 COLASSO, John (D)  
 CONNORS, George (D)  
 COSTELLO, Robert (D)  
 CROSBY, Robert (R)  
 DAVIDOFF, Norman (D)  
 DeROSE, Joseph (D)  
 DIXON, Handy (D)  
 EXNICIOS, Robert (R)  
 FLANAGAN, William (R)  
 FORMAN, Barbara (R)  
 GAMBINO, Philip (D)  
 GURCIAN, Armen (D)  
 KELLY, James (D)  
 LAITMAN, Marilyn (D)  
 LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)  
 LOUGHRAN, Michael (D)  
 LOWDEN, Lynn (D)  
 MARTINO, Vincent (D)  
 MAYNOR, Frederick (D)  
 MILLER, Frederick (D)  
 PERKINS, Billie (R)  
 PONT-BRIANT, Lois (R)  
 RAVALLESE, George (D)  
 ROSE, Matthew (D)  
 ROSS, Salvan (D)  
 RUSSBACH, Daniel (R)  
 RYENICK, Gerald (D)  
 SAINBURG, Richard (R)  
 SANDOR, John (D)  
 SERRANI, Thom (D)  
 TRESSER, Michael (R)  
 TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)  
 VARNEY, Kim (R)  
 WALSH, Peter (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

HOFFMAN, Leonard (R)  
 MORABITO, Joseph (D)

(15) \$4,000.00 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - Code 540.2501, Uniforms - (Mayor's letter of 2-8-74)

The above was Held in Committee.

(16) \$1,515.00 - TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT - Code 525.0101 - Salaries, for back salary increments for City Traffic Director from Oct. 1, 1972 and Oct. 1, 1973 (Salary to \$23,716.00 - Job Code from A-16-3 to A-16-4 and from A-16-4 to A-16-5 (Marcom) - Note: See Minutes of 9/11/72, page 9346 - (Mayor's letter of 2-8-74)

The above was Held in Committee.



- (17) \$13,947.50 - Resolution No. 932 - Amending 1973-1974 Capital Projects Budget, by adding to Project known as "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - HIGHWAYS" the appropriation of \$13,947.50 which is required for road improvements on DERRY STREET, in order to bring road up to proper condition for acceptance as a City Street under provisions of Chapter 64 of Charter and Section 18-82 of the Code of General Ordinances - (First step initiated under above provisions of Charter and Code on Jan. 11, 1971 by adoption of Resolution No. 721) - (Mayor's letter of 2-4-74)

City's Share	\$1,347.50
Property Owners' Share	12,600.00
	<u>\$13,947.50</u>

MRS. LAITMAN said these funds are required for road improvements on Derry Street, the breakdown of which appears on the agenda. She said these figures are an actual cost breakdown, as opposed to amounts which cover only an estimated one that the Board approved in December. (Resolution No. 923, adopted 12-10-73). SHE MOVED for approval. MR. ROSS, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee said his Committee concurs. CARRIED unanimously.

The resolution follows:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 932

AMENDING 1973-1974 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING THERETO A PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,947.50 TO BE KNOWN AS "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - HIGHWAYS - ROAD IMPROVEMENT - DERRY STREET" WITH \$12,600.00 OF SAID AMOUNT TO BE ASSESSED TO PROPERTY OWNERS ON SAID ROAD AND \$1,347.50 TO BE BORNE BY THE CITY, UNDER PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 64 OF THE CHARTER AND SECTION 18-82 OF THE CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCES - (Note: See first step initiated Jan. 11, 1971 by adoption of Resolution No. 721; also see report of Commissioner of Finance approved Dec. 10, 1973 by adoption of Resolution No. 923)

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 by adding thereto a Project in the amount of \$13,947.50 to be known as "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - HIGHWAYS - ROAD IMPROVEMENT, DERRY STREET" and appropriation of aforesaid sum therefor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives that \$12,600.00 of the amount so requested is to be assessed against the property owners on Derry Street, with the balance of \$1,347.50 to be borne by the City as provided under the provisions of Section 18-82 of the Code of General Ordinances (1972 recodification; formerly known as Sec. 29.50) and Chapter 64 of the Charter.



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(18) \$36,688.50 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Methadone Maintenance Treatment - Grants received from State and Drug Liberation - (Mayor's letter of 2-13-74)

\$35,421.00 - Grant received from State of Connecticut Alcohol and Drug Dept., Mental Health, for operation of the City's Methadone Maintenance Treatment Program.

1,267.50 - Grant received from Drug Liberation for salaries in connection with services rendered by the Health Dept. for carrying out drug analysis for Drug Liberation.

MRS. LAITMAN said these funds are Grants received from the State and Drug Liberation. SHE MOVED for approval of the request. MR. ROSE, Chairman of the Health & Protection Committee, said his Committee concurs with this item. CARRIED.

(19) \$3,420.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - Code 510.0101, Salaries - For a Laboratory Technician for 5 months - (Mayor's letter of 2-11-74) (REDUCED from \$4,274.82)

MRS. LAITMAN said the Committee approved the REDUCED figure of \$3,420.00 being reduced from the original request of \$4,274.82. She said this amount will fund a Laboratory Technician through the end of the fiscal year - June 30th. She said the transfer of the Methadone program from the Health Dept. left only the Laboratory Director as a full time employee to do over 36,000 examinations a year. She said there are Grant programs which will help to fund this position, and the \$1,260 just approved will be deposited in the General Fund and credited to this account. She said the Police Department has indicated that they will make every effort to reimburse the Health Department for laboratory work - also other sources of revenue will be pursued. SHE MOVED for approval of the request. Seconded by MR. RUSSBACH who said the Personnel Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.

(20) \$8,000.00 - Resolution No. 933 - Amending 1973-1974 Capital Projects Budget by adding Project in above amount to be known as "RENOVATION OF STERLING FARMS BUILDING #9" to be financed by the TRANSFER of \$8,000.00 from Project known as "STERLING FARMS YOUTH CENTER" - (See Mayor's letter of 1-11-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said this transfer will have no impact on the tax rate, and will make possible a multi-purpose building, providing much needed dressing rooms, storage and rehearsal areas and an administrative office. SHE MOVED for its approval. Seconded by Mr. Blois, who said the Parks & Recreation Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED with one "No" vote. The resolution follows:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 933

AMENDING 1973-1974 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$8,000.00 TO PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS "RENOVATION OF STERLING FARMS BUILDING NO. 9" FROM PROJECT KNOWN AS "STERLING FARMS YOUTH CENTER"  
ITEM NO. 11



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, Board of Recreation, by TRANSFERRING \$8,000.00 from Project known as "STERLING FARMS YOUTH CENTER", item No. 11 to Project to be known as "RENOVATION OF STERLING FARMS BUILDING NO. 9" to be used for a new roof and interior renovation of Building No. 9 at the Sterling Farms Recreational area, due to damage done to the building during a recent ice storm.

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- (21) \$2,252.96 - COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE - DATA PROCESSING - Code 117.0101 Salaries - (To retain services of EEA employee being phased out of program on 3-1-74) - (Mayor's letter of 2-13-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said this has been REDUCED from the amount of \$2,573.46 which appears on the agenda. She said these funds will pay for an employee, part of the Data Processing team who prepares input data for the computer and to get our money's worth, the computer should be utilized more fully. She said the department now operates at 80% of capacity and this person represents 1/16th of the necessary work force needed. SHE MOVED for approval of the request. Seconded by Mr. Russbach, who said his Committee (Personnel) concurs in approval. CARRIED.

- (22) \$2,252.96 - PURCHASING DEPARTMENT - Code 118.0101 - Salaries - To cover EEA personnel being phased out through 6-30-74 - (Mayor's letter of 2-13-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said this has been REDUCED from the amount of \$2,598.82 which appears on the agenda. She said this will fund a Clerk-Typist in this department who handles invoices, receipts, requisitions, etc., and the work involves the handling of cash discounts, from which considerable savings are realized by taking advantage of these discounts which is considerable during the year. SHE MOVED for its approval. Seconded by Mr. Russbach, who said the Personnel Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.

- (23) \$1,064,531.59 - To cover salary requirements under COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTRACT for 1972-1973 and 1973-1974 Fiscal years and covers all employees under the MEA Contract - (350,999.45 for 1972-73 and \$713,532.14 for 1973-74; being 5.4% and 5% raises given all MEA employees, approved July 16, 1973 by 12th Board of Representatives)

MRS. LAITMAN said this appropriation covers salary requirements under the Collective Bargaining Contracts for 1972-1973 and 1973-1974 fiscal years, covering employees under the MEA Contract. SHE MOVED for its approval. Seconded by Mr. Russbach, who said the Personnel Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED with four "no" votes.



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- (24) \$137,588.00 - Resolution No. 934 - Amending 1973-1974 Capital Projects Budget, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - In order to meet deficiencies in CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING - FLOOD & EROSION - HURRICANE BARRIER, for Tract No. 24E and Tract No. 33, Bridgeport Roman Diocesan Corporation and Wm. F. Hickey, Jr. Trustee - (Mayor's letter of 2-19-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said this represents a judgment rendered by the U.S. District Court in New Haven in the matter of condemnation of two tracts of property taken by the City of Stamford in connection with the construction of the Hurricane Barrier. She said the Committee approved this, subject to certification by Corporation Counsel that judgment and all accrued interest thereon is duly due and owing from the City of Stamford. SHE MOVED for its approval.

MR. COLASSO said he would just like to express his feelings on this. He said the City had nothing to do with it because it was all handled by the Federal Government and now we have to pay the same amount of interest on this particular land — about half of what the land is worth and it is a disgrace and we have to carry the brunt of the whole thing.

MR. GAMBINO seconded the motion and said his Committee (Public Works) concurs.

MR. SERRANI said the Legislative & Rules Committee also concurs with one abstention and one opposed.

MR. ROSS said the Planning & Zoning Committee concurs unanimously.

VOTE taken on Mrs. Laitman's motion to approve. CARRIED with two "no" votes. The resolution follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 934

AMENDING 1973-1974 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, FLOOD & EROSION, HURRICANE BARRIER, TO MEET DEFICIENCIES IN CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING FOR TRACT NO. 24E AND TRACT NO. 33, BRIDGEPORT ROMAN DIOCESAN CORPORATION AND WILLIAM F. HICKEY, JR., TRUSTEE

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, Public Works Department, in order to meet deficiencies in CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING - FLOOD & EROSION, HURRICANE BARRIER, for Tract No. 24E and Tract No. 33, in which judgment was rendered in amount of \$65,000.00 together with interest at rate of 6% per annum, from March 20, 1964 to present date for first tract and \$65,000.00 with interest, as above stated for second tract, as per recapitulation as stated below:

Tract No. 24E amount of deficiency	\$45,000.00
Amount of interest to Dec. 26, 1973	26,370.00
Tract No. 33, Amount of deficiency	41,000.00
Amount of interest to Dec. 26, 1973	24,026.00
Additional interest for both tracts, from Dec. 26, 1973 to March 15, 1974	1,192.00
TOTAL deficiency to nearest dollar	\$137,588.00

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- (25) \$4,600.00 - COMMISSION ON AGING - Code 195,2201 - Purchase of Mini-Bus -- (Mayor's letter of 12-5-73)

MRS. LAITMAN explained that the present bus is no longer useable and the driver has been using his own car. She said some funds may be forthcoming and if so, funds will be deposited in the General Fund. SHE MOVED for approval of the request. Seconded by Mr. Livingston, who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.

- (26) \$7,402.40 - To cover operation of STERLING BARN THEATER - Code 726. (REDUCED by Board of Finance from \$21,895.00) - (Mayor's letter of 1-2-74) - (No code numbers given)

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for approval of the above request. She said these funds will operate the Sterling Barn Theater through June 30th and all revenues from this area are deposited in the General Fund. Mr. Blois seconded the motion and said the Parks & Recreation Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.

- (27) Resolution No. 935 - approving AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR GRANT FOR THE STAMFORD DAY CARE CENTER - (see Mayor's letter of 2-15-74 and attached proposed resolution, and letter of 2-15-74 to Mayor from Barry Boodman, Assistant Corporation Counsel)

MRS. LAITMAN explained that this resolution enables the City to apply for funds to continue our present Day Care Centers. She said they will come back later for an appropriation as none is made at this time. She urged approval of this agreement and said that Stamford's facilities are considered by experts to be among the best in the country and have been mentioned in National magazines. SHE MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Serrani who said the Legislative & Rules Committee concurred with one vote against. CARRIED unanimously. The resolution follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 935

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR GRANT FOR THE STAMFORD DAY CARE CENTER

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 133 of the Connecticut General Statutes the Commissioner of Community Affairs is authorized to enter into contract with municipalities human resource development agencies and non-profit corporations:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State assistance imposed by Chapter 133 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with the State of Connecticut if such an Agreement is offered, and to execute any amendments, recisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the City of Stamford.

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- (28) \$100,000.00 - Request for Teachers' Salaries (Under Collective Bargaining Contract for 1973-1975 (2 Years)) -  
Note: Deferred by 12th Board's Fiscal Committee on Oct. 2, 1973 - See pages 9849-50 of Minutes - Also See minutes of 2-4-74 page 9943)

MRS. LAITMAN said this was held by the 12th Board's Fiscal Committee pending a print-out of salary payments, which has now been received and thus we wish to MOVE it out of Committee.

MR. RUSSBACH said the Personnel Committee did not meet at all on this item and he has no report to make on it.

THE PRESIDENT said he would note that this is an item which would involve more than \$2,000 and it should have been discussed by a Committee other than the Fiscal Committee.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI asked through the Chair, if Mr. Russbach would object to bringing this out on the floor, since it is an item that we held previously due to the contract that was signed by the City, the Teachers and the Board of Education and all the Committee had been looking for was a "print out" and Mrs. Laitman now has this and the figures do concur with the original appropriation. He said this is only fair, since they have complied with the request for the print out made by the Fiscal Committee. He said if Mr. Russbach has no objection, he would MOVE that this be removed from the Personnel Committee and dispense with it this month.

MR. RUSSBACH asked if he could have a five minute recess in order to discuss this with his Committee.

THE CHAIR granted a five minute RECESS at this time.

The recess was declared over at 10:55 P.M.

MR. RUSSBACH was recognized by the Chair and presented his report. Mr. Russbach said the Committee voted to go along with the Fiscal Committee on this.

THE PRESIDENT said if there is no further discussion, we will proceed with a vote on the appropriation.

VOTE taken on approval of the requested appropriation and CARRIED with the following abstentions: Mr. Theodore Boccuzzi, Mr. Anthony Truglia, Mr. DeRose and Mr. Vincent Martino.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. SERRANI said the Legislative & Rules Committee met on February 28th which was a Thursday, here in the Municipal Building and there were five present and four absent. He said those members present were Mrs. Ront-Briant, Mr. Morabito, Mr. Davidoff, Mr. Sainburg and Mr. Serrani. He said those absent were Mrs. Perkins, Mr. Maynor, Mr. Flanagan and Mr. Walsh. He reported on the following items:



- (1) Proposed INLAND-WETLAND Ordinance entitled "CONCERNING INLAND-WETLANDS AND WATER COURSES" - (Mayor's letter of 8-13-73) - (Held in Committee on 9-10-73 and NOT ordered on the agenda for 11-13-73) — NOTE: an open hearing was held on 1-24-74 at the Stillmeadow School at 8 P.M. by the Committee - No action was taken at the 2-4-74 Board meeting; held in committee.

MR. SERRANI said the above item was again held in Committee, pending further meetings by his Committee.

- (2) Sale of City-owned property located on DUNCANSON STREET to Alexander R. Koproski and Patricia A. Koproski - Proposed Ordinance entitled, "AUTHORIZATION OF THE SALE OF A SIX INCH STRIP ON DUNCANSON STREET IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO ALEXANDER R. KOPROSKI AND PATRICIA A. KOPROSKI" (Mayor's letter of 1-3-74)

MR. SERRANI MOVED to waive publication on this Ordinance. Mr. Ross, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee, said his Committee concurs, and he seconded the motion. CARRIED.

MR. SERRANI MOVED for final adoption of the following Ordinance. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously:

ORDINANCE NO. 284 SUPPLEMENTAL

AUTHORIZATION OF THE SALE OF A SIX INCH RESERVE STRIP ON DUNCANSON STREET IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO ALEXANDER R. KOPROSKI AND PATRICIA A. KOPROSKI

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, Sections 2-24 to 2-27 inclusive, of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford, the conveyance from the City of Stamford to Alexander R. Koproski and Patricia A. Koproski of the following described property:

ALL that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situated in the City of Stamford, County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY 6" by land of Alexander R. Koproski and Patricia A. Koproski;

EASTERLY 16.50 feet by land of Alexander R. Koproski and Patricia A. Koproski;

SOUTHERLY 6" by land of Victor S. Bongo, Et Al; and

WESTERLY 16.06 feet by land of Alexander R. Koproski and Patricia A. Koproski,

Containing eight (8) square feet more or less,



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is hereby authorized for the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00).

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 transfer title to such above described property to grant the conveyance aforesaid.

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

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(3) Proposed Ordinance (for publication) "REGULATION OF SALE OF GASOLINE IN CITY OF STAMFORD"

MR. SERRANI presented the following proposed Ordinance and MOVED for approval for publication. Seconded (All Board members were given copies of the proposed Ordinance)

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

REGULATING SALE OF GASOLINE

WHEREAS, the Police Department of the City of Stamford has recognized that a danger exists to the health and safety, peace and public order of this community due to the long lines of vehicles on public streets generated by the current gasoline shortage in this City, and

WHEREAS, such current gasoline shortage and the long lines of vehicles in the public streets generated thereby block free access thereto and create conditions of hazard to both vehicular and pedestrian traffic thereon and are in danger of impeding emergency vehicles in their use of the public roads, and

WHEREAS, there have been reported incidents of tumult and breach of the peace at gasoline stations within this City generated thereby,

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

1. The purpose of this ordinance is to limit the congestion in public highways, streets and thoroughfares caused by lines of private vehicles waiting for gasoline services at gasoline service stations during periods of gasoline shortages within the City.
2. No person, firm or corporation shall sell, barter or trade gasoline to any person in a private passenger vehicle for use in such vehicle except as follows:
  - (a) Private passenger vehicles with license plates ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) shall be serviced with gasoline only on odd numbered days of the month;
  - (b) Private passenger vehicles with plates ending in even numbers including "zero" (0, 2, 4, 6, 8) shall be serviced with gasoline only on even numbered days of the month;



- (c) Plates ending in a letter from "A" through "L" shall be considered odd-numbered plates;
  - (d) Plates ending in a letter from "M" through "Z" shall be considered even-numbered plates;
  - (e) All vehicles may be eligible for servicing with gasoline on Saturdays.
3. The provisions of Paragraph 2 of this ordinance shall apply only at such times when any vehicle in a line of vehicles awaiting gasoline services at any gasoline service station is stopped, standing or parked on a highway while waiting for such services.
4. (a) Any person, firm or corporation who owns or operates a gasoline service station shall by some manner of prominent display indicate either their pumps are closed and no gasoline is being sold, or their pumps are open for sale of gasoline to the general public, or gasoline is being sold to vehicles covered by regular commercial accounts only;
- (b) If such display consists of colored flags, the following colors shall be used:
- (i) White flag to indicate that the pumps are closed;
  - (ii) Orange flag to indicate that the pumps are open for sale of gasoline to the general public;
  - (iii) Green flag to indicate gasoline is being sold only to vehicles covered by regular commercial accounts.
5. The provisions of Paragraph 4 of this Ordinance shall apply only during such months when the total monthly supply of gasoline for such service stations is less than 5% (10%) of the amount of gasoline sold at such station during that same month in the year 1972.
6. Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall prohibit any gasoline service station or the owner or operator thereof from:
- (a) Refusing to sell, barter or trade gasoline to the owner of any private passenger vehicle with more than one-half tank of gasoline or with an inoperative gasoline gauge.
  - (b) Limiting the amount of sale of gasoline to any person in accordance with available supplies.
  - (c) Excepting from the general provisions required by this ordinance any vehicle requiring gas in an emergency; any vehicle either private or public which shall be used in connection with emergency medical needs, firefighting and organized or volunteer police services.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its enactment.

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Several members spoke in opposition to the proposed Ordinance and asked that the Legislative & Rules Committee hold an open hearing to give the Public a chance to air their views.

Some amendments were also proposed, which were held in abeyance until after the proposed Ordinance is published.

MR. LIVINGSTON asked for a ROLL CALL vote and one fifth of those present being in agreement, it was decided to take one.

The following ROLL CALL VOTE was taken on Mr. Serrani's motion to publish the proposed Ordinance and CARRIED by a vote of 23 in favor and 16 opposed:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

BOCCUZZI, John (D)  
BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)  
CONNORS, George (D)  
COSTELLO, Robert (D)  
CROSBY, Robert (R)  
DIXON, Handy (D)  
FLANAGAN, William (R)  
FORMAN, Barbara (R)  
GAMBINO, Phillip (D)  
LAITMAN, Marilyn (D)  
LOUGHRAN, Michael (D)  
LOWDEN, Lynn (D)  
MAYNOR, Frederick (D)  
MILLER, Frederick (D)  
PERKINS, Billie (R)  
PONT-BRIANT, Lois (R)  
ROSE, Matthew (D)  
RYBNICK, Gerald (D)  
SAINBURG, Richard (R)  
SERRANI, Thom (D)  
TRESSER, Michael (R)  
VARNEY, Kim (R)  
WALSH, Peter (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

BLOIS, Julius (D)  
COLASSO, John (D)  
DAVIDOFF, Norman (D)  
DeROSE, Joseph (D)  
EXNICIO, Robert (R)  
GURDIAN, Armen (D)  
HOFFMAN, Leonard (R)  
KELLY, James (D)  
LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)  
MARTINO, Vincent (D)  
MORABITO, Joseph (D)  
RAVALLESE, George (D)  
ROSS, Salvan (D)  
RUSSEBACH, Daniel (R)  
SANDOR, John (D)  
TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)

MRS. FORMAN MOVED that the Legislative & Rules Committee hold an open hearing on the gasoline ordinance. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. SERRANI said if the Board feels at our next meeting that the gasoline crisis is over, then so be it. He announced that his Committee will hold an open hearing on the matter in the Municipal Office Building on Wednesday, March 20, 1974.

- (4) Letter to Board of Representatives dated 1-31-74 from Chairman of Flood and Erosion Control Board, concerning proposed legislation covering Section 146 and 147 of State Statutes which deals with the setting of encroachment lines - (Note: Section 7-146 and Sec. 7-147 of Statutes - Permission is granted by the Legislative Body in setting encroachment lines)



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MR. SERRANI said the above matter was held in Committee, pending a meeting with Representative Siladi and Representatives Bingham and Mr. Lou Casale of the Flood and Erosion Control Board.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. GAMBINO said his Co-Chairman has just been released from the hospital. He said his Committee met on Wednesday, February 27th with the following present: Representatives Colasso, Connors, Crosby, Hoffman, Sandor, Walsh and Blois, and of course, his Co-Chairman, Mr. Perillo was not there, having been released from the hospital that day. He said also present was the Commissioner of Public Works, John O'Brien and Deputy Commissioner John Canavan.

Concerning PRIORITY LISTS OF SALTING & SANDING OF CITY STREETS IN SNOWSTORMS — (Requested in letter dated 1-21-74 from Salvan Ross, Jr. 15th District Representative) — (Copies made for all members)

MR. GAMBINO said on each Board members' desk is a list of City Streets for their inspection.

He said Mr. O'Brien, the Commissioner of Public Works explained that school bus routes, steep grades and main roads were given priority during snow and ice storms.

Copy of letter dated 2-6-74 from James J. Urso, 14 Vernon Place, to Commissioner of Public Works, regarding FLOODING PROBLEMS AT TURN-AROUND IN FRONT OF 14 and 18 VERNON PLACE (See #15 under Steering Committee Report)

MR. GAMBINO said the above item was also referred to his Committee. He explained the problem concerned - where water pools and then freezes during the winter months in front of the driveways and is hazardous for pedestrians. He explained the problem where the bulldozer cracked the sidewalk in front of 18 Vernon Place. He said the Public Works Commissioner assigned Mr. Canavan to inspect the problem which has been done, and when weather permits the problem will be corrected and a letter confirming this will be sent to Mr. Urso from the Public Works Dept.

Request from Mrs. Barbara Forman, 19th District, for a list of all private contractors who do sanding and plowing for the City and the routes of sanding and plowing

MR. GAMBINO said on the members' desks is a list of all private contractors and their routes and in order to enable the members to locate the routes, he has borrowed a map which is hanging in the Democratic Caucus Room, which shows the routes, for their inspection.

MR. GAMBINO was questioned at some length by the members as to the streets in their districts.

Several members brought up matters at this time which they thought should be investigated by the Health & Protection Committee and other concerned Committees.



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MR. TRUGLIA objected to the manner in which this is done and said these matters should be presented in writing and submitted to the Steering Committee according to the rules of the Board and not brought up on the floor of the Board during a meeting. In this way, he said, it will enable the proper Committee to discuss it, investigate what can be done and in this manner it will enable the Board to properly conduct the business of the Board, but individual members should not bring various matters on the floor for discussion without it going first to the Steering Committee and be presented in writing, so that it can be properly referred to Committee.

THE PRESIDENT agreed that this is the proper way in which to handle these items.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

MR. LIVINGSTON, Chairman, said his Committee was given two letters to act on, and the first one concerned sidewalks on West Hill Road. He said the Board of Education has stated that this road should be considered a priority for sidewalks this spring. He said the second letter concerned the plowing of sidewalks adjacent to school property which are in front of individual home owners. He said we have an Ordinance in the Code which covers that and it simply states that property owners are responsible for any sidewalks in front of their property and there are fines which can be levied in the event a home owner does not comply with the Ordinance. He said his Committee met on these matters and concurred with the Board of Education.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

MR. ROSS, Chairman, said his Committee met on Wednesday, February 27th with the following present: Representatives Gurcian, Rose, Tresser and Sainburg. He said they acted on matters both under the Fiscal Committee and the Legislative and Rules Committee which had also been referred to his Committee.

PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE

MR. DIXON said his Committee met on Friday evening, Feb. 22, 1974 with all members of the Committee present. Also invited and attending were: Mr. Harold Clay, Coordinator for the Martin Luther King Apartments, Mrs. Herleen Mase, President of New Hope Corporation and member of Better Homes, Inc., Mr. Augustus Goings, member of the Martin Luther King Board of Directors, Mr. Jeremiah Livingston, Representative from the 5th District and Mr. Narajka, City Grant Officer.

Concerning lack of outdoor space for play area for over 300 children living in the Martin Luther King Apt., Coleman Towers and Trinity Apts.

MR. DIXON said there are 89 families housed in Martin Luther King and 89 in Coleman Towers and upon completion and construction and occupancy of Trinity Apts. there will be at least 60 more families, all of which will be situated in an area equal to one city block. He said when Trinity is occupied, hopefully, in early spring, it can be assumed that there will be well over 300 children housed in the three buildings. He said the impact on the immediate area, which has always been considered high density, is tremendous and the building provides little or no outdoor recreational facilities for children.



living within the structure, which means that all activities must be inside, which brings about abuse to the interior, the halls, the elevators, and even the cars in the parking lot. He said these are working families who cannot afford taking their children outside the area daily, nor can they afford to quit their jobs.

MR. DIXON said the Committee recognizes that the need for open air space does exist and therefore would ask the Board to adopt a consensus of the Board resolution, acknowledging the need for open air recreational space in this area and said he wishes to present a resolution for the Board's approval.

MR. ROSS, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee, said this was also referred to his Committee. He reported that by unanimous vote of his Committee, on Saturday, March 2nd, they met at the Martin Luther King Apartments to check and verify the Zoning requirements for open space useable at the apartments, at which time all members were present. He said also present was a Representative from the 5th District, Jeremiah Livingston and Chief Deputy Enforcement Officer Macri, Superintendent of Recreation, Bruno Giordano and Mr. Irwin Silver, Vice President of the F.D. Rich Corporation as representative for the Trinity Apts., and residents for the Martin Luther King Apts.

He said the Committee found that open space requirements were met at the Martin Luther King Apts., but NOT at the Coleman Towers and it appears requirements were also met at the yet incomplected Trinity Apts. However, he said a Zoning violation does exist, definitely, at the Martin Luther King Apts., and possibly at Coleman Towers. He said Sec. 70 of the Zoning Regulations, "Open Space Useable" last paragraph, page 11 states:

"Required Useable Open Space shall be accessible and available, at least to all occupants of the dwelling unit for whom such space is required and intended."

He said the children's play area at the Martin Luther King Apts. is closed to the children of that building from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., while a Mountain Top Day Nursery uses that facility. He said after 5 P.M. the gates are locked and tenants find it virtually impossible to obtain the key to the locked gate. He said the Mountain Top Day Nursery which uses this facility, does not operate primarily for the use of the tenants, and the play area was locked when the Committee was there.

He said at Coleman Towers a large room, containing 2,667 square feet was locked on a Saturday afternoon and the Committee was not able to find anyone to give them any information, nor could they find out where the key was. He said it appears that the Nursery School was using this facility as well.

He said these playground areas are REQUIRED for the use of pre-school children. He said the findings of the Committee will be referred to the Zoning Enforcement Officer, as these areas are supposed to be kept open for the tenants' use.

He said almost all of the required open space for Coleman Towers is met by the use of balconies. He said the Committee will also recommend to the Zoning



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Board that the Zoning regulations - Sec. 70 - be amended to required that: "Except for uses restricted to the elderly, not less than one half of required useable open space be provided for play areas suitable for pre-school children in the R-5 and R-2 multi family residence district. And, he said, it should also apply to the RMF multi family residential district, commercial districts and industrial district instead of the present one-third requirements for these districts. He said these recommendations were approved unanimously by the whole committee.

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI said he would like to know why the Mountain Top Day Nursery is being allowed to use the play room facility and not the residents of the Martin Luther King Apts. and also why is that Nursery being allowed to use this playground facility and why is it kept locked?

MR. ROSS said these are the questions they could not get the answer to and it is definitely a Zoning violation and that is why his Committee is referring this to the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI said is he right in assuming that the Mountain Top Day Nursery does not belong there and they are the ones in violation of the Zoning laws?

MR. LIVINGSTON said he can shed some light on this. He said the Mountain Top Day Nursery performs a vital service, not only to some of the families in the building, but also to other area families and other families throughout the City of Stamford. He said one of the main reasons why that Nursery has exclusive use of that small playground is because it is so small that if you had all the kids in there at once there would not be room for them. Also, he said, one of the main reasons why it is closed during off hours is because there is no staff to handle the children that are down there. He said we are talking about pre-school children and Mr. Ross pointed out something that is very important - the fact that at one of the buildings they consider "open space" a balcony. He said let's be realistic - you can conceive of a child having open space 8 stories up in the air on a small balcony. He said he hopes this answers some of the questions raised by Mr. Ross.

MR. DIXON said the Mountain Top Day Nursery came into being about 3 or 4 years ago and he is given to understand that they moved into the Martin Luther King Apts. primarily to be of service to the residents of that building. He said there are a number of families in that building with tiny tots and the parents must go to work and with this nursery being housed in the building provides a service to the families within that building. He said he cannot say for certain that they do not take in other children outside of the building, but they do render a tremendous service to the families in that building. He said he might add that the space that is provided for the tiny tots or the "Open space" that Mr. Ross refers to is a very small area and he doubts if more than 10 or 12 children could use it at any one given time.

MRS. VARNEY asked if the Mountain Top Day Nursery is privately owned, or is it connected with the City in any way - she would like to know who operates it.

MR. DIXON said when they started some 3 or 4 years ago, it was a privately owned Nursery School and it might very well be so today. He said they charge a very minimum cost which the parents are able to meet, and he thinks it is privately owned.



MR. ROSS said he would like to say that he looked them up in the telephone directory and they are listed under the Yellow Pages and whether or not they are a private organization, it is a definite violation of the Zoning Regulations because the "open space" is provided for the OCCUPANTS of that building and for the children who live in that building.

MR. LIVINGSTON said he believed they were invited into the building by New Hope and he would also like to add that in order to meet the State requirements which state that you must have a private area for the children during operating hours that can be used only by the children.

After considerable further debate, MR. DIXON MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded and CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 936

CONCERNING LACK OF FACILITIES FOR OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE IN CONGESTED AREA FOR 300 CHILDREN LIVING IN THE MARTIN LUTHER KING AND COLEMAN TOWERS PROJECT

WHEREAS, it has long been the policy of the City of Stamford to afford all its citizens the dignity of equal housing, and

WHEREAS, adequate and safe play facilities and park areas for children are among the essential benefits to be derived from equal housing, and

WHEREAS, such adequate and safe play facilities and park areas are essential to the healthy growth of all children, and

WHEREAS, three sponsored housing projects for low and moderate income tenants, namely, Martin Luther King Apartments, Coleman Towers and Trinity Apartments, occupy space where no reasonable play areas are reasonably accessible, and

WHEREAS, some three hundred children in the above named buildings as well as other children in their immediate area are presently without such reasonably safe play areas and the children of sixty more families are expected to be added there in the near future,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by a consensus of the Board of Representatives that this body recognizes a need exists for park and recreational areas in the vicinity of Spruce Street and Stillwater Avenue for the children of those areas generally, and specifically for the children of those areas whose parents are residents of Martin Luther King Apartments, Coleman Towers and Trinity Apartments.

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URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE:

MR. FLANAGAN said his Committee met with the Urban Renewal Commission and with the redeveloper and discussed the progress they are making with a major department store and also in obtaining a major hotel. He said today, representatives from New Hope and the management agent and the builder (Mercede) were in Washington to try and get final approval from HUD to get



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conversion of New Hope Towers to a limited dividend corporation and if they are successful in getting all of their approvals this week, they will probably put tenants in before the end of the month.

He said there have been a series of meetings held this month between the Urban Redevelopment Commission, the Corporation Counsel, and the redeveloper, to finalize the requests that must be made to bring the Zoning Regulations into conformance with the revised plan that was approved by this Board last September.

He said it appears that they are making progress in getting a store as well as a hotel in there and he would hope that before the next Board meeting that there will be some major developments to report.

MR. BLOIS asked the speaker (through the Chair) if he has any idea how much land the URC hasn't purchased yet.

MR. FLANAGAN said in the land East of Atlantic, they have purchased all of it. He said there are some parcels that they have the option to purchase or not to purchase, as they so desire and they may choose not to purchase. However, he said, as far as land required to complete the development, they own it all now. He said unfortunately they are acting as "Slum Lords" as they have not been able to relocate some of these families.

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE:

MR. RYNTICK, Chairman, said as everyone may have noticed, everyone now has his own Microphone, which has been the object of the House Committee for a long period of time. He said the next improvement will be a box covering the floor outlets under the desks, so they will not be accidentally put out of service. He said he is going to ask Mr. Thomsen to return here and see what really happened during the past week to our system.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS:

THE PRESIDENT read an invitation from the Board of Education, inviting the members to be present at a joint meeting to be held between the Board of Finance, the Board of Representatives and the Board of Education for the purpose of presenting and discussing the results of the Board of Education's study on the CAFETERIA PROGRAM at which time it is hoped they may reach a mutual consensus for the implementation of a program in the Stamford Public Schools. He said this meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, March 5, 1974 at 8:30 P.M. in the Board of Education meeting room in the Administration Building, 195 Hillandale Avenue.

#### OLD BUSINESS

MR. TRUGLIA said he wishes to formally request that the condition of the water in the City of Stamford be investigated by a Committee of this Board as to its manganese content, in its relationship to the health of the people of this community.

THE PRESIDENT asked the speaker if he is recommending that this be referred to one of the standing committees of the Board. Mr. Truglia replied he does. The President said he will see to it that this is done and that the report of the Stamford Water Quality Committee and the Minority Report will be taken up.



New Business:

Reactivation of DRUG ABUSE Special Committee

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI proposed that this Board reactivate the Drug Abuse Special Committee that we had on the last Board. He said we appropriated a big sum of money for the Methadone program tonight. Also, he said he thinks it would be wise that this Board be informed as to the progress of different drug programs that we have going on in the City. He said he feels that it is very important that we know exactly what is going on and also the Committee could work as a liaison between the Drug Liberation program and the Board of Representatives and the City of Stamford. He said he also proposed that we have a bi-partisan Committee of six members. HE SO MOVED Seconded.

THE PRESIDENT observed that he recently received a letter from Mr. Gralnick of Drug Liberation indicating that Drug Liberation felt that this would be advisable action for the Board to take.

THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on the motion.

MR. SERRANI MOVED TO AMEND by adding the words: "... and Acute Alcoholism" to the title of the special Committee. He said he feels that this is also a problem that warrants just as much attention as drug abuse.

THE PRESIDENT said this is a motion to re-activate the Special Committee on Drug Abuse which we formerly had as a Special Committee of the Board and was concerned primarily with drug abuse and not alcoholism.

MR. SERRANI said his point is that he would like to have it concerned with acute alcoholism also, as a major problem in this City.

THE PRESIDENT said he feels that the Committee will not be narrow in its scope and can look into the other problems as well.

MR. CROSBY said he agrees with Mr. Serrani and it should not be treated lightly and should be a part of the title of the Special Committee.

THE PRESIDENT asked the speaker if he is proposing this as an amendment to the motion. He said he was. Mr. Boccuzzi said he does not care what we call it.

VOTE taken on the motion, as amended, that there be created a Special Committee of this Board to be called "Special Committee on Drug Abuse and Acute Alcoholism" CARRIED unanimously.

THE PRESIDENT said he would ask the Majority and Minority Leaders to select those whom they wish to serve as members of this new Committee, and let him know.

Discrimination in Public Works and Park Department

MR. DIXON asked what was being done about his letter which had been referred to the Personnel Committee. He noted that Mr. Russbach has left the meeting and did not report on his findings.



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MR. LIVINGSTON said Mr. Dixon's letter was also referred to the EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, as well as the Personnel Committee. He said he has not yet had a chance to talk with Mr. Rusebach as he could never reach him and tonight we were too busy. He said he will get in touch with him and set up a meeting to handle this matter.


Special Meeting of Board to be held Monday, March 18, 1974 at 8 P.M.

THE PRESIDENT said before we adjourn, he would like to announce the above Special Board meeting to be held in order to consider the Collective Bargaining Contract for the School Custodians and Mechanics, as we have now received the adjusted contract back and have determined that a Special Meeting will be held on above date and directly after the Special Meeting, a meeting of the Steering Committee will also be held.

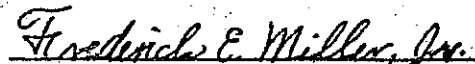
MRS. LAITMAN said she would also like to announce that a meeting of the Fiscal Committee will also be held that night immediately after the Steering Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business to come before the Board, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 1 A.M.

  
Velma Farrell  
Administrative Assistant and  
(Recording Secretary)

APPROVED:

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

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