

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 197413TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVESSTAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A regular monthly meeting of the 13th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held Monday, September 9, 1974 in the Board's meeting room, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Frederick E. Miller, Jr., at 8:20 p.m. after a caucus by the respective parties.

INVOCATION: Given by the Rev. Nicholas Yuschak, St. Mary's Holy Assumption Russian Orthodox Church.

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

CHECK OF THE VOTING MACHINE: A check of the voting machine was conducted and it appeared to be in good working order.

ROLL CALL:

Roll Call was taken by the Clerk, Marilyn Laitman. At that time there were 38 present and 2 absent. However, one member arrived later and one member's resignation was accepted and her replacement elected and sworn in bringing the total present to 40 members.

PAGES:

Marcy Forman, daughter of Barbara Forman (R) 19th District and student at Cloonan Middle School, and Andy Berman, student at Rippowam High School.

STATE STATUTE PROHIBITING SMOKING AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

THE PRESIDENT announced each member had on his desk a copy of Attorney General Robert Killian's opinion regarding the State anti-smoking law which states that the individuals controlling the premises where a public meeting is being held have no choice but to post the sign prohibiting smoking which has been done and which means there will be no smoking on the floor or in the gallery while the meeting is in progress. He noted this is only an advisory opinion, not an order, from the Attorney General.

It was MOVED and seconded by many that the sign be removed.

After some discussion, MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

The VOTE on the motion to remove the sign was then taken and CARRIED.

RESIGNATION

THE PRESIDENT read a letter dated September 9, 1974 from Lois Pont-Briant submitting her resignation from the Board of Representatives as 20th District Representative "with sincere regret".

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED to accept regretfully Mrs. Pont-Briant's resignation. Seconded and CARRIED after many members expressed their regrets and praised Mrs. Pont-Briant for her dedication, objectivity and loyalty over the past 7 years noting that her intelligence and hard work were an inspiration to all and characterized her as one of the most productive members ever to sit on this Board.

#### REPLACEMENT

MR. EXNICIOS nominated Mrs. Barbara McInerney to fill the vacancy on the Board as Representative from the 20th District. Seconded.

There being no further nominations, THE PRESIDENT declared the nominations closed.

It was MOVED and seconded that the Clerk be directed to cast one ballot for Mrs. McInerney. CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT administered the oath of office to Mrs. McInerney and she took her seat on the Board.

MR. EXNICIOS, Minority Leader, announced that Mr. Flanagan, (R), 19th District, was unanimously elected Assistant Minority Leader at the Republican caucus preceding this meeting.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: August 5, 1974

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI MOVED for the acceptance of the minutes of the August 5, 1974 meeting. Seconded and CARRIED.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### STEERING COMMITTEE

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

##### STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

##### Meeting held Monday, August 26, 1974

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held Monday, August 26, 1974 in the Democratic Caucus Room, 2nd floor, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and President of the Board, Frederick E. Miller, Jr., at 8:05 p.m. The following members were present:

Frederick E. Miller, Jr.  
Marilyn Laitman  
John J. Boccuzzi  
Theodore J. Boccuzzi  
Thom Serrani  
Salvan Ross, Jr.

Julius J. Blois  
Jeremiah Livingston  
Robert B. Exnicios  
William H. Flanagan  
Michael Tresser  
Daniel Russbach

The following matters on the tentative agenda, were discussed and acted upon:

(1) Mayor's Appointments

The eight appointments listed on the tentative agenda were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE.

(2) Appropriation items

The 19 additional appropriations as listed on the tentative agenda were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under FISCAL COMMITTEE, with those over \$2,000 being referred to a secondary committee.

There was a motion not to order item #2 which is concerned with the amount needed to cover 3rd year of collective bargaining contract with the Board of Education custodians and mechanics on the agenda which lost by a VOTE of 4 in favor and 6 opposed.

THE CHAIRMAN noted that he had received quite a lot of correspondence addressed to him as President of the Board urging a favorable vote on item #9 which is the restoration of a 1974-75 budget cut for the Public School Health Services.

(3) Legislative matters

The nine items concerning legislative matters on the tentative agenda were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE. Item #8, concerning re-conveyance of a storm water sewer easement, was also referred to PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE.

There was a motion not to order item #6, concerning Rep. Flanagan's intent to make a motion to rescind the June 3rd vote of the Board regarding the establishment of a 10th Charter Revision Commission, on the agenda which lost by a VOTE of 3 in favor and 7 opposed.

(4) Other matters

A motion was made not to order the item on the tentative agenda concerning roaming dogs on the agenda and the motion CARRIED by a VOTE of 6 in favor and 2 opposed.

The item on the tentative agenda concerning the fees charged for the soft-ball and baseball leagues was ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE and also referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE.

The first two planning and zoning matters on the tentative agenda were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE, both being concerned with the sale of City-owned property at public auction. The two items concerning the acceptance of streets were not ordered on the agenda as the streets in question have not been certified by the City Engineer.

There were no items ordered on the agenda under PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, SEWER COMMITTEE, HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE, PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE, URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE, HOUSE COMMITTEE, DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE COMMITTEE, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE, COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS, OLD BUSINESS or NEW BUSINESS.

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A motion was made to include on the agenda under New Business the notice of intent of Mr. Ross to make a motion for the Board to rescind its vote of the June 3rd meeting initiating Charter Revision which lost by a VOTE of 2 in favor and 8 opposed.

The letter of Jerome Altman dated 7-26-74 regarding price signs for gasoline stations was referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and to PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE, but was not ordered on the agenda.

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Other matters discussed and/or referred to Committee for consideration included the following:

- (1) Fees charged at West Beach. Mr. Ross noted residents are required to pay the park sticker fee and a fee for use of the boat ramp. Referred to PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE.
- (2) Allegations made by former Park Superintendent Edward Connell in letter addressed to Daniel Russbach, Chairman, Personnel Committee, concerning irregularities in the process of hiring a new Superintendent. Referred to PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.
- (3) Question of why Middle Ridge Road has not been certified as an acceptable street. Referred to PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE.
- (4) New State regulation regarding prohibition on smoking at public meetings. The Chairman said he would bring the matter up at the September meeting.
- (5) Length of recent meetings. Suggestions made included making an effort to begin on time; reducing the number of questions from the floor by having them discussed in committee; and limiting debate. Also noted was the recent increase in disturbances from the gallery. The concensus was that measures should be taken to put a stop to it.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Frederick E. Miller, Jr.  
Chairman

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI reported his Committee met Thursday, September 5, with Reps. Ravallese, Forman, Tresser, Costello, Dixon, DeRose, Martino and Ted Boccuzzi present. He said also present were Reps. Laitman and Zimble. He said Mr. Crosby was not able to attend the meeting as he was out of town on business. He reported on the following appointments:

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

MELVIN STERN (D)  
144 Pond Road  
(Reappointment)  
(Third submission)  
Held in Committee 8-5-74

APPROVED  
VOTE: 23 yes  
16 no  
1 abstention

Term expires:

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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Term expires:

WILLIAM GREANEY (R)  
133 Culloden Road  
(Replacing A. Jackson,  
who resigned)

APPROVED  
VOTE: 26 yes  
14 no

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URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MRS. EDITH SHERMAN (R)  
362 Mill Road  
(Replacing A. Lutz,  
whose term expired)

APPROVED  
VOTE: 39 yes  
1 no

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During the numerous seconding speeches for the confirmation of Mrs. Sherman, MR. GURDIAN asked that it be made part of the record that he will be voting to approve the confirmation of Mrs. Sherman because she made a verbal commitment to him that under no conditions would she, as a member of the Urban Redevelopment Commission, subscribe to the concept of last-resort housing.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ALTERNATE)

RAYMOND SANBORNE (D)  
12 Pell Place  
(Replacing Albert Lewis,  
who resigned)

APPROVED  
VOTE: 20 yes  
19 no

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FAIR RENT COMMISSION (ALTERNATE)

WILSON NASH (D)  
54 West North Street  
(Replacing Lloyd Noad,  
who resigned)

APPROVED  
VOTE: 26 yes  
13 no

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(NOTE: During the vote on the confirmation of the two above appointments, Mr. Tresser was not on the floor of the Board and there were, therefore, only 39 members voting.)

PERSONNEL COMMISSION

EDWARD LYNCH (R)  
45 Mountainwood Road  
(Replacing J. Frisbie,  
whose term expired)

APPROVED  
VOTE: 26 yes  
14 no

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MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI then said he would turn the report on the next appointment over to Appointments Committee Vice Chairman, Mr. Dixon. He said that he wanted to state for the record that he abstained from all discussion and voting while this appointment to the Board of Ethics was being considered by his Committee. He said he will also abstain from voting and discussing this appointment at this meeting because of his involvement in a matter now pending before the Board of Ethics.

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THE PRESIDENT said that what he said at the August meeting regarding an appointment to the Board of Ethics still holds as far as the Chair is concerned. He noted an affirmative vote of 2/3 rd of those present and voting would be required to confirm this appointment and pointed out that the Mayor can submit a name only once. He said the Chair will not advise any individual members as to whether or not they should abstain or whether or not they should leave the floor.

At this point MR. TRUGLIA, MR. DeROSE, MR. MARTINO, MR. ROSS and MR. GURDIAN announced they would be leaving the floor and would not be present during the voting on this appointment.

MR. GAMBINO said he would be abstaining on this vote.

THE PRESIDENT said there were 33 members present and voting on this appointment and an affirmative vote of 22 would be required for confirmation.

MR. DIXON then reported on the following appointment:

BOARD OF ETHICS

ALLEN KALTMAN (D)  
Mill Stream Road  
(Replacing M. Buckley,  
whose term expired)

APPROVED  
VOTE: 30 yes  
3 no  
2 abstentions  
5 members not present  
for this vote

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The members who had absented themselves from the meeting for the vote on the above appointment then returned to the meeting, making the total number of Representatives present 40.

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI then reported that the following appointee for confirmation to the Building Committee had been HELD IN COMMITTEE:

BUILDING COMMITTEE

KENNETH LANGE (R)  
1887 Newfield Avenue

HELD IN COMMITTEE

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FISCAL COMMITTEE

MRS. LAITMAN reported that Fiscal Committee met on Wednesday, September 4, with Reps. Laitman, Crosby, Exnicios, Forman, Livingston, Pont-Briant and Rybnick present. Absent were Reps. Davidoff, Dixon and Loughran. She reported on the following items:

(1) \$131,033.00 -

RESOLUTION NO. 964 - amending 1973-74 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET by adding the above amount to the project entitled "NEW CONSTRUCTION - CONVENTIONAL INCINERATOR" to be financed by the transfer of funds from the following accounts: (Mayor's letter of 6/10/74) - (Held in Committee 7-1-74 and 8-5-74)

Item #1 continued:

NEW CONSTRUCTION:

1971-1972 - SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	-----	\$18,615.00
1971-1972 - LIQUID INDUSTRIAL WASTE		
BURNING EQUIPMENT	-----	92,424.00
1972-1973 - HAIG AVE. SITE IMPROVEMENT	-----	19,994.00
		\$131,033.00

MRS. LAITMAN said that this transfer from deferred or terminated projects will enable the City to meet its obligations on the 1973 Conventional Incinerator. She said the matter had been held pending a meeting with Mr. David Gates of Purcell Associates. She said her Committee is satisfied that these bills are due and that the work involved was done in good faith under direction of the Public Works Department. She MOVED for approval of the following resolution: Seconded by MR. GAMBINO who said the Public Works Committee concurs. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 964

AMENDING THE 1973-1974 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING \$131,033.00 TO THE PROJECT ENTITLED "NEW CONSTRUCTION - CONVENTIONAL INCINERATOR" TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM UNEXPENDED FUNDS IN CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS ACCOUNTS

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, in accordance with the provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, to approve an amendment to the 1973-1974 Capital Projects Budget by adding \$131,033.00 to the project known as "New Construction - Conventional Incinerator" to be financed by the transfer of unexpended funds in the following Capital Project Accounts:

1971-1972 - Solid Waste Disposal	-----	\$18,615.00
1971-1972 - Liquid Industrial Waste - Burning		
Equipment	-----	92,424.00
1972-1973 - Haig Avenue Site Improvement	-----	19,994.00
		\$131,033.00

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(2) \$218,702.59 -

AMOUNT needed to cover 3rd year of 3-yr. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTRACT - BOARD OF EDUCATION CUSTODIANS AND MECHANICS - LOCAL 1083 - Contract approved by Board of Representatives 3-18-74 - (Dr. Carpenter's letter of 5-20-74) - (Funds for 3rd year reduced by Board of Finance from \$418,702.59) - (Funds for first two years of contract approved by Board of Representatives 8-5-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said the amount before the Board is the amount approved by the Board of Finance to implement the custodial contract for 1974-1975. She read a letter addressed to Mr. Sontag of the Board of Finance from Deputy Corporation Counsel Barry Boedman which states that it is the opinion of the office of the Corporation Counsel that the Board of Finance

vote to approve above amount will not obligate the City to hire a night shift and would not adversely affect the City's legal position on matters now pending in court concerning this contract. SHE MOVED for approval. Seconded.

MR. RUSSBACH said the Personnel Committee voted 2 to 2 on this item and is, therefore, not making a recommendation. He said the Committee was concerned with the fact that it has become apparent that not all information regarding this contract was furnished to the Committee or to the Board as a whole. He said he has asked the Board of Education to furnish all information regarding contractual agreements for consideration by this Board at once.

MR. DAVIDOFF said the salary schedule in this contract is exorbitant and he voted against recommending approval by the Personnel Committee on the grounds that this contract and other like it overburden the property owners of this City.

VOTE on Mrs. Laitman's motion was CARRIED by machine vote of 27 yes and 13 no.

(3) \$63,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - GRANT to be received from the Department of Community Affairs for the HOUSING CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM to be allocated as follows: (Mayor's letter of 7-19-74)

Code 513.0101 - Salaries	\$53,220.00
Code 513.0120 - Fringe benefits	2,930.00
Code 513.0401 - Printing & Supplies	200.00
Code 513.0501 - Telephone	400.00
Code 513.0801 - Transportation	6,250.00
	<u>\$63,000.00</u>

MRS. LAITMAN said this is a totally-reimbursable grant in order to continue the activities in the area of Housing Code Enforcement for the fifth year. She noted Stamford's program has become the model of the State. SHE MOVED for approval. Seconded. MR. ROSE said the Health & Protection Committee concurs. CARRIED.

(4) \$85,484.00 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - GRANT to be received from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for the LEAD PAINT POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM for the Fiscal year 1974-1975 - (Mayor's letter of 7-29-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said this is a totally-reimbursed grant to begin a lead paint poison prevention program. SHE MOVED for approval. Seconded by MR. ROSE who said the Health & Protection Committee concurs. CARRIED.

(5) \$71,600.00 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - GRANT to be received from the Environmental Protection Agency for the AIR POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM for the fiscal year 1974-1975 - (Mayor's letter of 7-29-74)

MR. LAITMAN said this is a totally-reimbursed air pollution grant from the Environmental Protection Agency for an on-going program. SHE MOVED for approval. Seconded by MR. ROSE who said the Health & Protection Committee concurs. The motion was CARRIED by a vote of 23 yes and 11 no (machine vote).



(6) \$2,970.00 -

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - GRANT to be received from the Connecticut Regional Medical Program for a High Blood Pressure Control Program to run from 7-1-74 through 8-31-74 - (Mayor's letter of 7-31-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said this is a grant from the Connecticut Regional Medical Program for an on-going High Blood Pressure Control Program. SHE MOVED for approval. Seconded by MR. ROSE who said the Health & Protection Committee concurs. CARRIED.

(7) \$2,038.50 -

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - GRANT to be received from the State Welfare Dept. for an Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment Program to provide screening services to children - (Mayor's letter of 7-31-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said this is a totally-reimbursed grant from the State Welfare Department for an on-going program to provide screening services to children by the Health Department. SHE MOVED for approval. Seconded by MR. ROSE who said the Health & Protection Committee concurs. CARRIED.

(8) \$38,000.00 -

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - Code 512.0101 - Salaries - School Health Program for Parochial and Private Schools - To restore 1974-1975 budget cut so that private and parochial school services will be equal to public school services - (Mayor's letter of 8-6-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said this appropriation would restore the budget cut made in this account which funds the program provided in private and parochial schools which must be equal to services provided in the public schools. She said these funds are totally reimbursable. SHE MOVED for approval. Seconded by MR. ROSE who said the Health & Protection Committee concurs.

MR. RUSSBACH said he opposes this item and noted there is a principal involved. He said this is an attempt on the part of the Health Department to transfer the burden of responsibility to this Board. He said this item was not deleted by this Board but rather by Dr. Gofstein who refuses to accept budget cuts and is praying on the emotions of the populace by using the health of our children to achieve his ends.

MR. GUROIAN said these budget cuts were made in order to ease the taxpayers' burden and should not be restored.

MRS. FORMAN said Public Act 481 required that health services in the private and parochial services must be equal to those in the public schools and for this reason this request has to be approved.

MR. HOFFMAN said that it is his opinion that innovative management in each department should be able to come up with methods to live within the budgets that this Board established in good conscience in order to hold down taxes in this City.

MR. EXNICIOS said that if this item is approved Dr. Gofstein will have to come back to this Board for restoration of the cuts that were made in the budget for benefits, telephones and transportation that relate directly to the persons

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that will be on the payroll. He also noted that Dr. Gofstein said that equal services in the private and parochial schools as compared to the public schools can not be calculated numerically and is basically a matter of judgment. HE MOVED that this item be returned to Committee so that more information regarding the State law and more information regarding additional monies that may be required can be received. Seconded and CARRIED.

(9) \$18,770.00 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - Code 502.0101 - Salaries - Public School Health Services - To restore 1974-1975 budget cut in order to cover the services of a nurse and a hygienist - (Mayor's letter: of 8-14-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said Fiscal Committee had a lengthy discussion on this appropriation which would restore the budget cut and reinstate one dental hygienist and one nurse. She said the restoration of the hygienist would bring to 7 the total provided in the schools as compared to the 10 that were provided 3 years ago and would, at best, result in a minimal program. She said the nurse's cut, if left, would result in a reduction of 10% of services in the schools. She said no school would be totally without some nursing services and it is the Committee's understanding that efforts would be made to schedule the nurses so that adequate service is maintained in the schools. She said the Fiscal Committee is mindful that these cuts originated in the Committee and in this Board in an effort to place an equal burden on all departments but it is also mindful of the many children whose tax-paying parents have written, called and petitioned to restore these two positions. SHE MOVED for approval of this appropriation. Seconded by MR. ROSE who said the Health & Protection Committee concurs.

MR. LIVINGSTON said he is of the opinion that not enough information was received on the effects of this cut on the health services in the schools and MOVED that this item be returned to Committee. Seconded.

MRS. LAITMAN said if the item is returned to Committee she would suggest that Fiscal Committee, Education, Government & Welfare Committee and Health and Protection Committee set up a meeting with Dr. Gofstein and the nurses to discuss the scheduling and its effects on the services provided.

The vote was taken on Mr. Livingston's motion and CARRIED.

(10) \$139,589.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - GRANTS totalling \$132,610.00 from the Connecticut Planning Committee on Criminal Administration under the Crime Control Act of 1973 and City's CASH contribution of \$6,979.00 to be allocated as follows: (Mayor's letter of 7-2-74)

	Grant	Cash
Code 535.0000 - Crime Reduction	\$105,556.00	\$5,556.00
Code 533.0000 - Civilian Specialist	8,310.00	437.00
Code 531.0000 - Youth Services	14,021.00	738.00
Code 532.0000 - Legal Advisor	4,723.00	248.00
	\$132,610.00	\$6,979.00

MRS. LAITMAN said this amount represents grants awarded to Stamford by the Connecticut Planning Committee on Criminal Administration under the Crime Control Act of 1973. She said the first proposed project is basically a two-pronged

attack on the rising incidents of burglary and robbery within the City, using a special anti-burglary-robbery squad and an all-out campaign of community education, cooperation and involvement. She said the grant will be monitored and will have national exposure and implication and funding will be awarded for the second year only if it proves itself. She said the City's share for all these grants would be \$6,979.00. She said the Civilian Specialist is being funded again and the person involved in data processing will be invaluable in developing statistics for the Crime Reduction Grant. She said the Community-based Youth Services is in its third year of successful outreach work. She said the amount for the Police Legal Advisor will fund the culmination of three years of funding and noted that Mr. Catalano has already donated most of the services. She said the Fiscal Committee offers its congratulations to the Police Department and MOVED for approval of this item. Seconded by MR. ROSE who said the Health & Protection Comm. concurs.

MR. RUSSBACH MOVED that an amendment be added to the motion for approval to the effect that no member or former member of the Stamford Police Dept. be eligible to serve in the position of Civilian Specialist. Seconded and CARRIED.

The vote on the motion to approve item #10 as amended was taken and CARRIED.

- (11) \$16,036.00 - MANPOWER - GRANT to be received from the Department of Labor for Summer Youth Transportation and Recreation to be allocated as follows: (Mayor's letter of 7-31-74)

Code 104.2101 - Transportation (Youth Groups) -----	\$ 6,036.00
Code 104.2105 - Recreation (Youth Groups) -----	10,000.00
	<u>\$16,036.00</u>

MRS. LAITMAN said these funds have already been received and represent a grant from the Department of Labor for Summer Youth Transportation and Recreation. SHE MOVED for approval. Seconded by MR. RUSSBACH who said the Personnel Committee concurs. CARRIED.

- (12) \$7,050.00 - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD - TRANSFER of above amount from the Flood & Erosion Control Board and the Conservation Commission as follows: (Mayor's letter of 7-19-74)

FROM:

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD -----	\$6,175.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION -----	875.00
	<u>\$7,050.00</u>

TO:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD

Code 193.0102 - Part-time help -----	\$ 3,400.00
Code 193.0301 - Stationery & Postage -----	250.00
Code 193.0501 - Telephone & Telegraph -----	125.00
Code 193.0801 - Transportation -----	150.00
Code 193.0901 - Professional Services -----	3,000.00
Code 193.2101 - Conventions, etc. -----	100.00
Code 193.2102 - Dues & Subscriptions -----	25.00
	<u>\$7,050.00</u>

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MRS. LAITMAN said this is a transfer from the combined budgets of the Flood and Erosion Control Board and the Conservation Commission to the newly-created Environmental Protection Board. SHE MOVED for approval. Seconded by MR. SAINBURG who said the Environmental Protection Committee also approves. CARRIED.

- (13) \$849.00 - STAMFORD EMERGENCY SERVICE - Code 560,2201 - New Equipment - To replace equipment stolen and destroyed for which reimbursement has been received and deposited in the General Fund - (Mayor's letter of 7-17-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said this appropriation will be in payment of State-owned equipment stolen or destroyed during the December 1973 ice storm. She said the Red Cross deposited a check in the General Fund and this appropriation will reimburse the State. SHE MOVED for approval. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (14) \$25,000.00 - LAW DEPARTMENT - Code 110,5606 - Demolition of Unsafe Buildings - To enable the City to proceed with a program to demolish structures which are unsafe or unfit for human occupancy as specified by the Building Inspector or the Director of Health - (Mayor's letter of 7-2-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said this appropriation is being HELD in Committee for further clarification of safeguards afforded the City.

MR. ROSE said the Health & Protection Committee agrees with the recommendation to hold this item in Committee.

In response to a question from MR. TRUGLIA, MRS. LAITMAN said the Committee voted to hold this item in order to get some clarification of the mechanics involved in the process of condemnation from the Corporation Counsel. She noted the Committee was in favor of this appropriation and said she thought the matter would be ready for action by the Board in October.

- (15) RESOLUTION NO. 965 - AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR THE WESTHILL HIGH SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TENNIS COURTS - (Mayor's letter of 8-21-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said this resolution enables the Board of Education to apply for a grant related to the construction of tennis courts at Westhill High School. She said application is permitted after funds have been appropriated and all plans and details are submitted to the State. She said the City is eligible for up to 50% of the cost and it will be noted on the resolution that the money is to be deposited in the General Fund. SHE MOVED for approval. Seconded.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 965

AUTHORIZATION OF PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FOR STATE AID GRANT FOR WESTHILL HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT (TENNIS COURTS), STAMFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS, CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET 1974-1975

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, pursuant to and within the limitations of Section 10-283 of

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the Connecticut General Statutes, (Concerning Application for School Building Grants) that the Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to apply for State Aid on behalf of the Board of Education for Westhill High School Project (Tennis Courts), Stamford Public Schools Capital Project, in the name of the City of Stamford for said grant with said funds to be deposited in the General Fund.

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In response to questions, MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said that the \$77,000.00 transferred to the Westhill High School Capital Projects Budget last month will be spent to construct the tennis courts and the money received from the State, if this grant is approved, will be returned to the City for the General Fund and the result will be that the net cost to the City for the tennis courts will be reduced by the amount of the grant received from the State.

MR. DAVIDOFF MOVED the QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

The vote was taken on Mrs. Laitman's motion and CARRIED.

- (16) \$14,000.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Federal GRANT under Title III of the National Defense Education Act - To be used to make purchases for the film library of the Board of Education - (Dr. Carpenter's letter 8-14-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said this reimbursable Federal Grant will be used to purchase film for the film library of the Board of Education which is used by the City's 24 schools and any non-public school requesting the service. She MOVED for approval. Seconded by MR. LIVINGSTON who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs. CARRIED.

- (17) \$158,400.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Federal GRANT to be received under the Teaching Corps, Cycle 9, Professional Developments Act - For a Teacher Corps Program to be conducted in the public school system in joint operation with the University of Bridgeport during the 1974-1975 school year - (Dr. Carpenter's letter of 8-14-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said this is a 100% prepaid Federal Grant for a Teacher Corps Program to be conducted in the Stamford public school system in joint operation with the University of Bridgeport. SHE MOVED for approval. Seconded by MR. LIVINGSTON who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs.

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI suggested those who participate in this program be asked to make some sort of a commitment to the City.

MRS. LAITMAN said the interns in this program sign a one-year contract with the City and the University of Bridgeport.

The vote on the motion to approve was taken and CARRIED.

- (18) \$13,333.44 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - GRANT to be received from the State for the 1974-1975 fiscal year -- To be used as partial reimbursement of the cost of the employment of a Placement and Follow-up Counsellor - (Dr. Carpenter's letter of 8-14-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said this grant will partially reimburse the cost of a Placement and Follow-up Counsellor who is serving the three Senior High Schools and four middle schools. SHE MOVED for approval. Seconded by MR. LIVINGSTON who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs. CARRIED.

- (19) \$13,936.50 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Code 620.0101 - Salaries - Bureau of Sanitation - Incinerator & Sewage Treatment Plant -- For the salary of an Operations Supervisor for 1974-1975 fiscal year with the anticipated employment date of 10-1-74 - (Yearly salary is \$18,582.00) - (Board of Finance did not act on request for salary funds for a superintendent of the Liquid Waste Division) - (Maypr's letter of 7-8-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said this appropriation funds from October 1st the salary of an Operations Supervisor of the Liquid Wastes Division for the Sewage Treatment Plant. She said that in view of problems encountered in the new incinerator because key personnel were not on board to insure an efficient operation and recognizing the immediate need for such a person, the Fiscal Committee was in favor of this item. SHE MOVED for approval noting that this emergency appropriation was anticipated because the salaries for personnel in this division were eliminated from the budget until such time as they were needed. Seconded by MR. GAMBINO who said the Public Works Committee concurs. CARRIED.

#### SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

MR. ROSS MOVED to SUSPEND THE RULES so that he could read a letter regarding the recent flooding. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. ROSS then read a letter from Lillian Filardo regarding the drainage systems south of the Parkway and the massive flooding and destruction that occurred last week in the vicinity of Tolson Brook from the Turn-of-River area to Revonah Woods. The letter noted that \$750,000 was appropriated to improve the drainage system in the area in question over 18 months ago and to date no improvements have been made. The letter requests the Public Works Committee and/or other Committees of the Board to investigate and advise the residents of the status of the Toilsome Brook project re: funds spent or committed, priorities set and short and long term goals.

MR. ROSS MOVED that this matter be referred to Health & Protection Committee, Public Works Committee, Planning & Zoning Committee and Environmental Protection Committee for consideration and quick action. Seconded.

MR. HOFFMAN said he had personally inspected the affected area and can attest to the problems that exist concerning safety, health and depreciation of property. He said it is absurd that this matter has not been corrected since money has been appropriated.

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MR. CROSBY said he too has inspected the area personally and has seen the damages. He urged the Public Works Committee and the Board to direct their attention to this problem so that corrective action will be forthcoming.

MR. ZIMBLER said he and Mr. Crosby have submitted a four-point program to the administration, as follows:

1. All illegal landfill on the Genovese property be ceased immediately;
2. Accountability must be provided for the \$750,000 that was appropriated for Toilsome Brook;
3. A study should be made on the advisability of piping or culverting Toilsome Brook; and
4. The City should take immediate steps to acquire the Genovese property so that it can be dredged to its original level and serve its function as a flood plain and concurrently be used as recreational and park land.

MR. LIVINGSTON said he would like to amend the motion to include an area in his district, on Taylor Street, where approximately 100 homes are flooded every time it rains.

MR. ROSS said he would accept that addition to his motion.

The vote was taken on Mr. Ross's motion, as amended, and CARRIED unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

MR. SERRANI said a meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee was called for Thursday, August 29, but only two members were present so no action was taken. He said his Committee met on September 5, with the following eight members present: Reps. Serrani, Pont-Briant, Flanagan, Sainburg, Maynor, Morabito, Walsh and Davidoff. Absent was Mrs. Perkins. He reported on the following items:

- (1) REVISED FEE SCHEDULE FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - Originally submitted by Dr. Gofstein in letter dated 3-20-72 to the 12th Board; approved for publication and published on 11-25-72; never given final approval by the 12th Board - (Held in Committee 5-6-74; 6-3-74; 7-1-74 and 8-5-74)

MR. SERRANI said the above item will be Held in Committee again. He said work is being done on this and noted that it is a very complex set of regulations.

- (2) Final adoption of ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING A SECTION REGARDING USE OF OFFICIAL POLICE UNIFORM - Approved for publication 8-5-74; published 8-10-74 - (Letter from Stamford Police Association, dated 8-2-74)

MR. SERRANI said the above is being Held in Committee.

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- (3) Final adoption of ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8-14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED: SANITARY LANDFILL OPERATIONS - LICENSE REQUIRED: FEE - Approved for publication 8-5-74; published 8-10-74

MR. SERRANI said the above matter is being Held in Committee. He said: some significant changes were made in the ordinance that was approved for publication and his Committee voted to recommend that it be published again but it has come to his attention that the revised ordinance has not been distributed to the entire Board and for that reason it is being Held.

- (4) Proposed ORDINANCE FOR TAX EXEMPTION FOR FRIENDS OF DOMUS, INC., for property located at 225 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD - (Letter from Emil Frankel, Esq., dated 7-3-74) - (Held in Committee 8-5-74)

MR. SERRANI said the above is being Held in Committee.

- (5) RESOLUTION NO. 966 - AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY FOR AN EASEMENT TO CONSTRUCT A RAILROAD SPUR AND BED WITH TRACKS THROUGH PROPERTY OF FIRST STAMFORD CORPORATION AND/OR EAST MEADOW CORPORATION - Prior RESOLUTION NO. 911 approved by the Board on 9-10-73 authorized an easement which inconvenienced Clairol and subsequent negotiations resulted in relocation of the easement and the need for a new resolution - (Mayor's letter of 7-12-74) - (Held in Committee 8-5-74)

MR. SERRANI MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded and CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 966

AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY FOR AN EASEMENT TO CONSTRUCT A RAILROAD SPUR AND BED WITH TRACKS THROUGH PROPERTY OF FIRST STAMFORD CORPORATION AND/OR EAST MEADOW CORPORATION - (Prior Resolution No. 911 - Approved 9-10-73)

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford, in order to serve a new municipal sewage treatment plant now under construction, and in order to serve other existing public works facilities on City owned property along Magee Avenue in the City of Stamford, needs an easement to extend an existing railroad spur at the rear of Harborview Avenue to said municipally owned property along Magee Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of such easement will enable such public works facilities to be served by railroad cars operating on the Penn Central Railroad Systems; and

WHEREAS, the City in order to accommodate First Stamford Corporation and its lessee, Clairol, Incorporated, has moved the proposed easement area so as to minimize the physical impact of the trackage upon the property in question; and

WHEREAS, in spite of this accommodation, the City has been unable to acquire by purchase the necessary easement from First Stamford Corporation, the fee owner of the property, or East Meadow Corporation, which may have an equitable interest therein; and



WHEREAS, as a result of such easement relocation, certain municipal easement rights in the subject property will no longer be needed and may be released by the City in order to mitigate damages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A resolution approved by the Board of Finance on July 12, 1973, and the Board of Representatives on September 10, 1973 authorizing the condemnation of an easement through the subject property of First Stamford Corporation, which easement has not been acquired but relocated to the place described on Schedule A annexed hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby repealed.

2. The Mayor of the City of Stamford is herewith authorized to acquire an easement over the land described on said Schedule A in the name of the City of Stamford and the Corporation Counsel of the City of Stamford is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the City of Stamford, to institute and file condemnation proceedings to acquire title to said easement area.

3. As a part of said condemnation proceedings, and in order to mitigate damages to the City of Stamford, The Corporation Counsel is hereby authorized to release the City's rights and interests in certain other previously reserved railroad easement areas over property owned by First Stamford Corporation on Harborview Avenue, which areas were reserved by virtue of the reservations, terms and conditions of the Redevelopment Plan for the East Meadow Redevelopment Area dated September 28, 1953 and as amended thereafter, a contract between the City of Stamford, acting by its Redevelopment Commission and the First Stamford Corporation dated October 7, 1960 and recorded in Book 909 at page 469 of the Stamford Land Records, a deed from the City of Stamford to The East Meadow Corporation dated April 21, 1961 and recorded in Book 917 at page 327 of said Land Records, and a grant from East Meadow Corporation to the City of Stamford dated August 31, 1965 and recorded in Book 1059 at page 426 of said Land Records, which certain easement rights and interests as set forth therein will no longer be needed upon acquisition of the subject easement.

This resolution shall take effect upon the date of its passage.

#### SCHEDULE A

Beginning at a point on the division line between properties of East Meadow Corporation and the City of Stamford, said point being further located 304.11 feet westerly from a monument on the westerly street line of Harborview Avenue, as measured along said division line between properties of East Meadow Corporation and the City of Stamford, thence still westerly along said division line S 67° 30' 00" W a distance of 30.004 feet to a point, thence northerly through land of East Meadow Corporation the following courses and distances:

N 21° 39' 41" N a distance of 44.22 feet on a curve to the right, the radius of which is 315.00 feet, a distance of 144.422 feet, N 4° 36' 28" E a distance of 85.12 feet and on a curve to the left, the radius of which is 285.00 feet, a distance of 136.829 feet to a point

on the westerly line of the existing railroad right-of-way S 22° 54' 00" W a distance of 134,161 feet to a point, thence continuing southerly through land of East Meadow Corporation the following courses and distances:

On a curve to the right the radius of which is 315.00 feet, a distance of 12.642 feet, S 4° 36' 28" W a distance of 85.12 feet on a curve to the left the radius of which is 285.00 feet, a distance of 130.668 feet and S 21° 39' 41" E a distance of 43.781 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 had and entitled: "Map Of A Portion Of East Meadow Corporation Property On Harbor View Ave. showing proposed extension of railroad right-of-way May 1974 William D. Sabia, City Engineer P.E. License No. 6303 Conn." The above described easement lies in Block No. 25. Stamford Land Records.

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- (6) INTENT OF REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM H. FLANAGAN, 19TH DISTRICT, TO MAKE A MOTION TO THE EFFECT THAT THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES RESCIND the vote that was taken at the June 3, 1974 meeting to uphold the President's ruling that an affirmative vote of 27 members shall be required to appoint a 10th CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION and that the minutes of the June 3rd meeting be amended to show that a 10th CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION was duly appointed at that meeting and that the vote taken on this motion shall be deemed to reconfirm members appointed to the 10th CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION at the June 3rd meeting - (Letters from Mr. Flanagan dated 7-22-74 and 8-26-74) - (Held in Committee 8-5-74)

MR. SERRANI said that after extensive debate, the Committee voted by a 5 to 3 margin to recommend approval of this intent. He said that as one of the members who voted against recommending approval he would like to give a minority report. He said he voted against this item not because he is opposed to Charter Revision but because of the negative effect this might have for the future of Charter Revision and the recommendations for change that might be proposed by the Commission. He said he is for a more positive method of bringing about Charter Revision through the petitions that are now being circulated throughout the City. He said the petition drive is not doing well but the deadline is not until October 5 and he would prefer to wait until a more positive action could be considered by this Board.

THE PRESIDENT said the motion to rescind the June 3rd vote is now before the Board. The motion was seconded.

MR. FLANAGAN said it was his understanding that the Legislative & Rules Committee has only recommended approval of his intent to make the motion and that the motion itself has not been made in its entirety.

THE PRESIDENT said the matter was taken out of Mr. Flanagan's hands when it was referred to Committee and now the Legislative & Rules Committee has moved to recommend approval of the motion and there has been a second to the motion.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Serrani if the nine Charter Revision members have been contacted to see if they are still interested in serving?

MR. SKERRANI said he did not know if they have been contacted.

In response to a question it was stated that there are 1,335 signatures that have been certified by the Town Clerk on the Charter Revision petitions and approximately 1,000 more on hand awaiting certification.

MR. ROSS OBJECTED TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION. He said a yes vote would be for Mr. Flanagan's motion and a no vote would be vice versa. He said this is not debatable and needs no second.

MR. FLANAGAN spoke to a POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. He said the agenda for this meeting gives notice that he was going to make a motion. He said he would like to have the privilege of making that motion and speaking to it. He said no one has made his motion to this point and the Steering Committee gave him the right to make the motion.

THE PRESIDENT then said he would allow Mr. Flanagan to make his motion.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI, Majority Leader, asked which motion would be voted on first.

THE PRESIDENT said Mr. Ross's motion would come before the Board first.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI then called for a 5-minutes recess, which was agreed to by MR. EXNICIOS, Minority Leader. (Time was 10:55 p.m.)

Following the recess, THE PRESIDENT called the meeting to order at 11:12 p.m.

MR. ROSS withdrew his motion objecting to the consideration of the motion now pending before the Board.

MR. FLANAGAN then read the MOTION that he gave notice of intending to make, as follows:

"Under provisions of Section 34 of Robert's Rules of Order and in accordance with the notice included in the call of the regular September 9, 1974 meeting of the Stamford Board of Representatives, I MOVE to rescind the vote that was taken at our June 3, 1974 meeting to uphold the President's ruling that an affirmative vote of 27 members shall be required to appoint a 10th Charter Revision Commission and that the minutes of the June 3rd meeting be amended to show that a 10th Charter Revision Commission was duly appointed at that time. I further MOVE that the vote taken on this motion shall be deemed to reconfirm the members appointed to the 10th Charter Revision Commission at our June 3, 1974 meeting."

The motion was seconded.

MR. FLANAGAN said the Board made an honest error at the June 3rd meeting when it upheld the President's ruling that 27 votes were needed to appoint a Charter Revision Commission. He said that since then it has been said that only the affirmative vote of those members present and voting is necessary to confirm the members of a Charter Revision Commission. He said after researching the matter he concluded that the proper action for the Board to take would be to rescind the vote upholding that ruling of the Chair and to have the minutes of the June 3rd meeting indicate that a 10th Charter Revision Commission was duly appointed at that time.

He noted that he was persuaded not to make this motion prior to the August meeting because it appeared that the route to Charter Revision through elector petition was on the verge of success. He said he now doubts that the necessary 5,400 signatures will be in before the October 5 deadline. He said the Town Clerk informed him this afternoon that only 1,335 eligible names have been certified and he feels it is unrealistic to presume that 4,000 additional names will be certified in the three weeks remaining. He urged those who favor Charter Revision to support his motion as the only way the 13th Board of Representatives will ever get to study recommendations on how the City Charter can be improved. In response to a question he said he has not received a written legal opinion from the Office of the Corporation Counsel regarding the propriety of this motion but has been advised informally that it is a proper action.

MR. ROSS said the results of the petition drive to date do not constitute a mandate from the people of Stamford to revise the Charter. He also noted the vote to appoint the members to the Charter Revision Commission was taken after the ruling from the Chair was upheld and that those who voted on the appointments cast their votes on the assumption that an affirmative vote of 2/3 was required.

MR. SERRANI said he would prefer to avoid the complex problems that will arise if this motion is accepted. He said he would prefer a positive approach either by initiating the whole process again or by waiting for the petitions to come in. He said if this motion is passed it will be open to challenge and that is not the way to start Charter revision.

MRS. FORMAN said she supports Mr. Flanagan's motion and urged all those in favor of Charter Revision to do the same.

MR. GUROIAN said he objects to Charter Revision at this time under the prevailing conditions because of the manner in which those who were named to the Commission were chosen. He said he had been led to believe that the choice of the members of the Commission would be open and above board but it was, in fact, just the opposite. He said he had also been assured that the reduction of the size of the Board of Representatives would not be considered by the Charter Revision Commission and he now feels that the promoters of Charter revision are intent on reducing the size of this Board. He said it is apparent that the public is not clamoring for this Board to revise the Charter as indicated by the results of the petition drive.

MR. LOUGHRAN said he would like the record to indicate again that he is for Charter Revision but he is against this motion. He said the ground rules had been established when the vote on Charter revision was taken and it is blatantly unfair to change these ground rules retroactively.

MR. GAMBINO MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

MRS. LAITMAN requested a ROLL CALL VOTE and a sufficient number of members supported her request.

The Following ROLL CALL VOTE was taken on Mr. Flanagan's motion, which LOST by a vote of 19 yes and 20 no.

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

BOCCUZZI, John (D)  
BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)  
CROSBY, Robert (R)  
DeROSE, Joseph (D)  
DIXON, Handy (D)  
EXNICIOS, Robert (R)  
FLANAGAN, William (R)  
FORMAN, Barbara (R)  
LATTMAN, Marilyn (D)  
LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)  
LOWDEN, Lynn (D)  
MARTINO, Vincent (D)  
MAYNOR, Frederick (D)  
PERKINS, Billie (R)  
McINERNEY, Barbara (R)  
SAINBURG, Richard (R)  
THRESSER, Michael (R)  
TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)  
ZIMBLER, Kurt (R)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

BLOIS, Julius (D)  
COSTELLO, Robert (D)  
DAVIDOFF, Norman (D)  
GAMBINO, Philip (D)  
GUROIAN, Armen (D)  
HOFFMAN, Leonard (R)  
KELLY, James (D)  
KNAPP, Warren (D)  
LOUGHRAN, Michael (D)  
MILLER, Frederick (D)  
MORABITO, Joseph (D)  
PERILLO, Alfred (D)  
RAVALLESE, George (D)  
ROSE, Matthew (D)  
ROSS, Salvan (D)  
RUSSBACH, Daniel (R)  
RYENICK, Gerald (D)  
SANDOR, John (D)  
SERRANI, Thom (D)  
WALSH, Peter (D)

- (7) Request for approval of TAX ABATEMENT for P. SILBERMAN, INC., for PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES on the Grand List of 1971 which exceeds \$4,426.56 -- (As per Special Act No. 74-46 of the 1974 Session of the General Assembly which authorizes the City to abate said taxes due to an error in computation of the value of such personal property) (Letter from Robert Wise, Esq., dated 6-24-74)

MR. SERRANI said the above item has been withdrawn by the attorney representing P. Silberman, Inc.

- (8) Proposed ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE RE-CONVEYANCE OF A STORM WATER SEWER EASEMENT TO COLONIAL CEMETERIES, INC. - (Approved by the Planning Board 7-23-74; Board of Finance deferred action 8-8-74 and 8-22-74) - (Mayor's letter of 7-17-74)

MR. SERRANI said this matter is being Held in Committee pending action by the Board of Finance.

MR. ROSS said the Planning & Zoning Committee agrees with the decision to hold.

- (9) Proposed ORDINANCE CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO WOODSIDE ASSOCIATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING SEWER LINES FROM WOODSIDE VILLAGE TO THE EXISTING WASHINGTON BOULEVARD SEWER --- (Not yet acted on by Board of Finance) (Mayor's letter of 8-12-74)

MR. SERRANI said this matter is being Held in Committee pending action by the Board of Finance.

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MR. TRUGLIA requested and was granted permission to leave the meeting.

THE PRESIDENT noted that MR. CONNORS has left the meeting as he was not feeling well and there are, therefore, 38 members present at this time.

#### SEWER COMMITTEE

MR. KNAPP said the Sewer Committee did not meet this month and said he was reading the following letter dated August 13 from the Stamford Sewer Commission into the record to indicate why:

RE: Inadequate Sanitary Sewer Contract  
Change Order for Pump

Dear Mr. Knapp:

During its meeting held on August 5, 1974 the Stamford Sewer Commission discussed the status of the subject change order. There are several questions concerning the change order that need clarification, particularly the period of time required to perform the work and the rate upon which payments will be based if the City is deemed to be responsible. The Commission is in the process of conducting an on-going investigation. Unfortunately, some of the information seems to be contradictory, but we hope we will be able to resolve the questions by our next meeting.

It is hopefully anticipated we will be able to provide your Board with the answers within 30 to 60 days.

Sincerely yours,

George Connors, Jr.  
For the Stamford Sewer Commission

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#### HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MR. ROSE said he has a petition from the people in the area of Dyke Lane requesting a policeman be assigned to the corner of Pacific Street, Washington Boulevard and Dyke Lane during the time the children are going to and from school as the increased traffic in the area has created a hazardous condition.

MR. GURIOIAN said he would like to call to the attention of the Health & Protection Committee the problem existing at the foot of Lenox Avenue where the concrete blocks, the end of the street, part of the pavement and part of a contiguous piece of property are eroding away and falling into the river. He requested the Committee to exert some influence on the Public Works Department to take care of the problem.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI suggested these two matters be looked into immediately by the Committee and that the Committee not wait until the matters are formally referred by the Steering Committee.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

(1) RECREATION FEE PROGRAM - (letter from Board of Recreation dated 4-22-74)

Softball and Baseball League Fee — Fees are to cover added expenses such as umpires, insurance, trophies, uniforms, etc.

(Held in Committee 7-1-74 and 8-5-74)

MR. BLOIS said the above matter was being Held in Committee.

MR. SERRANI said the Legislative & Rules Committee. agrees with the decision to hold this item in Committee.

MR. BLOIS said he would like to offer publicly his compliments to the Park Commission, the Board of Recreation, Sterling Farms and Hubbard Heights for the excellent job that they have been doing this past summer. He said these people really do a good job for the City of Stamford.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

MR. RUSSBACH said he wanted to report for the Board's information that the Personnel Director issued a memorandum dated August 28, 1974, clarifying the manner in which sick and vacation leave is to be reported on the departmental attendance registers so that accurate and up-to-date information can be recorded on the computer.

MR. RUSSBACH said the Personnel Committee held a meeting on the matter referred to it regarding certain actions pertaining to the Park Commission and the Personnel Commission's test for the Superintendent of Parks. He said attending the meeting were Mr. Connell and Mr. Benjamin Greaves and his attorney, Mr. Bromley. He said after due consideration the Personnel Committee decided they would like to have the authorization of the Chair to ask the Corporation Counsel for clarification of two points pertaining to this matter. He said this is an extremely delicate matter and in all fairness to those involved his Committee feels that a legal interpretation is essential.

THE PRESIDENT authorized the request for an opinion from the Corporation Counsel, noting that neither the Corporation Counsel nor the Board of Representatives can order the Personnel Commission or the Park Commission to hire or not to hire a specific individual. He added that the Charter provides methods of relief for an individual who may have a grievance.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI suggested the letter be shown to THE PRESIDENT before it is forwarded to the Corporation Counsel.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

(1) SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION - As per the recommendation of the Planning Board on 7-9-74 and as approved by the Board of Finance on 7-11-74, as follows: (Mayor's letter of 7-10-74)

Card 99, East Side, Washington Boulevard, House & Lot  
Card 100, East Side, Washington Boulevard, Lot

Assessment figures revised as per report on 8-5-74, as follows:

Land (17,041 square feet)	-----	\$11,440.00
House	-----	7,200.00
Shed	-----	110.00
		<u>\$18,750.00</u>

(Held in Committee 8-5-74)

MR. ROSS reported the above matter is being Held in Committee.

- (2) SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION - As per the recommendation of the Planning Board on 7-9-74 and as approved by the Board of Finance on 7-24-74, as follows: (Mayor's letter of 7-10-74)

Card W52A, Lot D, Fairfield Avenue, 2.829 acres,  
Assessment: \$96,110

MR. ROSS said the above matter is being Held in Committee.

MR. ROSS MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES to consider the acceptance of three streets that were certified by the City Engineer. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (3) ACCEPTANCE OF LISA LANE AS A PUBLIC HIGHWAY - Petition for road acceptance dated 9-6-74; certified for acceptance by the City Engineer in letter dated 9-9-74; as follows:

Lisa Lane - extending southerly from North Lake Drive  
approximately 620 feet to South Lake Drive -  
Map No. 8226 in the Town Clerk's Office.

MR. ROSS MOVED for acceptance of Lisa Lane. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (4) ACCEPTANCE OF SOUTH LAKE DRIVE AS A PUBLIC HIGHWAY - Petition for road acceptance dated 9-6-74; certified for acceptance by the City Engineer in letter dated 9-9-74; as follows:

South Lake Drive - Extending 650 feet from a permanent turnaround  
as shown on Map No. 8226 easterly of Lisa Lane  
to and including a temporary turnaround west of  
Lisa Lane - Length approximately 1,280 feet -  
Map No. 8226 in Town Clerk's Office.

MR. ROSS MOVED for the acceptance of South Lake Drive. Seconded and CARRIED.



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- (5) ACCEPTANCE OF HEATHER DRIVE AS A PUBLIC HIGHWAY - Petition for road acceptance dated 8-27-74; certified for acceptance by the City Engineer in letter dated 9-9-74, as follows:

Heather Drive - extending northerly from the already-accepted portion of Heather Drive to and including a permanent turn-around as shown on Map No. 8112 in the Town Clerk's Office: Length approximately 700 feet.

MR. ROSS MOVED for the acceptance of Heather Drive. Seconded and CARRIED.

PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI said he has had many calls from the residents of the William C. Ward Homes complaining that conditions have deteriorated in regard to security, maintenance, and parking facilities and he would like to refer the matter to the Public Housing & General Relocation Committee and suggested that a meeting be scheduled with the residents, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Perillo and himself.

MR. DIXON requested that Mr. Boccuzzi pass on any information he has regarding this problem as he is sure his Committee will be glad to look into the situation.

In response to a question from MR. COSTELLO, MR. DIXON said he has had no recently-updated information regarding the Clinton Avenue project but would look into that also.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE

MR. FLANAGAN reported that he had been appointed by the Mayor to a Task Force to study air pollution problems which could have serious effects on the continued redevelopment of the downtown area. He said this will be an on-going committee that will be involved with construction in the City as it relates to the new air pollution regulations of the State.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

MR. RYBNICK asked that all Committee Chairman post the dates of their Committee meeting immediately after the Steering Committee meeting so that he can ascertain when the rooms will be in use and/or when he can allow other City Boards and departments to schedule meetings in these rooms.

MR. GAMBINO asked Mr. Rybnick to have the windows in this room adjusted so that they can be opened for ventilation.

DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE COMMITTEE

MR. CROSBY reported that on July 9 he and Dr. Lowden spent an enjoyable 3½ hours at Liberation House reviewing the entire operation there which included a tour of the facilities. He said the rehabilitation program consists of three phases: 1) learning to live at the House; 2) assuming increased responsibilities at the House; and 3) reentering the outside world.

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He cited some cases of former addicts who have successfully become involved in the re-entry program. He noted that the priorities for the program at Liberation House include an increase in the educational opportunities for the residents, a strengthened public relations program and an increase in outside charitable contributions. He said all Board members are invited to tour the facilities to learn about the program. He said this is the largest program of its kind in Fairfield County and summarized the program as being impressive with dedicated staff members who have set up a concentrated therapeutic program that is working.

DR. LOWDEN said he too believes the program has an excellent chance of being successful in its aims both from a professional point of view and from the point of view of a citizen. He noted that the drug problem still exists in this community although it is not as serious as it was during the 1960's. He said there is evidence that the use of drugs is on the rise again in this area emphasizing the need for programs like the one at Liberation House to be continued. He said the federal grant supporting this program is being reduced. He said the grant was for a period of eight years with the federal support being reduced gradually over that period. He said the program is now in its third year and eventually the whole cost of the program will have to be borne locally. He also noted the problems connected with the increased use of alcohol by young people in the 14 to 16-year old age group. He said that because of the flexibility of this program these problems could probably be included in the structure if alcoholism in teenagers becomes serious in this area. He concluded by saying that what Liberation House wants now is support, recognition and publicity for the program.

#### RESOLUTIONS

MR. HOFFMAN reported that several weeks ago a number of Board members attended a meeting of approximately 100 homeowners at the Glenbrook Community Center. He said the purpose of that meeting was to see what these homeowners could do to get HELCO to continue their work-service policies on a year-round basis to the homeowner who bought total-electric homes with heat pumps. He said HELCO wants to limit this service to the winter months which will result in higher service costs to these homeowners. He said the homeowners are willing to pay higher costs to HELCO for year-round service as they feel with HELCO behind them their service contracts will be in better hands than if they are turned over to local contractors. He said Board members in attendance were Reps. Davidoff, Gurcian, Hoffman, Ross, Serrani, Truglia and Zimmler. HE MOVED for adoption of the following "Sense of the Board" resolution: Seconded.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives supports the 200 local homeowners with total-electric home heating systems in their effort to retain quality and reasonably-priced service through HELCO and, if necessary, will seek help for them from the Public Utilities Commission.

MR. ZIMMLER said the PUC has been petitioned and he has just learned from State Rep. Sidney Sherer that the PUC has agreed to hold a public hearing here in Stamford on this matter and has ordered HELCO to keep these service contracts in effect until the hearing is held. He suggested a copy of the resolution, if adopted, be sent to Howard Hausman, Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission.

The vote on the motion to adopt the resolution was taken and CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

THE PRESIDENT then read a letter from Mrs. Velma Farrell thanking the entire Board for the party held in her honor last month.

NEW BUSINESS

MR. SERRANI said he would like to refer a matter to the Health & Protection Committee. He said he has had numerous complaints from his constituents regarding apartment buildings burning garbage and causing soot and smoke to filter through the neighborhood. He said the apartment buildings are under a time schedule set up by the State to discontinue this practice and he suggested the Health & Protection Committee contact the Assistant Attorney General to see what is being done to enforce compliance.

In response to a question from MRS. LATTMAN, MR. SERRANI said possible legislation allowing gas stations to post large price signs is under consideration by his Committee. The Administrative Assistant was directed to include this item on the tentative agenda for consideration by the Steering Committee at its next meeting.

MR. HOFFMAN complimented THE PRESIDENT for getting tonight's meeting started promptly and conducting it in such a manner as to allow all business to be concluded at a reasonable hour.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 a.m.

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Administrative Assistant and  
(Recording Secretary)

APPROVED:

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

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