

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETINGNOVEMBER 18, 197413TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVESSTAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A Special Meeting of the 13th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held Monday, November 18, 1974 pursuant to a "Call" issued by President Frederick E. Miller, Jr., under the provisions of Section 202 of the Stamford Charter.

The meeting was held in the meeting room of the Board of Representatives, second floor, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by the President, Frederick E. Miller, Jr., after both political parties had met in caucus.

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. There were 35 present and 5 absent. The absent members were:

Robert A. Crosby (R), 16th District
Robert B. Exnicios, (R) 1st District
Leonard A. Hoffman (R), 11th District
James J. Kelly (D), 12th District
Salvan Ross, Jr. (D), 15th District

CALL OF THE MEETING:

THE PRESIDENT read the "Call" of the meeting, as follows:

"I, FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR., PRESIDENT of the 13th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of said Board of Representatives at the following time and place:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1974

and

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1974

Meeting Room of the Board of Representatives
Second Floor, Municipal Office Building
429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut

AT 8:00 P.M.

for the purpose of considering Items #1 through #55 as enumerated on Pages 1 through 6 of the "Call" of the Meeting."

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THE PRESIDENT noted that all of the items on the agenda are emergency appropriations and the affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present is required for passage. He said it would be proper for items to be held in Committee or returned to Committee as there is no deadline for action on these items.

MRS. LAITMAN, Chairman of Fiscal Committee, reported on the following items:

- (1) \$1,200.00 - COMMISSION ON AGING - Code 195.5207 - Program Services-
Essential for the cleaning and maintenance of Quintard Center -
No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this was originally part of a grant for Quintard Center. She said that even though the supplies account for the Commission was also cut, they did not come back for additional funding for that account and have instead sought out donations. She noted that Board member Robert Crosby kindly donated some materials to the Commission. She also said that cuts made in the salary account have been absorbed and the staff has been supplemented by the use of volunteers. She said the only funds being requested by the Commission are for custodial maintenance required because of the heavy use of the Center. She reminded the members of the questions asked by the Fiscal Committee at the time these additional appropriation requests were reviewed, as follows:

1. How have you attempted to live within your reduced budget, i.e., what economies were instituted?
2. How will you operate if these funds are restored? and
3. How will you operate if these funds are denied?

She said the Fiscal Committee was convinced that the Commission has tried to reduce its spending where possible and recommended by a vote of 7 to 0 that this request be approved and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Livingston who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs.

MR. GUROIAN said he wished to speak to the sum total of these emergency appropriations before the Board tonight. He said that since the last time the Board met to consider this unprecedented package of requests the Federal Government has confirmed that the country is in a recession. He noted that inflation has not abated and on the local scene reports indicate that layoffs are occurring throughout the City. He said tradesmen, businessmen, and laborers within the whole gamut of breadwinners are losing or have lost their jobs in Stamford and a preponderance of these people are homeowners, taxpayers and renters, all affected by governmental spending. He said at this moment the City is staring at a seven to five mill increase in taxes and this means several hundreds of dollars in increased taxes for the average homeowner or tenant. He said he considers himself a part of the administration since he is a Democrat and noted that the administration ran on a platform of no higher taxes and yet the administration appears to be following a practice of giving lip service one week to assuage the general public that they need not fear higher taxes and then the following week succumb to departmental demands for more money. He said what is most abrasive is the knowledge that departments haven't even tried to live within their budgets and cited as an example a statement to the Board of Finance by the Public Works Department in which they said they have not tried to live within the reduced budget. He said similar statements were made before the Fiscal Committee by the Zoning Enforcement Officer. He said he was not at this meeting to invalidate this Board's mandate at budget time that all departments live within their budgets. He said he was here to once again reassert that this

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body has an obligation and a duty to the people it represents, the taxpayers who are homeowners, renters, businessmen and elderly people on fixed incomes. He said the taxpayers cannot be continually asked to tighten their belts and bite the bullet while this Board blatantly gums the bullet and lets the belt out a knotch here or there. He said to oppose these emergency appropriations under the glare of the gallery may be unnerving and seem unpopular. He said the members are not dealing in a popularity contest, however, are dealing in something more dire, the ability of the people who the members represent to remain here in Stamford. He said he will vote accordingly.

MR. RUSSBACH said recent news releases indicate that the City of Hartford is experiencing financial problems similar to those in Stamford. He said Hartford has a two and one-half million dollar budget deficit and to resolve the problem the City has put a freeze on hiring, purchasing of any type and on additional appropriations. He said Stamford's deficit is twice as large and the City is still spending and if these emergency appropriations are approved the Board will be contributing to further deficits which will mean more new taxes.

THE PRESIDENT noted that 24 affirmative votes are required for approval of the items on the agenda.

The VOTE was then taken on the motion to approve Item #1 and the motion CARRIED, by a machine vote of 25 yes and 8 no.

- (2) \$300.00 - WELFARE DEPARTMENT - Code 410.2101 - Conventions, Dues & Conferences - Union contracts provide payment for certain education courses for employees - Reduced from \$600 by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said that in order for Mr. DeVos to maintain his license as an administrator he must have 30 hours of approved related education. She said in addition the caseworkers at present are preparing a grievance for what they consider to be a denial of a contractual obligation. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 - 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Livingston who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs.

MR. RUSSBACH said he will vote to approve requests from the Welfare Department and the Department of Health as they were the only two departments that reduced their budgets when this Board imposed cuts at budget time last spring.

The VOTE was then taken on the motion to approve Item #2 and the motion CARRIED.

- (3) \$12,000.00 - SUNSET HOME-Code 430.0101 -- Salaries - This department employs only seven employees, consisting of four attendants, a custodian, a cook and an account clerk, who maintain 24-hour-a-day supervision of the facility, including weekends and holidays. There are no open job slots nor can there be and still maintain the necessary coverage - No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said that 90% of all costs are reimbursed in this department and noted that last year expenses were \$103,700 and income was \$92,479. She said this restoration would enable last year's level to be maintained. She noted that part-time help is used to minimize overtime and occasionally an employee

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from the Welfare Department fills out on a shift. She said maintenance is done by the residents and some help is given to Smith House. She also noted an intensive energy-saving program is underway. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 6 to 1 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Livingston who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs. CARRIED.

- (4) \$1,500.00 - SUNSET HOME - Code 430.0102 - Part-time Help - This account is used to reduce expenditures from the .0103 account as part-time temporary employees are necessary to cover for vacations, sick leave, personal time, holidays, etc., and thereby helps to minimize the payment of overtime at time and one-half and double time and one-half on holidays - No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this was covered by the explanation of the previous request. She noted that even though this Board also cut the overtime account for this department there has been no additional request for that account because of the utilization of part-time help, which is less costly. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Livingston who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs. CARRIED.

- (5) \$1,465.00 - SUNSET HOME - Code 430.1501 - Light, Heat & Power - It should be noted expenditures for this year will total approximately \$8,365 and this appropriation is necessary for this account unless the cost of fuel oil and other utilities reverts to pre-1974 levels - No reduction by Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this is not a restoration of funds but rather an emergency appropriation based on rates increased beyond all expectations. She again noted there is an on-going energy conservation program in effect at Sunset Home. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Livingston who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs. CARRIED.

- (6) \$3,120.00 - SUNSET HOME - Code 430.6002 - Provisions - An inadequate amount was provided and this is necessary to feed the residents - No reduction by Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this restoration reflects increased food costs and would restore this account to the level of last year's expenses. She noted that whenever possible commodities provided by the Department of Agriculture are used. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Livingston who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs. CARRIED.

- (7) \$5,000.00 - SMITH HOUSE - Code 440.0102 - Part-Time Help - Required because of the cuts in other salary accounts in order to staff Smith House 24 hours a day, seven days a week and necessary to maintain staff ratios and to minimize payment of overtime at much higher rates - Reduced from \$7,300 by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

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MRS. LAITMAN said that in response to this Board's budget cuts, five employees were laid off (one program director, one custodian, two nurses' aides and one dietary aide) and one nurse's aide retired. She said Smith House is authorized for 63 positions and is presently operating with 55. She said these funds that are being requested will reduce overtime and are needed to maintain staff ratios at the minimal level. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Livingston who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs. CARRIED.

- (8) \$2,000.00 - SMITH HOUSE - Code 440.0103 - Overtime - Necessary to pay for 13 holidays at the rate of double time and one-half for regular employees and to pay regular overtime rates to maintain staff ratios on occasions when temporary or part-time employees are not available to replace regular employees who are ill and/or absent - No reduction by the Board of Finance Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said that these funds were originally cut by the Board of Finance and would restore the account to just under the amount funded last year. She said the contract provides for a 37½ hour week and the night shift requires 2½ hours of overtime. She added that when an emergency occurs it is often difficult to get part-time help. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended to approve this item by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Livingston who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs. CARRIED.

- (9) \$12,460.00 - SMITH HOUSE - Code 440.1501 - Light, Heat and Power - Required unless the cost of utilities reverts to pre-1973 levels - No reduction by Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said these funds would restore this account to just about what it was last year. She said even though rates have increase it is hoped that energy conservation will enable the facility to maintain last year's cost level. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Livingston who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs. CARRIED.

- (10) \$250.00 - SMITH HOUSE - Code 440.2101 - Conventions, Dues & Conferences - Union contracts provide for all or partial payment by the City for ongoing education required by the State Health Department for nursing personnel - Reduced from \$475 by Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said that denial of this item will preclude the department from joining critical organizations. She said the Committee was told by Mr. DeVos that this is a contractual obligation since on-going education is a State requirement. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Livingston who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs. CARRIED.

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- (11) \$1,500.00 - PUBLIC SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM - Code 502.0801 - Transportation - With the cuts in personnel, nurses will be required to cover several schools and, therefore, the City will be obliged to pay them transportation from school to school as this is contractually-mandated benefit - Reduced from \$10,388 by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said these funds would only be used on an individual basis in an emergency. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Rose who said the Health & Protection Committee met on Wednesday, November 13, with Reps. McInerney, Sandor, Clark, Zimble and Rose present and voted at that time to recommend approval of this item. CARRIED.

- (12) \$5,000.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - Code 530.1702 - Automotive Fuel - Request is based on current costs and operations and does not reflect any future increases in cost or demand for services beyond present levels - Reduced from \$15,000 from Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said these funds would restore this account to last year's level. She said the cost-savings programs that have been initiated are a conversion from premium to regular gas and institution of a control program to eliminate unauthorized personnel using City gas. She said the Police Department is to be commended for their fuel conservation program. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Rose who said the Health & Protection Committee concurs. CARRIED by a machine vote of 24 yes and 11 no.

- (13) \$30,773.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - Code 530.2502 - Clothing & Clothing Maintenance Allowance - Necessary to meet the City's obligation under the Police Association contract covering the number of sworn personnel - No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this is a contractual obligation to meet the Police Association contract and the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Rose who said the Health & Protection Committee concurs. CARRIED.

- (14) \$1,000.00 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - Code 540.0501 - Telephone & Telegraph - Being an emergency service, this account is vital to the department's communications system and cannot be reduced below present operation levels - Reduced from \$4,011 by Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said the above item is being Held in Committee for further study. Mr. Rose said the Health & Protection Committee concurs with the recommendation of the Fiscal Committee.

- (15) \$70,000.00 - HYDRANTS & WATER SUPPLY - Code 550.1505 - Water - This amount is based on figures received from the Stamford Water Company and is an estimated charge for Fire Protection. The rates are set by the Public Utilities Commission - Reduced from \$75,000 by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said the City pays its water bills based on the footage and diameter of water mains in the City and rates are approved by the Public Utilities Commission. She said it was the unanimous feeling of the Fiscal Committee that the funds be approved and that a "sense of the Board" resolution be adopted requesting the Corporation Counsel to appeal this method of billing and ask for its repeal. She said the Committee would also like to ask Mayor Lenz, through his membership in the Connecticut Conference of Mayors, to propose that other cities join Stamford in asking for repeal of this bidding formula. She then read the proposed resolution as follows:

"BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 13TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD that the Corporation Counsel be instructed to institute an appeal to the Public Utilities Commission to repeal the bidding formula for water charges to the City by the Stamford Water Company; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That Mayor Frederick P. Lenz, Jr., through his membership in the Connecticut Conference of Mayors, propose that this formula be repealed and similar appeals be initiated in other cities."

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED for approval of Item #15 as recommended by the Fiscal Committee. Seconded by Mr. Rose who said the Health & Protection Committee concurs with the recommendation to approve this item and also feels strongly about the adoption of the resolution regarding the method of charging for water usage. CARRIED.

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

- (16) \$65,000.00 - HOSPITALIZATION - Code 161.0000 - Restoration of this amount appears necessary. The Benefits Manager advises that through negotiation for a comprehensive insurance plan, expenditures could be held to this level which is well below the actual cost for 1973-74 -No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said the above item is being Held in Committee pending further investigation.

MR. RUSSBACH said the Personnel Committee voted to approve this item but will go along with the Fiscal Committee recommendation to hold this item in Committee.

- (17) \$21,500.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Administration - Code 602.0101 - Salaries - To sustain required operations - Reduced from \$39,684 by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said that two vacant positions in this department will not be filled and said if these funds are approved the salary account will total \$192,222 as opposed to \$207,147 appropriated last year. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 5 to 3 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded.

MR. PERILLO said the Public Works Committee met to consider these items with Reps. Perillo, Blois, Connors, Walsh, Sandor and McInerney present. He said five members were absent. He said the vote on this item was 3 to 3 so there was no recommendation.

MR. FLANAGAN said he wanted to state his position regarding statements made to the effect that if the requests for the salary accounts were not approved there would be layoffs within the departments. He said he cannot buy that argument for the reason that some of the requests are for new personnel for the sewage treatment plant and the sludge burning equipment at the new incinerator. He said if the department heads exercised some degree of managerial expertise and transferred personnel within the department the cuts that were made in the salary accounts at budget time could be maintained without any of the City's workers being laid off.

MR. TRUGLIA requested a ROLL CALL VOTE on this item and a sufficient number of members supported his request.

The following ROLL CALL VOTE was taken on the motion to approve Item #17 and the motion LOST by a vote of 23 yes and 12 no:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

BLOIS, Julius (D)
BOCCUZZI, John (D)
BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)
CLARK, Linda (D)
CONNORS, George (D)
COSTELLO, Robert (D)
DAVIDOFF, Norman (D)
DeROSE, Joseph (D)
DIXON, Handy (D)
LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)
LOUGHRAN, Michael (D)
LOWDEN, Lynn (D)
MARTINO, Vincent (D)
MAYNOR, Frederick (D)
MILLER, Frederick (D)
MORABITO, Joseph (D)
PERILLO, Alfred (D)
RAVALLESE, George (D)
ROSE, Matthew (D)
RYBNICK, Gerald (D)
SERRANI, Thom (D)
TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)
WALSH, Peter (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

CIBULSKAS, Algird (D)
FLANAGAN, William (R)
FORMAN, Barbara (R)
GUROIAN, Armen (D)
LAITMAN, Marilyn (D)
McINERNEY, Barbara (R)
PERKINS, Billie (R)
RUSSBACH, Daniel (R)
SAINBURG, Richard (R)
SANDOR, John (D)
TRESSER, Michael (R)
ZIMBLER, Kurt (R)

(18) \$2,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Administration - Code 602.0103 - Overtime - Necessary to maintain operations - Reduced from \$10,000 by Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said these funds would augment personnel when said personnel are absent. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended denial of this item by a vote of 1 yes and 7 no.

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In order to have a positive motion on the floor, MR. RUSSBACH MOVED that the item be approved. Seconded.

MR. PERILLO said the Public Works Committee also recommended denial by a vote of 0 to 6.

MR. GURIOIAN requested a ROLL CALL VOTE on this item and a sufficient number of members supported the request.

The following ROLL CALL VOTE was taken on the motion to approve Item #18 and the motion LOST by a vote of 5 yes and 30 no:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

CONNORS, George (D)
DAVIDOFF, Norman (D)
DeROSE, Joseph (D)
RYBNICK, Gerald (D)
TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

BLOIS, Julius (D)
BOCCUZZI, John (D)
BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)
CIBULSKAS, Algird (D)
CLARK, Linda (D)
COSTELLO, Robert (D)
DIXON, Handy (D)
FLANAGAN, William (R)
FORMAN, Barbara (R)
GURIOIAN, Armen (D)
LAITMAN, Marilyn (D)
LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)
LOUGHRAN, Michael (D)
LOWDEN, Lynn (D)
MARTINO, Vincent (D)
MAYNOR, Frederick (D)
McINERNEY, Barbara (R)
MILLER, Frederick (D)
MORABITO, Joseph (D)
PERILLO, Alfred (D)
PERKINS, Billie (R)
RAVALLESE, George (D)
ROSE, Matthew (D)
RUSSBACH, Daniel (R)
SAINBURG, Richard (R)
SANDOR, John (D)
SERRANI, Thom (D)
TRESSER, Michael (R)
WALSH, Peter (D)
ZIMBLER, Kurt (R)

(19) \$1,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Administration - Code 602.0107
Seasonal - Necessary to maintain operations - Reduced from
\$2,940 by Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said these funds would maintain services when existing personnel are on vacation. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended denial of this item by a vote of 0 - 8. Mr. Perillo said the Public Works Committee recommended denial by a vote of 0 to 6.

In order to have a positive motion on the floor, MR. RUSSBACH MOVED that the item be approved. Seconded and LOST.

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- (20) \$10,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Administration - Code 602.0501 - Telephone & Telegraph - Required to maintain existing communication services - No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said the above item is being Held in Committee pending further information on methods being implemented to cut costs. She said the Committee is also interested in steps being taken by the Commissioner to improve telephone services. Mr. Perillo said the Public Works Committee concurs with this item being Held in Committee.

- (21) \$50,000.00 - BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS & MAINTENANCE - Code 606.0101 - Salaries To sustain required operations - Reduced from \$64,619 by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said that if these funds are restored the account would total \$804,569 as opposed to last year's expense of \$833,539. She said that on Schedule B, which was included in the Mayor's letter of transmittal, is a list of the vacant positions not being filled. She said denial of this request would result in the loss of one and one-half men. She said the Fiscal Committee's vote on this item was 4 to 4 and, therefore, there is no recommendation.

In order to have a positive motion on the floor, MR. RUSSEACH MOVED that item #21 be approved. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee recommended approval by a vote of 4 to 2.

MR. TRUGLIA requested a ROLL CALL VOTE and a sufficient number of members supported his request.

In response to a question, MRS. LAITMAN said that at the time this item was considered by the Fiscal Committee they were told denial of this item would result in the loss of one and one-half men.

Many members questioned that fact as it appears that the denial of \$50,000 would result in more than one and one-half people being laid off.

MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED that the item be returned to Committee for further information. Seconded.

MRS. LAITMAN noted that delaying action on this item could result in even more people having to be laid off.

The discussion continued on the number of people who might be affected by a denial of this request.

MRS. LAITMAN requested a recess, which request was agreeable to the Majority Leader and the Assistant Minority Leader (9:20 p.m.)

Following the recess, THE PRESIDENT called the meeting to order at 10:00 p.m. He said the motion on the floor was the one made by Mr. Livingston to return Item #21 to Committee.

MRS. LAITMAN said that during the recess she spoke with Commissioner O'Brien. She said that based on what he told her it would be safe to assume that three

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people would have to be laid off if the appropriation is denied at this time. She said he confirmed that at the time this request was reviewed in October approximately one and one-half men would have been affected.

The VOTE was taken on the motion to recommit and the motion CARRIED.

- (22) \$15,000.00 - BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS & MAINTENANCE - Code 606.0601 - General Materials & Supplies - Due to increased costs and requirements for repairs throughout the City - Reduced from \$30,000 by Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said there has been a 20% increase in costs for materials and restoration of this amount will bring a total of \$65,000 as opposed to the \$90,053 funded last year, or \$70,000 recommended by the Board of Finance at budget time. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 8 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee concurs by a vote of 6 to 0. CARRIED.

- (23) \$25,000.00 - BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS & MAINTENANCE - Code 606.0612 - Fall Leaf Pick-up - To prevent fires and hold down maintenance costs - No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this restoration will enable the department to carry out a limited City-wide leaf pickup which is necessitated by the drainage problems and fire hazards created by the accumulation of leaves. She said the Fiscal Committee recommends that no overtime be incurred, or as little as possible. She said that while approving this appropriation, the Fiscal Committee once again fully supports a composting program, perhaps to be set up in various parts of the City where there is vacant City land. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval by a vote of 8 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee recommended approval by a vote of 6 to 0.

In response to a question from MR. RUSSBACH, MRS. LAITMAN said this money will be used for renting of equipment to vacuum up the leaves and it is her understanding that the program has started in the southern parts of the City. She said it is the intention of the Public Works Department to reach all areas of the City, if possible. She said there is also a limited composting program in progress on the east side and in the northern sector.

MR. GUROLIAN said he supports this requests because of the many calls from his constituents. He said the job can be done with the money that has been appropriated if reason and proper management are used.

In response to a question from MR. FLANAGAN, MRS. LAITMAN said that some of the equipment has been rented by the Public Works Department from out of state because of the scarcity of this type of machinery and she has received assurances from the Commissioner that the department will pick up as many leaves as they can within the appropriation approved by this Board.

MR. SERRANI said he has also been informed that the Public Works Department is taking positive steps toward composting throughout the City and he would urge approval of this item.

Following more discussion, MR. DAVIDOFF MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

The vote was taken on the motion to approve Item #23 and the motion CARRIED.

- (24) \$20,272.00 - DIVISION OF EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE - Code 607.0101 - Salaries -
To sustain required operations - No reduction by the Board
of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said that considering the economic conditions, the Fiscal Committee felt that it would be better financially to maintain existing equipment in which we have such an enormous financial investment. She said this restoration would mean sustaining the present staff and the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this request by a vote of 4 to 2. CARRIED.

- (25) \$2,000.00 - BUREAU OF SANITATION - Administration - Code 617.0103 -
Overtime - Based on work load of secretary required on
overtime basis - No reduction by the Board of Finance -
Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this appropriation will fund the Clerk II who has been working on weekends without pay for years and will also fund the permit clerk who works on Saturdays issuing permits which are income-producing. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this item by a vote of 4 to 2. CARRIED.

- (26) \$1,500.00 - BUREAU OF SANITATION - Administration - Code 617.5203 -
Training School - To provide essential training for per-
sonnel operating the incinerator and secondary sewage
treatment plant - No reduction by Board of Finance -
Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this request will fund necessary training supplementary to that supplied by the Superintendent of the Sewage Plant and the program involves training in the maintenance of the facility. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this item by a vote of 4 to 2. CARRIED.

- (27) \$19,000.00 - MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY SEWERS - Code 618.0101 - Salaries -
Required to man equipment for a second crew for maintenance
of existing and expanded sewer system - Reduced from \$27,000
by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said that since the time the budget was established, new equipment has come on line, making it both feasible and necessary to put on a second crew. She said at the present time there is no maintenance on storm sewers and recent storms have indicated there is need for such a program. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this request by a vote of 5 to 1. CARRIED.

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- (28) \$3,000.00 - MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY SEWERS - Code 618.0103 - Overtime
Based on emergencies experienced and also required by contract - Reduced from \$8,000 by Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this is a contractual obligation as many of the emergencies occur after hours and necessitate overtime pay. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded.

MR. PERILLO said the Public Works Committee recommended denial of this request by a vote of 0 to 6.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said there is no guarantee that emergencies will not occur after 4:30 and this appropriation will be used to have repairs made after hours. He noted this is a contractual obligation.

In response to a question from MR. COSTELLO, MR. PERILLO said his Committee was not aware that this was a contractual obligation when they recommended denial.

MR. TRUGLIA urged the members to support this request and cited an incident that occurred in his district which required repairs to be made after hours.

MR. RUSSBACH said it is bad fiscal management to appropriate money in anticipation of problems.

MRS. LAITMAN said it is good fiscal policy to plan ahead.

MR. SERRANI said good fiscal management means being prepared and said that if the problems do not occur the money will be returned to the General Fund.

MR. DAVIDOFF MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

The vote was taken on the motion to approve Item #28 and the motion CARRIED on a machine vote of 27 yes and 8 no.

- (29) \$1,807.00 - MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY SEWERS - Code 618.0108 - Standby Time
- Required by contractual agreement - No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this is a contractual obligation and the standby crew consists of three men. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this request by a vote of 6 to 0. CARRIED.

- (30) \$375.00 - MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY SEWERS - Code 618.2502 - Clothing Allowance
- Required by contractual agreement - No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this is another contractual obligation and the Fiscal Committee recommended approval by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this request by a vote of 6 to 0. CARRIED.

- (31) \$62,500.00 - BUREAU OF SANITATION - Incinerator & Sewage Treatment
Code 620.0101 - Salaries- Required for 3/4 year funding
of necessary maintenance staff of 15 people, including
several for sewage treatment plant connected with sludge
burning - Reduced from \$102,678 by the Board of Finance -
Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said that at budget time the Fiscal Committee was aware that some of the items which were cut would come back for reconsideration and the above request is one of them. She said this figure is pre-rated for hiring on December 1st. She said the Fiscal Committee is aware of the need for adequate staffing of the sewage treatment plant and coordination with the incinerator and, therefore, recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED.

MR. PERILLO said the Public Works Committee voted to reduce the amount approved to \$44,740.00 as the original request includes funding for two positions not needed and HE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mrs. Laitman who said the Fiscal Committee agreed to approve the reduced appropriation.

The vote was then taken on the motion to approve \$44,740 for Item #31 and the motion CARRIED.

- (32) \$87,000.00 - BUREAU OF SANITATION - Incinerator & Sewage Treatment -
Code 620.0601 - General Materials & Supplies - Covers
caustic soda, liquid chlorine and other chemicals required
by State Environmental Protection Agency and reflects new
price increases - Reduced from \$115,000 by the Board of
Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this appropriation was inadvertently cut by the Board of Finance and would be used to purchase chlorine, the price of which has risen from \$139 per ton in June to \$219 per ton. She said the City chlorinates year round with tight controls set up to monitor supplies. She said at the time the budgets were established the City was chlorinating only during the summer months and now the State requires chlorination all year. She said this account also covers the cost of caustic soda and sodium hydroxide. She also said permission was given by the Board of Finance to go into deficit spending in this account. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this request by a vote of 6 to 0. CARRIED.

- (33) \$37,652.00 - BUREAU OF SANITATION - Incinerator & Sewage Treatment -
Code 620.1501 - Light, Heat & Power - need for increased
request is based on present use of power requirements -
Reduced from \$60,000 by Board of Finance - Mayor's letter
of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said the Fiscal Committee is all too aware of the increase in rates but once again urges the Commissioner of Public Works to complete his investigations into the hiring of a firm to monitor the City's utility bills. She said bills at present are running \$14,000 per month, including the two incinerators. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this item by a vote of 6 to 0. CARRIED.

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- (34) \$40,000.00 - BUREAU OF SANITATION - Incinerator & Sewage Treatment - Code - 620.1201 - Maintenance of Equipment - General maintenance estimates for incinerators are based on cost of \$1.25 per ton of refuse, which would be \$95,000 and which indicates this is modest request by accepted standards - No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said the City has already committed to \$14,000 out of \$20,000 and said no spare parts inventory was included in the contract. She said this account was down to \$2.76 when the Committee reviewed this request in October and permission to go into deficit spending has been granted by the Board of Finance. She said there is a self-explanatory graph in the packet sent to Board members by Mayor Lenz. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this by a vote of 6 to 0. CARRIED.

- (35) \$4,000.00 - BUREAU OF SANITATION - Incinerator & Sewage Treatment - Code 620.1801 - Maintenance of Buildings - Required to meet OSHA safety standards and will allow only minimum building maintenance - Reduced from \$10,900 by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this item is being Held in Committee for further study. Mr. Perillo said the Public Works Committee voted 3 to 3 on the above and therefore, has no recommendation.

- (36) \$2,000.00 - BUREAU OF SANITATION - Incinerator & Sewage Treatment - Code 620.2502 - Clothing Allowance - Required by union contract - No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this is a contractual obligation and the Fiscal Committee recommended approval by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this request by a vote of 6 to 0. CARRIED.

- (37) \$2,200.00 - BUREAU OF SANITATION - Incinerator & Sewage Treatment - Code 620.2504 - Protective Clothing - Required by union contract and to meet OSHA standards - No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this is a contractual obligation and also required to meet OSHA safety standards. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this request by a vote of 6 to 0. CARRIED.

- (38) \$2,500.00 - BUREAU OF SANITATION - Multi-purpose Incinerator - Code 621.1505 - Water - Based on previous usage - Reduced from \$5,000 by Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this would partially restore a cut by the Board of Finance and is based on previous usage. She said Fiscal Committee recommended approval by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee concurred by a vote of 6 to 0. CARRIED.

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- (39) \$3,300.00 - BUREAU OF SANITATION - Pumping Station - Code 622.0108 - Standby Time - Required by union contract - No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this is required by union contract and the Fiscal Committee recommended approval by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this by a vote of 6 to 0. CARRIED.

- (40) \$5,600.00 - BUREAU OF SANITATION - Pumping Station - Code 622.1501 - Light, Heat and Power - Based on previous use - No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this is a restoration of the cut made by the Board of Finance and would bring the account to last year's level. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this item by a vote of 6 to 0. CARRIED.

- (41) \$900.00 - DIVISION OF GARBAGE COLLECTION - Code 624.2504 - Protective Clothing - Required by union contract - No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this is required by union contract. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this by a vote of 6 to 0. CARRIED.

- (42) \$24,576.00 - DIVISION OF BUILDING INSPECTION - Code 628.0101 - Salaries To sustain operations - No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said restoration of this amount would mean keeping the present work staff and denial would mean the elimination of two men plus their benefits. She said Mr. Sotire stressed that with the present staff the department is unable to enforce the State Code in its entirety. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended denial of this request by a vote of 2 to 5.

In order to have a positive motion on the floor, MR. RUSSBACH MOVED that item #42 be approved. Seconded.

MR. PERILLO said the Public Works Committee recommended approval of the above item by a vote of 6 to 0.

MR. DeROSE requested a ROLL CALL VOTE and a sufficient number of members supported this request.

In response to a question from MRS. CLARK, MRS. LAITMAN said it was the feeling of the majority of the Fiscal Committee that the workload of this department simply did not warrant the additional staffing in as much as building construction has fallen off appreciably.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said this department inspects all building construction in the City and offers a protective service to contractors and homeowners. He said each of the inspectors is skilled and trained in his own field. He said the Fiscal Committee was told that this department was not able to complete all required

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inspections when the City was really building and now they have time to make sure that everything is up to the State Code. He said this department produces income that practically equals the City's expenditures to run the department. He said it would be a disservice to cut this department back because it would cause delays in completing inspections and would, therefore, slow the construction industry down even further.

MR. BLOIS spoke in support of the item and noted that running this department does not cost the City much because of the income returned in building permits.

MR. CONNORS spoke in support of the item and said this department protects the City and the people who are building whether they are small homeowners or large contractors.

MR. MORABITO also spoke in favor of the item and noted that the City has spent money to train the inspectors and the City would have a serious problem hiring qualified inspectors at a later date when the construction industry picks up again. He said this department provides a needed service.

MR. WALSH said if this item is denied it could cause many layoffs in the construction industry because it would cause delays in having various stages of a construction project inspected.

MR. DAVIDOFF said the Building Department is one of the finest and most qualified in the City and it would be a disservice to the community to deny this appropriation at this time.

MR. RUSSBACH said there has been a net increase of four in the past six years in the personnel in this department and the denial of this request would eliminate two of these people.

MR. RYBNICK said he was also in favor of approving this request.

MRS. CLARK MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

The following ROLL CALL VOTE was taken on the motion to approve Item #42 and the motion CARRIED by a vote of 30 yes and 5 no:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

BLOIS, Julius (D)
BOCCUZZI, John (D)
BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)
CIBULSKAS, Algird (D)
CLARK, Linda (D)
CONNORS, George (D)
COSTELLO, Robert
DAVIDOFF, Norman (D)
DeROSE, Joseph (D)
DIXON, Handy (D)
FLANAGAN, William (R)
GUROIAN, Armen (D)
LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

FORMAN, Barbara (R)
LITMAN, Marilyn (D)
LOUGHRAN, Michael (D)
SAINBURG, Richard (R)
ZEMBLER, Kurt (R)

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR: (continued)

LOWDEN, Lynn (D)
 MARTINO, Vincent (D)
 MAYNOR, Frederick (D)
 MCINERNEY, Barbara (R)
 MILLER, Frederick (D)
 MORABITO, Joseph (D)
 PERILLO, Alfred (D)
 PERKINS, Billie (R)
 RAVALLESE, George (D)
 ROSE, Matthew (D)
 RUSSBACH, Daniel (R)
 RYBNICK, Gerald (D)
 SANDOR, John (D)
 SERRANI, Thom (D)
 TRESSER, Michael (R)
 TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)
 WALSH, Peter (D)

- (43) \$20,000.00 - LANDFILL & REFUSE REMOVAL - Code 625.1401 - Rental of Equipment - Based on current usage - Reduced from \$48,640 by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said \$5,600 is left in this account. She said the City is renting a six-yard loader for 30 day periods of time. She said rental is \$30 per hour including the operator. She said the cost of this piece of equipment would run over \$100,000 and would not be needed or used on a fulltime basis. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this request by a vote of 6 to 0. CARRIED.

- (44) \$35,000.00 - BUREAU OF ENGINEERING - Code 626.0101 - Salaries - To sustain required operations - Reduced from \$47,977 by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said two positions were not filled by this department as can be seen on Schedule B of the packet. She said additional vacancies were reflected in the cut by the Board of Finance. She said these funds would maintain the present staff and if approved the department total would be \$476,190 as opposed to \$509,802 for 1973-1974. She said the Fiscal Committee has a list of on-going projects in the Engineer's office and feels this warrants the granting of this request. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval by a vote of 5 to 2 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this request by a vote of 5 to 1. CARRIED.

- (45) \$1,000.00 - BUREAU OF ENGINEERING - Code 626.1901 - Small Tools & Replacements - Required by price rises for small supplies and increase in paper costs for printing machine - Reduced from \$5,000 by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this would only partially restore the Board of Finance's cut for small tools necessary to carry out the department's work, i.e., stakes, surveying tools, tracing film paper, cloth, etc. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED.

Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this request by a vote of 6 to 0. CARRIED.

(46) \$26,046.00 - DIVISION OF LAND & BUILDING MAINTENANCE - Code 629.0101 - Salaries - To sustain required operations - Virtually no reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said one position was transferred as shown on Schedule B and another person quit as of July 1. She said if these funds are restored, the account would total \$326,047 as opposed to \$343,651 for 1973-1974. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 6 to 1 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this request by a vote of 4 to 2.

MR. RYBNICK said denial of this request would cost the department three men which would seriously curtail important services to the City's buildings.

In response to a question from MR. RUSSBACH, MRS. LAITMAN said there are currently 19 custodians for 27 buildings and five people would be lost if this request is denied.

MR. RUSSBACH said that since 1968, 15 new people have been added to this department and if five are laid off there would still be a net increase of 10 since 1968 and this would not drastically affect this department and he supports the cut.

MRS. LAITMAN said the Fiscal Committee feels that maintenance is crucial at a time when the City is not building new projects or making capital improvements to the old facilities.

MR. DAVIDOFF said the City buildings are older and are still usable because they are well maintained. He said this department saves the City thousands of dollars in capital expenditures and denial of this request would be a disservice to the City and would eventually result in the expenditures of monies for capital projects.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI requested a ROLL CALL VOTE and a sufficient number of members supported his request.

The following ROLL CALL VOTE was taken on the motion to approve item #46 and the motion CARRIED by a vote of 26 yes and 9 no:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

BLOIS, Julius (D)
BOCCUZZI, John (D)
BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)
CIBULSKAS, Algird (D)
CLARK, Linda (D)
CONNORS, George (D)
COSTELLO, Robert (D)
DAVIDOFF, Norman (D)
DeROSE, Joseph (D)
DIXON, Handy (D)
LAITMAN, Marilyn (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

FLANAGAN, William (R)
FORMAN, Barbara (R)
GUROLAN, Armen (D)
McINERNEY, Barbara (R)
PERKINS, Billie (R)
RUSSBACH, Daniel (R)
SAINBURG, Richard (R)
SANDOR, John (D)
ZIMBLER, Kurt (R)

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR: (continued)

LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)
LOUGHRAN, Michael (D)
LOWDEN, Lynn (D)
MARTINO, Vincent (D)
MAYNOR, Frederick (D)
MILLER, Frederick (D)
MORABITO, Joseph (D)
PERILLO, Alfred (D)
RAVALLESE, George (D)
ROSE, Matthew (D)
RYBNICK, Gerald (D)
SERRANI, Thom (D)
TRESSER, Michael (R)
TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)
WALSH, Peter (D)

- (47) \$1,000.00 - BUILDING MAINTENANCE - Town Hall - Code 630.1501 - Light, Heat, & Power - Based on usage and price increases - No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74.

MRS. LAITMAN said the Fiscal Committee dealt with this request and the next four as a unit as they all are requests for restoration of funds for utilities due to rate increases of which the Committee was unaware at budget time. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this by a vote of 6 to 0. CARRIED.

- (48) \$6,000.00 - BUILDING MAINTENANCE - Municipal Office Building - Code 631.1501 - Light, Heat & Power - Based on usage and price increases - No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this item by a vote of 6 to 0. CARRIED.

- (49) \$350.00 - BUILDING MAINTENANCE - Yard 1 - Code 635.1505 - Water - Based on usage and price increases - No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded.

MR. PERILLO said the Public Works Committee recommended denial of this appropriation by a vote of 0 to 6. He said in 1972-1973 a total of \$200 was used for water. He said they already have \$250 for water for this year and an additional request for \$350 does not seem warranted.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI suggested a compromise figure and MOVED that the motion be amended to approve \$150 for Code 635.1505 - Water. Seconded and CARRIED.

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THE PRESIDENT said the main motion is now amended to approval of \$150.00.

The vote was then taken on the amended motion and the amended motion was CARRIED.

(50) \$5,000.00 - BUILDING MAINTENANCE - Fire Department - Code 643.1501 -
Light, Heat & Power - Based on usage and price increases -
 Reduced from \$13,000 by the Board of Finance - Mayor's
 letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this request by a vote of 6 to 0. CARRIED.

(51) \$800.00 - BUILDING MAINTENANCE - Glenbrook Center - Code 646.1501 -
Light, Heat & Power - Based on usage and price increases -
 No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of
 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee supported this item by a vote of 6 to 0. CARRIED.

MR. FLANAGAN, Assistant Minority Leader, requested a five-minute recess which was agreeable to the Majority Leader (11:10 p.m.)

Following the recess, THE PRESIDENT called the meeting to order at 11:30 p.m.

MR. CIBULSKAS MOVED TO RECONSIDER Item #17. Seconded by Mr. John Boccuzzi.

THE PRESIDENT said a motion to reconsider may be made by a member who was on the prevailing side, requires an affirmative vote of the majority of those present and voting for passage, is not amendable and is debatable.

In response to a question from MR. ZIMBLER, MR. CIBULSKAS said he has made the motion to reconsider because he has just been made aware of some information that he did not have when the vote was first taken.

MR. GUROIAN spoke in opposition to the motion.

MR. LIVINGSTON requested a ROLL CALL VOTE and a sufficient number of members supported his request.

The following ROLL CALL VOTE was taken on the motion to reconsider Item #17 and the motion was CARRIED by a vote of 26 yes and 9 no:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

BLOIS, Julius (D)
 BOCCUZZI, John (D)
 BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)
 CIBULSKAS, Algird (D)
 CLARK, Linda (D)
 CONNORS, George (D)
 COSTELLO, Robert (D)
 DAVIDOFF, Norman (D)
 DeROSE, Joseph (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

FLANAGAN, William (R)
 FORMAN, Barbara (R)
 GUROIAN, Armen (D)
 McINERNEY, Barbara (R)
 PERKINS, Billie (R)
 RUSSBACH, Daniel (R)
 SAINBURG, Richard (R)
 SANDOR, John (D)
 ZIMBLER, Kurt (R)

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR: (continued)

DIXON, Handy (D)
LITMAN, Marilyn (D)
LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)
LOUGHRAN, Michael (D)
LOWDEN, Lynn (D)
MARTINO, Vincent (D)
MAYNOR, Frederick (D)
MILLER, Frederick (D)
MORABITO, Joseph (D)
PERTILO, Alfred (D)
RAVALLESE, George (D)
ROSE, Matthew (D)
RYBNICK, Gerald (D)
SERRANI, Thom (D)
TRESSER, Michael (R)
TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)
WALSH, Peter (D)

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI MOVED TO APPROVE \$15,000.00 for Public Works Department - Administration Code 602.0101 - Salaries (Item #17) Seconded. He requested a ROLL CALL VOTE and a sufficient number of members supported his request.

MR. ZIMBLER MOVED that this item be returned to Committee. Seconded.

MR. MAYNOR MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and LOST on a machine vote of 23 yes and 12 no (two-thirds affirmative vote needed for passage).

THE PRESIDENT said the debate on Mr. Zimble's motion to return the item under consideration to Committee can now continue.

In response to a question from MRS. LITMAN, MR. ZIMBLER said he wants the item returned to Committee for further study.

MRS. FORMAN spoke in favor of returning the item to Committee.

MR. GUROIAN also spoke in favor of returning this item to Committee. He said this item is now being ramrodded through the Board and the people of Stamford deserve better representation than they are getting.

The vote on the motion to recommit Item #17 was taken and the motion LOST on a machine vote of 13 yes and 22 no.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI requested a ROLL CALL VOTE on his motion to approve \$15,000 for Item #17 and a sufficient number of members supported his request.

The following ROLL CALL VOTE was taken on Mr. Boccuzzi's motion and the motion was CARRIED by a vote of 25 yes and 10 no:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

BLOIS, Julius (D)
BOCCUZZI, John (D)
BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)
CIBULSKAS, Algird (D)
CLARK, Linda (D)
CONNORS, George (D)
COSTELLO, Robert (D)
DAVIDOFF, Norman (D)
DeROSE, Joseph (D)
DIXON, Handy (D)
LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)
LOUGHRAN, Michael (D)
LOWDEN, Lynn (D)
MARTINO, Vincent (D)
MAYNOR, Frederick (D)
MILLER, Frederick (D)
MORABITO, Joseph (D)
PERILLO, Alfred (D)
RAVALLESE, George (D)
ROSE, Matthew (D)
RYBNICK, Gerald (D)
SERRANI, Thom (D)
TRESSER, Michael (R)
TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)
WALSH, Peter (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

FLANAGAN, William (R)
FORMAN, Barbara (R)
GUROLAN, Armen (D)
LAITMAN, Marilyn (D)
McINERNEY, Barbara (R)
PERKINS, Billie (R)
RUSSBACH, Daniel (R)
SAINBURG, Richard (R)
SANDOR, John (D)
ZIMBLER, Kurt (R)

(52) \$15,000.00 - REPAIRS - Code 653.0000 - Repairs - Due to higher prices and greater needs - Reduced from \$30,000 by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this is for repairs to City-wide vehicles. She said a log is kept for each truck and most of the repairs are done within the department. She said the request is being made because of higher prices. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 7 to 0. ~~SHE IS MOVED~~. Seconded.

MR. PERILLO said the Public Works Committee recommended denial of this item by a vote of 1 to 5.

MRS. LAITMAN said the original department request was for \$120,000 which was cut by both the Board of Finance and this Board and the amount finally approved was \$80,000.00. She said that since May there has been such an enormous increase in costs of materials that the \$80,000 is not a realistic amount. She said even with the \$15,000 request the amount for this account would still be less than was spent last year.

In response to a question from MR. SANDOR, MRS. LAITMAN said there is still money in this account. She said when the Committee considered this item in October the computer printout indicated there was still approximately \$50,000 in the account.

The vote was then taken on the motion to approve Item #52 and the motion LOST by a machine vote of 16 yes and 19 no.

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- (53) \$50.00 - HURRICANE BARRIER MAINTENANCE - Code 659.2502 - Clothing Allowance - No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this is a contractual obligation. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee concurred by a vote of 6 to 0. CARRIED.

- (54) \$100.00 - HURRICANE BARRIER MAINTENANCE - Code 659.2504 - Protective Clothing - No reduction by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this is a contractual obligation. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval by a vote of 7 to 0 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee concurred by a vote of 6 to 0. CARRIED.

- (55) \$21,000.00 - PARK DEPARTMENT - Code 710.0101 - Salaries - To sustain required operations - Reduced from \$30,383 by the Board of Finance - Mayor's letter of 9-3-74

MRS. LAITMAN said this restoration would mean maintaining the present staff less one. She said this represents a decrease of the personnel level of 20 years ago with a corresponding increase in acreage of almost double. She said the present vacancy will not be filled and noted that some monies (\$19,000) were returned to the General Fund when a position was not filled last year. She said the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of this item by a vote of 5 to 2 and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Blois who said the Parks & Recreation Committee supported this request by a vote of 4 to 2 with one abstention.

MRS. LAITMAN said that at the time the Fiscal Committee reviewed this request in October they were told that denial of this appropriation would require four gardeners to be laid off.

MR. RYBNICK requested a ROLL CALL VOTE and a sufficient number of members supported his request.

The following ROLL CALL VOTE was taken on the motion to approve Item #55 and the motion CARRIED by a vote of 24 yes and 11 no:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

BLOIS, Julius (D)
BOCCUZZI, John (D)
BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)
CIBULSKAS, Algird (D)
CLARK, Linda (D)
CONNORS, George (D)
COSTELLO, Robert (D)
DAVIDOFF, Norman (D)
DeROSE, Joseph (D)
DIXON, Handy (D)
LAITMAN, Marilyn (D)
LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)
LOUGHRAN, Michael (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

FLANAGAN, William (R)
FORMAN, Barbara (R)
GUROIAN, Armen (D)
McINERNEY, Barbara (R)
MORABITO, Joseph (D)
PERKINS, Billie (R)
RAVALLESE, George (D)
RUSSBACH, Daniel (R)
SAINBURG, Richard (R)
TRESSER, Michael (R)
ZIMBLER, Kurt (R)

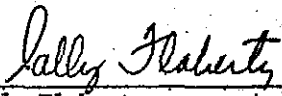
THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR: (continued)

TOWDEN, Lynn (D)
MARTINO, Vincent (D)
MAYNOR, Frederick (D)
MILLER, Frederick (D)
PERILLO, Alfred (D)
ROSE, Matthew (D)
RYBNICK, Gerald (D)
SANDOR, John (D)
SERRANI, Thom (D)
TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)
WALSH, Peter (D)

THE PRESIDENT reminded the members of the Steering Committee that a meeting of that Committee would be Held immediately following adjournment of this meeting.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 a.m.



Sally Flaherty
Administrative Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

APPROVED:



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

Note: Above meeting was broadcast in its entirety over Radio Station WSTC.

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