

MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 197513TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVESSTAMFORD CONNECTICUT

A regular monthly meeting of the 13th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut was held on Monday, January 6, 1975 in the Board's meeting room on the second floor of the Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Frederick E. Miller, Jr., at 8:30 p.m. 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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A moment of silence was observed in honor of the memory of the following:

John M. Comley, retired Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court,
John M. Hanrahan, former Corporation Counsel of the City and Judge in the Court of Common Pleas,
Walter H. Wheeler, Jr., leading Stamford industrialist
Cesare Nosenzo, father-in-law of Rep. J. Kelly, 12th District

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 36 present and 4 absent. The absent members were:

Theodore J. Boccuzzi (D) 9th District
Robert B. Exnicios (R) 1st District
James J. Kelly (D) 12th District (ill)
Frederick L. Maynor (D) 10th District

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

THE PRESIDENT announced the following Committee appointments:

Leonard Hoffman	Steering Committee Chairman of the Personnel Committee
Michael Tresser	Sewer Committee House Committee Co-Chairman of the Drug & Alcohol Abuse Committee
Kurt Zimble	Personnel Committee Parks & Recreation Committee
Diane Handley	Legislative & Rules Committee Education, Welfare & Government Committee Sewer Committee Urban Renewal Committee Drug & Alcohol Abuse Committee

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Debbie Taranto, daughter of Sewer Commission member, Roger Taranto, and a student of Stamford High School
Denise DeRose, daughter of City Rep. Joseph DeRose, and student at Dolan Middle School

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI MOVED for the acceptance of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of Dec. 2, 1974 and the special meeting of Dec. 16, 1974. Seconded and CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STEERING COMMITTEE:

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

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting held Monday, December 16, 1974

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, December 16, 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 10:20 p.m. following a Special Meeting of the Board. The following members were present:

Frederick E. Miller Jr.	Handy Dixon
John Boccuzzi	Barbara Forman
Robert Exmicios	William Flanagan
Theodore Boccuzzi	Michael Tresser
Gerald Rybnick	Leonard Hoffman
Matthew Rose	Salvan Ross
Julius Blois	Alfred Perillo
Jeremiah Livingston	

Also present as an observer was Joseph Morabito.

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

(1) Mayor's Appointments

There were no appointments submitted by the Mayor for consideration at the January meeting.

(2) Appropriation items

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

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(3) Legislative matters

The following ten items on the tentative agenda were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

- (1) Final adoption of ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM MILL RATE FOR TAXATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
- (2) Proposed ORDINANCE FOR TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE STAMFORD JEWISH CENTER PROPERTY ON NEWFIELD AVENUE
- (3) Proposed ORDINANCE FOR TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION PROPERTY ON NEWFIELD AVENUE
- (4) Proposed ORDINANCE FOR TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE LONG RIDGE FIRE COMPANY, INC., PROPERTY ON OLD LONG RIDGE ROAD
- (5) Proposed ORDINANCE FOR TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE DRUG LIBERATION PROGRAM, INC., PROPERTY ON MAIN STREET
- (6) WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE for the GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ARCHANGELS
- (7) Proposed ORDINANCE CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF AN EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO THE HARTFORD ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING ELECTRIC UNDERGROUND FACILITIES FOR THE WEST MAIN STREET COMMUNITY CENTER
- (8) Proposed ORDINANCE CONCERNING REMOVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY
- (9) Proposed ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE RE-CONVEYANCE OF A STORM WATER SEWER EASEMENT TO COLONIAL CEMETERIES, INC.
- (10) Proposed ORDINANCE CONCERNING PAPER SEPARATION

One additional legislative item which appeared on the tentative agenda was not ordered on the agenda. This item concerned the proposed regulations concerning Inland-Wetlands and Water Courses within the City.

(4) Public Works and sewer matters

No items were ordered on the agenda under PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE or SEWER COMMITTEE.

(5) Health and protection concerns

One item concerning the hazardous traffic and pedestrian situation at Riverbank School which appeared on the tentative agenda was ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

(6) Park and recreational matters

One item concerning a request for a public hearing for the Stamford Youth Hockey Association regarding use of the Terry Connors Ice Skating Rink which appeared on the tentative agenda was not ordered on the agenda. It was stated that the parties involved are trying to resolve the dispute and it was noted that this item would be referred to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

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(7) Planning and zoning matters

The following three items on the tentative agenda were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

- (1) SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION - Card W52A, Lot D, Fairfield Avenue

- (2) Proposed Guideline for policy for naming municipal facilities

(Above also referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE)

- (3) Proposed LEASE of Paul's Place to High Ridge Plaza

(Above also referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE)

(8) Other Matters

No items were ordered on the agenda under Personnel Committee, Education, Welfare & Government Committee, Public Housing & General Relocation Committee, Urban Renewal Committee or any of the Special Committees.

(9) Communications

Letter dated 11-26-74 from Tanya Bickley, Secretary and Public Relations for Classical Radio for Connecticut, requesting support of the Board by adopting a resolution requesting the Federal Communications Commission to hold public hearings on the termination of WNCN-FM, the only radio station servicing Southwestern Connecticut with 24-hour classical music.

The above letter was referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE, but not ordered on the agenda.

Other matters discussed and referred to committee included the following:

1. Status of proposal to sell certain parcel of property on Washington Blvd. as approved by the Board of Representatives. Mr. Blois asked the Planning & Zoning Committee to urge the Corporation Counsel to proceed with the sale of the property as the house is becoming an eyesore and a hazard.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

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Frederick E. Miller, Jr.
President

FISCAL COMMITTEE

MRS. LAITMAN reported that the Fiscal Committee met on December 18, 1974. Present were Reps. Laitman, John Boccuzzi, Crosby, Dixon, Forman, Rybnick and Zimble. Absent were Reps. Exnicios, Livingston and Loughran. She reported on the following items:

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- (1) \$410,006.00 - STAMFORD DAY CARE PROGRAM - Amount required to operate the day care program for the fiscal year 1974-1975, to be received as follows: (Mayor's letter of 11-18-74)

State Dept. of Community Affairs GRANT	- \$314,912.00
Program Fees	----- 67,724.00
State Dept. of Education - School Lunch Program Reimbursement	----- 27,370.00
	<u>\$410,006.00</u>

MRS. LAITMAN said this appropriation follows through on an application to the State for funds for Stamford's Day Care Program, which is a fully-funded program. She said the Fiscal Committee voted 7 to 0 to recommend approval of this request and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Livingston who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurred. CARRIED.

- (2) \$344.09 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - Code 510.0920 - Gifts & Donations - Represents donation received by the Dept. of Health - (Mayor's letter of 12-2-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said this amount is needed to be credited to the Gift Account of the Health Department in accordance with the usual accounting procedure. She said this was an anonymous gift and noted that a copy of the check received by the City was attached to the Mayor's letter of December 2. She said the Fiscal Committee voted 7 to 0 to recommend approval of this item and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (3) \$238.50 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - Code 510.0939 - Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment Program - GRANT Received from the State Welfare Dept. to provide screening services to children - (Mayor's letter of 12-2-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said these funds have been received from the State Welfare Department for partial payment for the Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment grant. She said the Fiscal Committee voted 7 to 0 to recommend approval and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (4) \$6,111.19 - REGISTRARS OF VOTERS - Code 102.5104 - Election Expense - Amount needed to cover expenses for the state and municipal elections held November 5, 1974 - (Mayor's letter of 12-2-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said these additional funds are requested for the State and Municipal Election held on November 5. She noted that this is in addition to the \$35,000 appropriated at budget time. She said the Fiscal Committee voted 7 to 0 to recommend approval and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Livingston who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurred. CARRIED.

- (5) \$21,785.00 - RESOLUTION NO. 973 CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT FROM THE CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,785.00 TO BE USED FOR THE RESTORATION OF TOWN HALL - These funds have been allocated by the Department of the Interior - (Mayor's letter of 12-2-74)

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MRS. LAITMAN said this resolution is requested to approve the federal funding allocated by the Department of the Interior for the restoration of Old Town Hall. She said the Fiscal Committee voted 7 to 0 to recommend approval of the following resolution and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the resolution. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 973

CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT A FEDERAL GRANT
MADE THROUGH THE CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION IN THE AMOUNT
\$21,785.00 TO BE USED FOR THE RESTORATION OF TOWN HALL

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, that a Federal grant in the amount of \$21,785.00 made through the Connecticut Historical Commission for the restoration of the Town Hall is hereby accepted and approved.

(6) \$21,785.00 - RESOLUTION NO. 974 AMENDING THE 1974-75 CAPITAL
PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING A PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$21,785.00 ENTITLED "PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - NEW
CONSTRUCTION - REHABILITATION OF TOWN HALL" TO BE
FINANCED BY A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
THROUGH THE CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION -
(Mayor's letter of 12-2-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said this resolution is to amend the 1974-75 Capital Projects Budget account entitled "Public Works Department - New Construction - Rehabilitation of Town Hall". She said this would cover the City's share of an available grant from the Department of the Interior. She said the Fiscal Committee voted 7 to 0 to recommend approval of the following resolution and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Perillo who said the Public Works Committee also approved this item.

MR. SANDOR asked what would happen to the surplus funds if the project costs less than the amount that has been approved.

MRS. LAITMAN said the lowest estimate of the cost of repairing the Town Hall roof is \$44,693.00.

MR. SANDOR asked if the bidding process for this job had been completed.

MRS. LAITMAN said she would find out from the Purchasing Department. She noted that if there is surplus money it would stay in this account and could not be used for any other project unless a transfer of funds were approved by this Board.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said that the federal grant money and the money in the Capital Projects Budget is not allocated specifically for the repair of the roof but for the restoration of Old Town Hall in general. He said if the cost of the roof repair is less than what has been budgeted, the money can be used for other projects in Old Town Hall. He said there is a lot

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of interior work to be done.

In response to a question from MR. MARTINO, MRS. LAITMAN said she did not know who made the estimate of the cost of the projected repairs but that information would be available through Mr. Benevelli's office.

MR. CROSBY said the repair of the roof of Old Town Hall is just a starting place and added that a matter a real concern was the repair of the clock tower.

MRS. LAITMAN said that unfortunately there will be no way the clock tower could be restored within the budgeted amount as it is much too costly a project.

MR. WALSH said that the usual procedure for this kind of project is for the architect or engineer who draws up the plans to give an estimate of the costs.

MRS. McINERNEY and MR. COSTELLO both spoke in favor of approval of this request in order to preserve Old Town Hall which adds considerably to the appearance of downtown Stamford.

The VOTE was then taken on the motion to approve the following resolution and the motion CARRIED:

RESOLUTION NO. 974

AMENDING THE 1974-1975 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING TO A PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,785.00 ENTITLED "PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - NEW CONSTRUCTION - REHABILITATION OF TOWN HALL" TO BE FINANCED BY A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR THROUGH THE CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, THAT:

(a) The 1974-1975 Capital Project Budget be amended by adding a project in the amount of \$21,785.00 entitled "Public Works Department - New Construction - Rehabilitation of Town Hall."

(b) Said Capital Project to be financed by a Federal Grant from the U. S. Department of the Interior through the Connecticut Historical Commission.

(7) \$18,828.10 - RESOLUTION NO. 975 AMENDING THE 1974-1975 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING A PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,828.10 ENTITLED "ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD - MAPPING OF WETLANDS" TO BE FINANCED BY THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: (Mayor's letter of 12-4-74)

1969-1970 - Capital Projects Budget "West Beach Jetty" - \$15,495.10

1970-1971 - Capital Projects Budget - "West Beach Jetty" 3,333.00
\$18,828.10

MRS. LAITMAN said these funds would help in the necessary mapping of wetlands and will be available through the transfer from the 1969-1970 and 1970-1971 Capital Project Budgets account for West Beach Jetty. She said if this request to transfer is approved, mapping will be begun immediately and no further funds will be requested in next year's budget. She said the West Beach Jetty project will be carried out by the Army Corps of Engineers and she has a letter from them which specifies that they will complete the work that remains to be done. She said the Fiscal Committee voted 7 to 0 to recommend approval of the following resolution and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded.

MR. SAINBURG said the Environmental Protection Committee did not meet on this item.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI MOVED that Item #7 be taken out of the Environmental Protection Committee. Seconded and CARRIED.

The VOTE was then taken on the motion to approve the following resolution and the motion CARRIED:

RESOLUTION NO. 975

AMENDING THE 1974-1975 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING A PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,828.10 ENTITLED "ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD - MAPPING OF WETLANDS" TO BE FINANCED BY THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

1969-1970 - Capital Projects Budget - "West Beach Jetty"--	\$15,495.10
1970-1971 - Capital Projects Budget - "West Beach Jetty"--	3,333.00
	<u>\$18,828.10</u>

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, that in accordance with the Charter of the City that:

(a) The 1974-1975 Capital Projects Budget is hereby amended by adding a project in the amount of \$18,828.10 to be known as "Environmental Protection Board - Mapping of Wetlands."

(b) Said Capital Project be financed by the Transfer of funds from the following project accounts:

1969-1970 - Capital Projects Budget - West Beach Jetty -	\$15,495.10
1970-1971 - Capital Project Budget - West Beach Jetty -	3,333.00
	<u>\$18,828.10</u>

(8) \$3,120.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM -
To provide one additional milk aide at each of the three high schools for the remainder of the 1974-1975 fiscal year - (Dr. Carpenter's letter of 11-18-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said the above request has been withdrawn.

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- (9) \$8,806,218.00 - RESOLUTION NO. 976 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,806,218.00 TO FINANCE CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS IN THE CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGETS OF 1972-1973, 1973-1974 and 1974-1975 - (Approved by the Board of Finance on 12-12-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said this is a resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of the City in the amount of \$8,806,218.00 to finance capital projects in the Capital Projects Budgets of 1972-1973, 1973-1974 and 1974-1975. She said the Fiscal Committee voted 7 to 0 to recommend approval of the following resolution and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Livingston who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurred. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 976

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF EIGHT MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS (\$8,806,218) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY TO FINANCE CERTAIN OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1972-1973 AS AMENDED, IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1973-1974 AS AMENDED, AND IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1974-1975 AS AMENDED, TO BE FINANCED WITH FUNDS RAISED BY BORROWING

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 630 of the Charter of the City as amended, the Board of Representatives of the City has received a letter from the Mayor dated December 9, 1974 requesting it to authorize the issuance of bonds to finance certain of the Capital Projects contained in the Capital budget for the fiscal year 1972-1973 as amended, in the capital budget for the fiscal year 1973-1974 as amended, and the capital budget for the fiscal year 1974-1975 as amended that are to be financed with funds raised by borrowing; and

WHEREAS, this Board has been furnished with a certified copy of a resolution of the Board of Finance approving the aforesaid authorization;

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

Section 1: That there be and hereby is authorized, under and pursuant to the Charter of the City and any other general or special statutes thereto enabling, the issuance and sale from time to time of general obligation, coupon, serial bonds of the City in the aggregate principal amount of Eight Million Eight Hundred Six Thousand Two Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$8,806,218) for the purpose of paying for capital projects consisting of the several public improvements for other municipal works of a permanent character or for land taken for the purpose of such improvement or municipal works, all as hereinafter more fully described. Each of said capital projects is included in the capital budget for the fiscal year 1972-1973 as amended, in the Capital budget for the fiscal year 1973-1974 as amended, and in the capital budget for the fiscal year 1974-1975 as amended duly adopted, and reference is hereby made to the said capital budgets as amended for a complete description of the particular capital projects hereinafter designated. The said capital projects and the extent to which they are to be financed with the proceeds of the bonds herein authorized are as follows:

1972-1973 Capital Budget as amended:

Board of Education:

Land Bank	\$ 29,553
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Public Works Department:

New Construction		
Multi-purpose Incinerator		
Material Handling Improvement	<u>46,610</u>	\$ 76,163

1973-1974 Capital Budget as amended:

Public Works Department:

Highway-Washington Avenue Extension	\$ 20,043	
Highway-Washington Avenue Extension	352	
Highway-Washington Avenue Extension	9,250	
Highway-Washington Avenue Riverwalk & Extension	6,450	
Highways-Road Improvements, Derry Street	13,947	
Flood & Erosion, Hurricane Barrier	137,588	
New Construction		
Conventional Incinerator	131,033	
Conventional Incinerator	110,000	
Restoration of Dyke Park	<u>133,000</u>	561,663

Board of Education:

Land Bank	50,522
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Park Department:

Restoration of Dyke Park	90,000
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Fire Department:

North End Fire Station	<u>33,000</u>	\$735,185
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1974-1975 Capital Budget as amended:

Public Works Department:

Sewer Commission

Extension of Sewers South of Parkway	\$1,725,000	
Interceptors	200,000	
Emergency Correction	<u>50,000</u>	1,975,000

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Storm Drains

City-Wide Storm Drains	100,000	
Valley Road, Forest St., Fenway St., Etc.	<u>100,000</u>	200,000

Highways

City-Wide Resurfacing and Reconstruction	225,000	
City-Wide Raised Man- holes	15,000	
Grove Street Widening	<u>136,000</u>	376,000

Sidewalks and/or Curbing

Curbing - City-Wide	10,000	
Sidewalks - City-Wide	10,000	
Board of Education Sidewalks	<u>20,000</u>	40,000

New Construction

Incinerator	250,000	
Multi-purpose Incin- erator	300,000	
Pumping Stations	93,000	
Hurricane	50,000	
Town Yard	<u>7,000</u>	700,000

New Equipment

125,000

Bridges - Pulaski Street
Bridge Improvement

30,000

Flood & Erosion Control

Cove Island Beach - Improvements City's Share - 3% interest	3,047	
Cummings Park - Beach Improvements	426	

Cleaning of Rivers
and Streams

25,000

Settling of Encroachment
Lines

(a) Rippowam River	8,000	
(b) Noroton River	8,000	

Design & Engineering

Flood Control Projects

(a) Former Levine Property	<u>5,000</u>	<u>\$49,473</u>	\$3,495,473
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Park Department:

City-Wide Street Tree Rehabilitation	20,000	
City-Wide Street Tree Removals	10,000	
New Street Tree Planting	10,000	
New Shrub and Flower Planting	3,150	
Paving and Curbing	10,000	
Cummings Park Drainage	62,000	
Mansion House Restoration, Phase #3.	8,000	
Replacement of Tractors and Mowers	<u>3,500</u>	126,650

Board of Recreation:

Court Games, Multiple Use Areas, Improvements	10,000	
New Furnace	6,000	
Workshop-Maintenance Building Expansion	1,500	
Sewer Tie-In	10,000	
Construct Theatre Addition	5,000	
Theatre Equipment	5,225	
Barrett Park Toilet Facilities & Storage	20,000	
Fencing, Backstops	10,000	
Tennis Courts (4)	<u>11,500</u>	79,225

Police Department:

Traffic Light Equipment - West Broad & Adams	12,500	
Traffic Light Equipment - West Broad & Hubbard	6,500	
Traffic Light Equipment - Hubbard & West North	4,197	
Boat Trailer - 19'	650	
Emergency Rescue Unit	4,100	
Truck Chassis	4,700	
Canine Kennels	<u>2,500</u>	35,147

Fire Department:

Apparatus Replacement	62,300	
Modernization of Fire Alarm System	35,000	
Replacement of Utility Vehicles	<u>14,000</u>	111,300

Long Ridge Fire Company:

Acquisition of Dispatcher Residence	\$ 25,000
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Stamford Emergency Service:

Radio Equipment	5,000
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Hubbard Heights Golf Course:

Rebuilding Sand Traps	12,000	
Asphalt Roadways	12,000	
Rebuild Greens	15,000	
New Roof: Locker Bldg.	5,500	
Terrace Improvement	3,500	
Fencing	<u>3,750</u>	51,750

Stamford Museum & Nature
Center:

Planetarium Projector & Special Effects	13,110	
Medical Facilities Room	15,830	
Service Vehicle	2,715	
New Zoo Walkway	3,200	
Weather Instruments	1,095	
Moving Picture Screen	<u>275</u>	36,225

Board of Education:

Rogers School Rehabil- itation and Refur- bishing	2,090,000
Springdale School Multi-Media Center & Classrooms	914,100

Elementary School

Recycling Feasibility Studies (Belltown, Franklin, Hart, Murphy, Stark & Willard)	<u>25,000</u>	3,029,100
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Urban Redevelopment Commission:

Southeast Quadrant Project	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>\$4,499,397</u>
Grand Total		\$8,806,218

Section 2. That said bonds shall be issued in the name of and upon the full faith and credit of the City and, subject to the Charter of the City and other applicable provisions of law, in the manner and in the principal amounts that the Board of Finance may determine from time to

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time, including, but without limitation, the determination of the form, date, number of issues, dates of payment of principal and interest and all other particulars, and said Board of Finance or, if authorized by the Board of Finance, the Commissioner of Finance may determine the rate or rates of interest which the said bonds are to bear.

Section 3. That each of the capital projects hereinabove described and contained in the capital budget for the fiscal year 1972-1973 as amended, in the capital budget for the fiscal year 1973-1974 as amended, and in the capital budget for the fiscal year 1974-1975 as amended is hereby confirmed as a duly authorized capital project.

MRS. LAITMAN noted that of all the requests approved tonight only one item in the amount of \$6,111.19 will be funded by tax dollars. She also reported that for the week of December 23 through December 27, 1974 the Tax Collection Task Force collected \$30,412.11 and that tax collections by the Task Force from July 25 through December 27, 1974 total \$309,240.25.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

MR. SERRANI said the Legislative & Rules Committee met on December 19 and present were Reps. Serrani, Maynor, Flanagan, Handley, Sainburg and Walsh. Absent were Reps. Davidoff, Morabito and Perkins. He reported on the following items:

- (1) Final adoption of ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM MILL RATE FOR TAXATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES - Approved for publication 7-1-74; published 7-6-74; public hearing 8-1-74 - Pursuant to State Public Act 74-211 - (Mayor's letter of 6-6-74) - (Held in Committee 8-5-74; 11-6-74 and 12-2-74)

MR. SERRANI said the Legislative & Rules Committee is of the opinion that there are two steps to be taken regarding this item and he was going to present two resolutions at this time. He then read the following resolution and MOVED for its adoption as per the recommendation of the Legislative & Rules Committee by a vote of 5 in favor and none opposed:

RESOLUTION NO. 977

CONCERNING A UNIFORM MILL RATE FOR TAXATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

NOW BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

It is the sense of its Board of Representatives that a uniform city-wide mill rate for taxation be established throughout the City of Stamford for private motor vehicles only.

Seconded and CARRIED with MRS. LAITMAN asking that the record note that she abstained on the vote.

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MR. SERRANI then read the following resolution and MOVED for its adoption as per the recommendation of the Legislative & Rules Committee by a vote of 5 in favor and none opposed:

RESOLUTION NO. 978

CONCERNING A UNIFORM MILL RATE FOR TAXATION OF
MOTOR VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has enacted Public Act No. 74-211 concerning a uniform mill rate for taxation of motor vehicles, and

WHEREAS, said Public Act provides for the legislative body of a municipality with more than one taxing district to set such uniform city-wide mill rate, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Charter and Code of Ordinances for the City of Stamford mill rates applicable to said City are not set by its legislative body, and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Board of Representatives that any uniform mill rate established shall apply to private motor vehicles only.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

The City of Stamford respectfully petition the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Connecticut to amend Public Act 74-211 to read as follows:

(a) Any municipality which has more than one taxing district may set a uniform city-wide mill rate for taxation of motor vehicles as defined in the Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 14-1 (26) subject to the provision of Paragraph (b).

(b) Such municipality may exempt from any uniform mill rate enacted pursuant to Paragraph (a) of this provision all commercial vehicles as defined in the Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 14-1 (7).

Seconded and CARRIED.

- (2) Proposed ORDINANCE FOR TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE STAMFORD JEWISH CENTER PROPERTY ON NEWFIELD AVENUE - (Letter dated 8-26-74 from Samuel J. Bernstein, Esq.) - (Held in Committee 10-7-74; 11-6-74 and 12-2-74)

MR. SERRANI said the Legislative & Rules voted 5 to 0 to hold the above item in Committee.

- (3) ORDINANCE NO. 292 - TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION PROPERTY ON NEWFIELD AVENUE - (Letter dated 11-19-74 from Paul D. Shapero, Esq.)

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MR. SERRANI said the Legislative & Rules Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend waiving publication of the following ordinance and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. SERRANI said the Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend adoption of the following ordinance and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 292 SUPPLEMENTAL

TAX EXEMPTION FOR CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION PROPERTY LOCATED ON NEWFIELD AVENUE, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 12-81b OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES (1967 P.A. 311)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Pursuant to Section 12-81b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, the property of Church of the Annunciation, an ecclesiastical society, acquired from William Duplex and James Cappiello, on August 31, 1973, located at Newfield Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut, to be used for its ecclesiastical purposes, be exempted from taxation on the List of September 1, 1972, as of September 6, 1973, and on the List of September 1, 1973 and September 1, 1974; and

The Commissioner of Finance be and is hereby authorized and directed to reimburse Church of The Annunciation in the amount of \$609.69 for real property taxes paid for said property on the List of September 1, 1972 prorated as of September 6, 1973.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

- (4) ORDINANCE NO. 293 - TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE LONG RIDGE FIRE COMPANY, INC., PROPERTY ON OLD LONG RIDGE ROAD - (Letter dated 11-19-74 from Paul D. Shapero, Esq.)

MR. SERRANI said the Legislative & Rules Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend waiving publication of the following ordinance and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. SERRANI said the Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend adoption of the following ordinance and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 293 SUPPLEMENTAL

TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE LONG RIDGE FIRE COMPANY, INC., PROPERTY LOCATED ON OLD LONG RIDGE ROAD, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 12-81b OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES (1967 P.A. 311)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Pursuant to Section 12-81b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, the property of The Long Ridge Fire Company, Inc., a volunteer fire company, acquired from the Estate of Anna B. Timothy, an Incapable, on June 22, 1972, located at Old Long Ridge Road, Stamford, Connecticut, to use for its

purposes, be exempted from taxation on the List of September 1, 1971 as of June 22, 1972, and on the List of September 1, 1972, September 1, 1973 and September 1, 1974.

The Commissioner of Finance be and is hereby authorized and directed to reimburse The Long Ridge Fire Company, Inc. in the amount of \$14.96 for real property taxes paid for said property on the List of September 1, 1971 prorated as of June 22, 1972.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

- (5) Proposed ORDINANCE FOR TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE DRUG LIBERATION PROGRAM INC., PROPERTY ON MAIN STREET - (Letter dated 10-2-74 from William A. Gralnick, Project Director)

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

- (6) WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE for the GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ARCHANGELS - For construction of the Cultural and Youth Center of the Church - (Letter dated 12-12-74 from Fr. George Poulos)

MR. SERRANI said the Legislative & Rules Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval of the waiver of a building permit fee for the Greek Orthodox Church of the Archangels for the construction of the Cultural and Youth Center of the Church and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (7) ORDINANCE NO. 294 CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF AN EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO THE HARTFORD ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING ELECTRIC UNDERGROUND FACILITIES FOR THE WEST MAIN STREET COMMUNITY CENTER - (Mayor's letter of 12-12-74)

MR. SERRANI said the Legislative & Rules Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend waiving publication of the following ordinance and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. SERRANI said the Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend adoption of the following ordinance and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 294 SUPPLEMENTAL

CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF AN EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO THE HARTFORD ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ELECTRIC UNDERGROUND FACILITIES FOR WEST MAIN STREET COMMUNITY CENTER (Formerly Stevens School)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

In conformity with Section 488 of the Stamford Charter and notwithstanding any provisions of Chapter 6, Section 6-33 to 6-35 inclusive of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford, the following easement:

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To the HARTFORD ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY - map entitled

"Easement covering - Electric Underground Facilities on the Property of City of Stamford, for New West Main Street Community Center, West Main Street, Stamford, Conn."

which map is to be filed in the office of the Town Clerk of said City of Stamford, is hereby authorized for the purpose of providing electric underground facilities for the New West Main Street Community Center.

The Mayor of the City of Stamford is hereby authorized and empowered to act for the City of Stamford and to execute and deliver all documents necessary to grant the easement aforesaid.

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

- (8) Proposed ORDINANCE CONCERNING REMOVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY - (Letter dated 12-10-74 from William M. Ivler, Executive Director, Stamford Real Estate Owners Association, Inc.)

MR. SERRANI said the above item is being held in Committee.

- (9) Proposed ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE RE-CONVEYANCE OF A STORM WATER SEWER EASEMENT TO COLONIAL CEMETERIES, INC. - (Approved by the Planning Board on 7-23-74 and by the Board of Finance on 12-12-74) (Mayor's letter of 7-17-74) - (Held in Committee 9-9-74)

MR. SERRANI said the above item is being held in Committee.

- (10) Proposed ORDINANCE CONCERNING PAPER SEPARATION - (Submitted by Thom Serrani, 17th District Rep.)

MR. SERRANI said the above item is being held in Committee. He noted that the Legislative & Rules Committee has scheduled three meetings later this month, January 16, January 23 and January 30, which will provide opportunities for all views on the paper separation ordinance to be heard.

MR. SERRANI MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to consider a proposed resolution petitioning the State legislators to enact legislation to increase the number of members of a Municipal Flood and Erosion Control Board. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. SERRANI said the Legislative & Rules Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend adoption of the following resolution and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 979

CONCERNING PETITION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford has by Ordinance, combined the local function of the Conservation Commission, Municipal Flood and Erosion Control Board and Inland Wetlands Agency into one body called the Environmental

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Protection Board, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 25-84 et seq of the Connecticut General Statutes the number of members of the Municipal Flood and Erosion Control Board is restricted to five (5) members, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford finds that local community interest would be better served by a seven (7) member Environmental Protection Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the City of Stamford respectfully petition the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Connecticut to either (a) amend Sec. 25-84 of the Connecticut General Statutes to increase the number of members of a Municipal Flood and Erosion Control Board from five (5) to seven (7) or (b) enact a special act for the City of Stamford to the same effect.

MR. SERRANI MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to consider a request for waiver of a building permit fee for Stamford Hospital for renovation of the ground floor of the south building. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. SERRANI MOVED for approval of the waiver of the building permit fee for Stamford Hospital. Seconded and CARRIED.

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED to bring out of the Legislative & Rules Committee an item concerning the broadcast of classical music over radio station WNCN-FM so that this Board can consider a resolution asking the FCC to hold public hearings to determine whether the management of WNCN-FM in eliminating its classical music program is undertaking action inconsistent both with its original license application and with the public interest generally. Seconded by many and CARRIED.

MR. LAITMAN said this proposal is not meant to be an affirmation for or against one type of music but is because there is a need for a public hearing on this matter. She quoted a letter from Congressman Stewart McKinney saying he feels "these issues can be resolved only by full public hearings" and he has "joined with a number of colleagues who represent congressional districts previously served by WNCN in sending a letter to Chairman Richard Wiley and all its 16 members urging the Commission to hold full and public hearings on all issues presently before it." She urged the Board to adopt a resolution urging the Commission to hold public hearings on this matter.

MR. LVINGSTON said he has strong feelings about governmental interference in private enterprise but he also has strong feelings that government must be responsive to the people and the people do want a public hearing. He said it is the job of the members as representatives of the people to see to it that this public hearing is held.

MR. GUROIAN said it is his understanding that Wilton, White Plains and Norwalk have passed a similar resolution and that Greenwich and New Canaan are considering it at meetings tonight.

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MR. FLANAGAN said the resolution that was referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee asks that the classical music format be continued on WNCN-FM and is not just a petition to the FCC for a public hearing. He said he informally polled members of the Board and found only one member who has listened to the station and he is hesitant to ask that the programming be continued unless he had some personal knowledge of the content of that programming.

MR. GUROIAN said he was an avid fan of WNCN and there is now a great void on the dial as far as classical music is concerned. He urged adoption of the resolution. He said WNCN has now turned to rock and pop music.

MR. ROSS said the Board should keep in mind that one of the main issues is the deviation by this station of its original format as stated in its application for a license to broadcast.

The VOTE was then taken on the motion to adopt the following resolution and the motion CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 980

RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE TERMINATION BY WNCN-FM OF ITS CLASSICAL MUSIC FORMAT AND TO CONTINUE WNCN-FM AS A UNIQUE CULTURAL RESOURCE OF SOUTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT

WHEREAS, for many years radio station WNCN-FM has provided a unique service to the citizens of Connecticut in its 24 hour broadcasting of quality classical music; and

WHEREAS, the continued existence of WNCN-FM and its unique classical music format is an integral and essential factor in maintaining Connecticut's cultural diversity and its status within the metropolitan New York area as part of the leading musical area in the world; and

WHEREAS, the new management of WNCN-FM has recently ceased to broadcast the rich and varied classical programs previously offered by the station and has instead substituted "pop" and "rock" music similar to that aired on eleven other stations in the New York Metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the loss of this unique cultural resource has been decried by the press and the public, as demonstrated by the tremendous outpouring of letters, telegrams, petitions and telephone calls from WNCN's listeners opposing any format change; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission has the authority and the responsibility to hold public hearings to determine whether the management of WNCN-FM in eliminating its classical music programming is undertaking actions inconsistent both with its original license application and with the public interest generally; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of New Jersey and the Council of the City of New York have already affirmed the importance of maintaining this unique classical music format by passing resolutions urging the Federal Communications Commission to hold public hearings to determine whether the WNCN-FM management should be permitted to change its classical format;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford does hereby call upon the Federal Communications Commission to hold public hearings promptly on the termination by WNCN-FM of its classical music programming or any other change of format from classical to popular music and to continue WNCN-FM as a unique cultural resource of this City.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

- (1) REPORT on hazardous pedestrian and traffic situation at Riverbank School - (Requested by Barbara Forman, 19th District Rep., on 12-2-74)

MR. ROSE said the Committee's report on the above item would be given by Mrs. McInerney.

MRS. McINERNEY reported that she attended two meetings of the Traffic and Safety Committee of the Stamford Police Department, December 3 and December 17, at which time she brought up the problem of hazardous conditions existing at Riverbank School and the request for more traffic signals and a sidewalk as stated by the President of the Riverbank PTA. She said after a detailed discussion the concensus was that everything possible should be done to ensure the safety of the children walking up Rocky Rapids Road and that sidewalks would help the children. She said she was advised that in the past a recommendation for a sidewalk in this area met with opposition by those people whose property fronted on Rocky Rapids Road in the affected area and, therefore, the idea was dropped. She said the Traffic and Safety Committee invited a representative of Riverbank School to its second meeting in order to determine the nature of this opposition. She said they were told that only two area residents were in favor of having a sidewalk installed and that those who were opposed felt a sidewalk would take away from the "country" atmosphere of the area. She said the school requested better road markings on the approaches to the school and a flashing signal. She said they were told the City does not have any such flashing signals. She said the Police Department said they would install four new school advance signals which will note a 25-mile-per-hour speed limit and two will be placed on Rocky Rapids Road and two on Riverbank Road and they will be up within the next two weeks. She said it was decided that the only way to solve the problem of installing a sidewalk on Rocky Rapids Road would be to invite the representatives of the Riverbank School PTA, school officials and the neighboring residents to the next meeting of the Health & Protection Committee where it is hoped a solution to this problem could be found.

MRS. McINERNEY went on to report that a reference to a State statute governing sidewalks in the areas of schools had been discussed and since detailed information was not available she had requested the State to send specifics on this matter. She said there is a new State law permitting the construction of sidewalks which the State will pay for but this is for areas where children are now bussed and is intended to provide facilities so that children can walk to school and result in a financial savings by not having to provide busses.

In response to a question from MRS. LAITMAN, MRS. McINERNEY said money is available in the sidewalks account for the Board of Education but it has not been designated for the work around Riverbank School because of the opposition from the neighbors.

MRS. FORMAN thanked the Health & Protection Committee and Mrs. McInerney for their report and said she hoped by the next meeting to hear that everything has been resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned.

MR. CONNORS reported that some of the traffic control signs that had been put up on the east side under the TOPICS program that had caused dissatisfaction among the merchants have been removed and even though some remain to be removed, the parking situation has improved.

In response to a question from MR. GUROIAN, MR. ROSE said the matter concerning Lenox Avenue would be on the agenda for his Committee's next meeting.

MR. ZIMBLER MOVED that the following "Sense of the Board" resolution regarding the widening of Long Ridge Road be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 981

CONCERNING TRAFFIC SITUATION ON LONG RIDGE ROAD AND WIDENING OF SAID ROAD

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the 13th Board of Representatives supports and endorses the position of the Planning Board of the City of Stamford in its request to the Connecticut Department of Transportation for some immediate relief for the traffic situation on Long Ridge Road, namely, the widening of Long Ridge Road to four lanes from the General Electric Credit Corporation to the Merritt Parkway and the installation of traffic signals at a few key intersections, and

BE AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that said Board urges the Department of Transportation to take action speedily to alleviate the hazardous and congested conditions now existing on said Long Ridge Road.

Seconded and CARRIED.

MRS. McINERNEY said she has received many complaints regarding vandalism and harrassment at New Hope Towers and she has sent a letter to Mr. Arthur Haynes asking him whether there is a night watchman or guard. She said she has also been told that children in the area are causing mischief and destruction at the adjacent new fire station. She said she has not as yet received an answer from Mr. Haynes.

MRS. CLARK said she has spoken with Mr. Haynes and there are no guards at New Hope just as there are no guards at St. John's Towers. She said at St. John's they are trying to work through the tenants association to set up some kind of a security system.

MR. DIXON said he is sure all members of this Board are aware of the recent crime wave that has hit this City. He said he believes his district has been hit harder than any other part of the City and he has received a number of complaints concerning robberies, break-ins, vandalism, mail box robberies, etc. He said he met this past Friday in the Mayor's office for almost a half a day with the top brass of the Police Department. He said they assured him that they are doing everything within their power to bring this under control. He said there will be a meeting on this matter tomorrow evening at 8:00 p.m. at the Southfield Community Center on Sellect Street. He said he anticipates at that time that some of the victims of recent crimes will be expressing their views in hopes of seeking ways and means of helping to resolve the problem. He invited all members of the Board to attend the meeting.

THE PRESIDENT said that the problem is that sometime people do not know where to apply the pressure and noted that the Police Commission is the body that sets the policy for the Police Department.

MR. LIVINGSTON said the Police Commission will be at tomorrow's meeting and urged all members of this Board to attend the meeting as this problem can occur in any of the City's 20 districts and is not restricted to the inner-city area.

MRS. CLARK and MR. FLANAGAN expressed their concern about the recent crime wave and noted incidents that had occurred in their districts.

MR. DIXON noted that two members of the Police Commission were present at the meeting in the Mayor's office last Friday.

MR. CONNORS said the Police Department has not grown at the same rate as the City of Stamford. He said if the Police Department does not have the men to cover the entire City they cannot do the job.

MR. SERRANI said that shortly after he was elected to this Board he had the opportunity to accompany the police on a late night shift and suggested that all members do the same so that they can see the job the police are doing and they can see where and what the problems are. He said he is of the opinion that more policemen are required to resolve the type of problem that is occurring now.

MR. HOFFMAN commended the Police Department for the job they are doing but suggested a realignment of responsibilities could put more police officers on the street.

MR. ZIMBLER suggested the Board instruct the Health & Protection Committee to meet with representatives of either the Police Department and/or the Police Commission to investigate the recent events from top to bottom and to find out what is happening, what is being done and what members of this Board can do to help their constituents, to help the City and to help the Police Department.

MR. ROSE said this situation is already out in the open and his Committee is involved. He said the Committee will report at the next meeting on all developments.

MRS. McINERNEY said she agreed that a reorganization within the Police Department would relieve some men from office duties and get them out in the community.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said one of the problems is that the court system is too liberal and the punishments, if any, for convicted criminals are not harsh enough to deter further crimes.

MR. MARTINO said if the parents of the children who are causing all these problems were more vigilant and did their job in their own houses and in their neighborhoods there would be fewer problems. He said the parents have to be involved in solving these problems not just the Representatives and the Police.

MR. COSTELLO said he agrees that the courts are too lenient and that the punishments are not appropriate to the crimes.

MR. GUROIAN said he agreed with Mr. Martino and noted that on the 11th or 12th Board money was appropriated for the Police Department so that the policemen that were bound to desks would be relieved of that duty and their jobs would be handled by civilians. He said that the addition of more policemen to the force is not the answer and cited the example of New York City where they have an "army of policemen and crime abounds."

MR. DIXON said he wanted to set the record straight on a couple of points. He said it was not his intention to be critical of the Police Department as he believes they are doing what they are able to do with what they have to work with. He also said he realizes there is a lack of discipline of children but children are not the ones who are committing the crimes that characterize this recent crime wave.

MR. DeROSE thanked Mr. Rose and Mrs. McInerney and the other members of the Health & Protection Committee on behalf of his constituents in the 15th District for their effort in moving a potentially hazardous school bus stop at the intersection of Oaklawn Avenue and Pepper Ridge Road to a safer location. He also thanked Mr. John Downey who is in charge of the bussing for the Board of Education for complying with this request.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

MR. BLOIS reported that on December 26 the Parks & Recreation Committee held an open meeting to discuss the fees pertaining to the Youth Hockey League and other youth groups for the use of the Terry Conners Ice Skating Rink. He said that present from the Committee were Reps. Perkins, Perillo, Rybnick, Sainburg, Zimbler and Blois. Absent was Rep. Ravallese who was out of town. He said that also attending the meeting from the Park Dept. were Commission Chairman John Nolan and Commissioners Cowlin, Cookney, Fitzmaurice and Malloy and Superintendent of Parks Eugene Berube. Attending from the Board of Recreation were Board Chairman Charles Lopriore and Superintendent Bruno Giordano and those present from the Stamford Youth Hockey League were President Jim Caterbone, Vice President Peter Pinto, Treasurer Tom Handley, Secretary Ben DeAngelis, Coaches Ben Mallozzi, Francis Michaud, Tony Chila, Harold Leavitt, Bob Trefrey, Jack Connelly, Paul Soulnier and Mike Soulnier. He said a couple more meetings are planned and he hoped that the matter would be resolved shortly and that by the February meeting the Committee would have some matters ready to present to the full Board for a vote.

MRS. McINERNEY thanked Mr. Blois and his Committee for their efforts.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

MR. HOFFMAN reported that on December 11 Personnel Committee members Hoffman, Davidoff, Kelly and Zimbler attended a Collective Bargaining Workshop in Darien which was presented by the Connecticut Conference of Mayors and Municipalities. He said the workshop was attended by paid people or employees from Norwalk, Greenwich, New Canaan and Bridgeport and the Committee members were quite disappointed in not seeing any paid official or employee from the City of Stamford in attendance. He said he would like to point out that very often the citizens of Stamford would like to see a reduction in the number of the Board of Representatives but this was a perfect example where members of the Board were looking out for the best interests of the taxpayers of this City and there was absolutely no charge to them. He said that soon the Committee and the entire Board will be reviewing the upcoming contracts for Teamsters, Policemen, Firemen, Municipal Employees' Association, Caseworkers and Nurses and Dental Hygienists and the Committee is asking for support from the entire membership to help hold the line on frills, benefits and salary increases in these new contracts. He said the Committee would like to see tighter limits on accrued sick leave and unused vacation time and hoped that the new contracts would specifically limit what the City will pay when an employee retires by setting maximum accumulated sick leave and vacation time. He said the Committee would like to see these leave times paid on the basis of when it was accrued rather than on the basis of the rate of pay that the employee receives when he retires. He said the Committee would like to see that the basis for any and all pay increases are in line with similar paying jobs in other communities and improved productivity which is then measured by city management. He said that when the new contracts are prepared, the Committee would like each Board member to receive a copy plus a cost fact sheet. He said contract changes should be underlined so everyone can see what the City is giving away and the cost fact sheet should detail the exact costs, hidden or otherwise. He said that at the request of the Committee letters have been written to CCMM and CPEC asking them for comparative information concerning similar contracts for other cities. He said the Committee hopes to provide the Board and the taxpayers with adequate information so that the Board can act properly and intelligently on these upcoming contracts. He said that the Committee believes that the gravy boat has left the harbor and the taxpayers have just about had it as far as increased taxes are concerned. He said that the Committee is hopeful that they, with the backing of the entire Board, can eliminate or overcome some of the past excesses or mistakes of previous contracts.

MRS. LAITMAN noted that at a recent meeting of the Board of Finance, Mr. Mathews from the Personnel Commission was there with Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Barker. She said he presented his point of view that these leave times should be reinvestigated and he offered some proposals along the lines of what Mr. Hoffman just stated. She suggested that the thoughts of the Personnel Committee ought to be forwarded to the Personnel Commission in the form of a "Sense of the Board" resolution.

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PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

MR. ROSS said the Planning & Zoning Committee met on December 19 and present were Reps. Rose, Tresser, Sainburg and Ross. Absent were Rep. Guroian. He reported on the following items:

- (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 7-24-74 as follows: (Mayor's letter of 7-10-74)

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

(Held in Committee 9-9-74; 10-7-74; 11-6-74 and 12-2-74)

MR. ROSS said the above item was held in Committee.

- (2) Proposed GUIDELINES FOR NAMING MUNICIPALLY-OWNED FACILITIES, such as parks, recreational facilities, streets, etc. (Mayor's letter of 11-5-74)

MR. ROSS said the above item was held in Committee. Mr. Serrani said the Legislative & Rules Committee agreed with this item being held in Committee.

- (3) Proposed LEASE of Paul's Place to High Ridge Plaza - To be used for off-street parking and landscape improvement for a period of 25 years - (Mayor's letter of 11-14-74)

MR. ROSS said the above item was held in Committee. Mr. Serrani said the Legislative & Rules Committee agreed with this item being held in Committee.

MR. TRUGLIA asked that the Planning & Zoning Committee look into the possibility of Madison Place being accepted as a City Street.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE

MR. FLANAGAN said the Urban Renewal Committee will meet on Monday, January 13, at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of bringing new Committee members up to date and to discuss the upcoming new disposition contract which is being renegotiated between the redeveloper and the Urban Redevelopment Commission. He said the contract will be sent shortly to HUD for their approval and then it will be presented to this Board. He said the principal changes produce definite schedules for the completion of the project area. He also said an alternative to last resort housing has been presented to the Dept. of Community Affairs and consists of plans for alteration and expansion of nine existing apartments located within different projects in the City. He said there is one problem in that the URC has stated that they will not force any family into Southfield Village housing and one of the proposed conversions is in Southfield Village. He said the funding for this plan will come from existing urban renewal State funds that are being held for future work within the area. He said the cost for relocating these nine large families is between \$20,000 and \$30,000 per family according to an estimate made by the Housing Authority.

In response to a question from MR. BLOIS, MR. FLANAGAN said that the URC is renting one parking lot at the corner of Washington Blvd. and Broad St. to Bloomingdale's. He said that other than that the vacant URC land is leased to the Parking Authority at little or no charge. He said he will find

out more about that at the URC meeting this week.

In response to a question from MR. GUROLAN, MR. FLANAGAN said he does not think that an actual vote was taken by the members of the URC on the controversial "last resort housing" proposal. He noted that without an acceptable housing relocation plan for the remaining families in the URC area, work will come to a halt again in the project area on the parcels where families are still living. He noted that the new disposition contract that will be presented to this Board will call for a major department store to be started no later than March 1976 and if the building has not been started by the date the land could be offered to another developer. He said construction is now going on around Landmark Tower and has technically started on the hotel. He also said the completion of GTE's parking structure and deck is underway now that the remaining business has been relocated.

MR. TRUGLIA asked if the URC is in favor of this new relocation proposal.

MR. FLANAGAN said there are four sites included in the proposal sent to DCA and one of them involves a conversion of a unit at Southfield Village. He said he does not think a formal vote has been taken by the URC on the proposal. He said many people in the City do not feel it would be wise to put a family with 12 children in Southfield Village.

In response to another question from MR. TRUGLIA, MR. FLANAGAN said he believes that if DCA approves the current proposal, it would also have to have URC approval before it could be implemented. He said the URC was a party to the request to DCA for money but there are still some reservations about the proposal.

MR. TRUGLIA said that if URC is going to get back in business, cooperation from them is essential. He said he has heard that URC does not favor this relocation plan.

MR. FLANAGAN said that in all fairness to those who are trying to implement the URC plans it has to be admitted that many of the delays were caused by events that were beyond the control of the URC, the Mayor or this Board. He said that since the freeze that was put on by HUD because of what they considered to be a lack of concern for relocating the families within the area was lifted St. John's Tower was started and New Hope was done and all the sewer projects and the utility lines were installed. He said that to his knowledge the URC has not taken a formal vote on the proposal now before DCA.

MR. DAVIDOFF commended the URC for finally getting around to making some changes in the URC contract. He said, however, he feels that the March 1976 date for the department store is too far away. He said that from his experience in real estate he would estimate that that would mean the City will have to wait five or ten years before some tax benefits would be forthcoming. He said it is his opinion that the City of Stamford has basically done everything that has been required of it. He said new sewers have been installed, new roads constructed, parking facilities built and all services supplied. He said the developer has already had sufficient

time to develop that parcel of land and it does not seem reasonable that another two years is required.

MR. FLANAGAN noted that the new disposition contracts calls for the conveyance of the deed for the parcel in question by March 1976 which means that by that date the developer must have the store under contract, have the plans drawn up and be ready to break ground.

MR. MARTINO said the answers to many of the questions being posed are contained in the "Progress Report for the month of December" from the URC, which he read as follows:

"Last Resort Housing Status"

"An alternate Last Resort Housing Plan has been proposed by the administration and submitted to the State Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for their approval. The plan consists of expanding three apartments at Oak Park, three units at William C. Ward Project, constructing two new units at St. John's Towers, and combining one unit at Southfield Village. The URC has voiced its objection to the one unit planned at Southfield Village, since the Commission promised the large families that they would not be forced to accept Southfield Village housing.

"Existing urban renewal state funds, previously provided to construct supporting facilities, would be utilized for the project if approved by DCA. If these funds are used, the city or the state would have to replace these funds at a future date if all the supporting facilities planned for the urban renewal area are constructed.

"REVISION TO DISPOSITION CONTRACT - STAMFORD NEW-URBAN CORPORATION"

Several meetings were held during the month to discuss the proposed revisions to the disposition contract between the City, the URC and the Stamford New Urban Corporation. The contract is being revised to conform to the urban renewal plan adopted last year. All major changes have been discussed with the developer. The URC will forward the proposed new contract to HUD for their approval. Upon approval by HUD, the contract will be submitted to the Board of Representatives for action.

"HUD - URC MEETING HELD"

On December 19th, URC Commissioners and HUD officials held a meeting to discuss several important matters concerning the status of the project and the role of the URC under the new 1974 Housing and Community Development Act.

The meeting focused on last resort housing status, close-out procedures for the URC, recent HUD audit findings, and community development. The URC has indicated to HUD that it requires an additional \$4-million to \$6-million to complete the urban renewal project as currently planned. Future funding for urban renewal activities will come from community development block grant funds."

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HOUSE COMMITTEE:

MR. RYBNICK reported that a new microphone connection has been installed at the end of the divider in front of the audience section to permit use of the microphone by members of the audience at public hearings.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MR. SAINBURG reported that the Committee met with the Environmental Protection Board to review the proposed Inland-Wetlands regulations in detail. He said the Environmental Protection Board will hold a public hearing on these regulations in the very near future. He urged all members of this Board to attend if possible.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

MR. TRUGLIA said that all members have received a copy of a letter from the Zoning Board of Appeals to this Board requesting that this Board look into a problem the ZBA is having with the Corporation Counsel's Office. He said that the Charter is very clear in that when the Corporation Counsel is asked for an opinion, it is his duty to give one. He said he is in agreement with the Zoning Board of Appeals in their opinion that Mr. Freedman has been derelict in not answering their questions. He said two important questions have to be answered by Mr. Freedman so that the Zoning Board of Appeals can do their job. He said one question is "In designed districts - what set back requirements must be met before the Zoning Board can approve plans?" He said he can cite two cases where this question has to be answered. He said the second question is "Does the Zoning Officer have to give a building permit when the Zoning Board approves plans even if there appears to be a violation of the City Zoning Regulations?" He said it is imperative that these two questions be answered. He said he will ask the Steering Committee to look into this whole matter of communication between the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Corporation Counsel's Office.

THE PRESIDENT noted that he had received the letter from the Zoning Board of Appeals together with copies of the correspondence between that Board and the Law Department. He said he received that letter after the Steering Committee had met to prepare the agenda for the January meeting and he decided at that point that he would put the matter on the agenda at the meeting of the Steering Committee to be held in mid-January. He also said he had spoken with Mr. Freedman about the problem and he was told that the Corporation Counsel's Office was in the process of completing another opinion letter at that time. He said that letter has since been delivered and published. He noted that the Corporation Counsel serves at the pleasure of the Mayor and he would suggest that rather than come to this Board, the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals should go to the Mayor and make the complaint to him if they are not satisfied with Mr. Freedman's work.

MR. DeROSE said there has been growing concern on the part of several City Representatives over the operation, function and responses of the Office of the Corporation Counsel and it appears to him that several questions regarding the actions of the Corporations Counsel's Office are in need of clarification. He urged this Board to take the necessary steps to insure full and proper utilization of the Corporation Counsel's Office. He said according to the City Charter, Section 452, the Mayor, Board of Representatives, head of any department, bureau head and any board or

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committee appointed pursuant to the law may in writing request the Corporation Counsel for, and the Corporation Counsel shall render his opinion in writing on any question of law involving their respective powers and duties. He said he fails to see how the Corporation Counsel can legally refuse to answer questions referring to the powers and duties of any City board and would like to see this matter cleared up as soon as possible.

THE PRESIDENT said he has directed the Administrative Assistant to put this matter on the tentative agenda for the January Steering Committee meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

MR. BLOIS thanked the Chairman of the House Committee for making the arrangements for the open meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee on December 26 and also thanked Diane for doing an excellent job in recording the minutes of that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS


MR. DAVIDOFF said that on behalf of the President and the entire Board of Representatives he wanted to wish everyone in the community a happy new year.

ANNOUNCEMENT

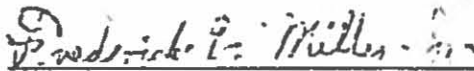
MRS. LAITMAN said that she now has the certificates of appreciation from the 13th Board that are given to all the Pages. She asked the members who have sponsored pages, who have not received certificates to give Mrs. Flaherty or her the names of the youngsters with their addresses so that the certificates can be sent to them. She said every district is invited to sponsor pages and asked that anyone who would like to have someone be a page to let her know and she would put their name on the list.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.


Sally Flaherty
Administrative Assistant and
(Recording Secretary)

APPROVED:


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

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